

# BCCNP

British Columbia  
College of Nursing  
Professionals



## IMPORTANT

As of Sept. 4, 2018, the following nursing colleges amalgamated to become the British Columbia College of Nursing Professionals (BCCNP):

- College of Licensed Practical Nurses of British Columbia (CLPNBC)
- College of Registered Nurses of British Columbia (CRNBC)
- College of Registered Psychiatric Nurses of British Columbia (CRPNBC)

Although the information in the document you are about to access reflects our most current information about this topic, you'll notice the content refers to the previous nursing college that published this document prior to Sept. 4, 2018.

We appreciate your patience while we work towards updating all of our documents to reflect our new name and brand.

## NCLEX–RN

### Fact sheet for the national nursing exam

Applicants for nurse registration in British Columbia are required to pass an RN entry to practice examination. Effective January 2015 applicants must write the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN). The NCLEX is a computer adaptive test owned by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN). For detailed information about the NCLEX, visit [www.ncsbn.org](http://www.ncsbn.org)

#### EXAMINATION CONTENT

The practice of nursing requires knowledge of the health needs of clients as well as an understanding of integrated processes fundamental to nursing practice. Client Needs are used as the framework for the NCLEX test plan. The NCLEX Test Plan is a document that describes the scope and content of the examination and can be downloaded at no cost on the NCSBN website at: [www.ncsbn.org/1287.htm](http://www.ncsbn.org/1287.htm)

#### EXAMINATION LENGTH

The NCLEX can be anywhere from 75 to 265 items. Of these items, 15 are pretest items that are not scored. Regardless of the number of items administered, the time limit for this examination is six hours.

#### EXAMINATION RESULTS

The examination result is reported as a pass or fail. You will receive your result by email within a few days of writing the examination. Results are not released over the telephone.

#### NCLEX APPLICATIONS

All NCLEX applicants must apply directly with NCSBN's testing partner, Pearson Vue at [www.pearsonvue.com/nclex](http://www.pearsonvue.com/nclex). B.C. Graduates should apply no earlier than one month before program completion. CRNBC will advise all other applicants to apply with Pearson Vue once all other registration requirements have been met. You must be confirmed as eligible for the exam by CRNBC within one year of applying with Pearson Vue or you forfeit the exam fee.

#### SCHEDULING THE NCLEX

You cannot schedule a NCLEX date until CRNBC has confirmed with Pearson Vue that you are eligible for the examination and you have received an Authorization to Test (ATT). The ATT will specify the 90-day validity period that the exam must be scheduled within. If you do not write the exam within the validity period, your NCLEX application will be cancelled and you forfeit the exam fee. The ATT validity period **cannot** be extended for any reason.

#### EXAMINATION FEE

(subject to change without notice)

\$360 Payment must be submitted directly to Pearson Vue at the time of applying. Please refer to Pearson Vue's strict refund policy. CRNBC has no involvement with the examination fee/refund policy.

## WRITING CENTRES

The following are the available centres to write the examination in British Columbia. Please visit [www.pearsonvue.com](http://www.pearsonvue.com) for information about testing centers located elsewhere in Canada, USA, and internationally.

<b>YEAR ROUND</b>	Vancouver, Burnaby, Surrey, Victoria
<b>JUNE/JULY</b> Specified dates linked here: <a href="https://crnbc.ca/Registration/RNApplication/exam/Pages/Exam_dates.aspx">https://crnbc.ca/Registration/RNApplication/exam/Pages/Exam_dates.aspx</a>	Nanaimo, Kamloops, Prince George

## SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION

If you have a disability that could adversely affect your performance on the examination, you may request special accommodation to write the examination. Email [nclex@crnbc.ca](mailto:nclex@crnbc.ca) prior to applying with Pearson Vue to obtain the necessary forms to request special accommodation.

## REGISTRATION EXAMINATION POLICIES

An applicant from a British Columbia recognized nursing education program must have successfully completed his or her nursing education program in order to be permitted to write the registration examination. The program must have been completed in the previous five years.

An applicant who is a graduate from a nursing education program outside of B.C. must meet all requirements for registration before writing the registration examination.

Measures and statistical procedures to detect cheating have been implemented by NCSBN and Pearson Vue. Any form of cheating is considered unethical behaviour. Cheating on the registration examination may lead to ineligibility for registration in British Columbia. This includes unauthorized disclosure of exam contents.

Once an applicant is eligible to write the NCLEX-RN, there is no limit to the number of times they can take the exam as long as they have a valid CRNBC application and continue to meet the competency requirements.