

## The latest on the Regulatory Exam – Practical Nurse

Welcome to the first issue of REx-PN Exam News!

We are one year until implementation of this new regulatory exam and this newsletter will provide the latest information you need for the exam.



## Your feedback needed!

Please take our short survey today to tell us how communications have been going so far and how we can support you over the next year. The survey should take you no more than 7 minutes to complete. We're looking for feedback from PN educators and senior program leaders by **Tuesday, Feb 9, 2021** so please share the survey link with your colleagues. Thanks!

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### New BCCNM website: PN exam resources

The BC College of Nurses and Midwives came into official existence Sept. 1, 2020 through the amalgamation of the BC College of Nursing Professionals and the College of Midwives of BC. We launched our new website in early December 2020. You can find all the REx-PN resources, FAQs and documents on our new site.

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### More item-writing webinars on the way

To help you in learning how to write CAT-style exam questions, we'll be offering multiple webinars on the topic from the end of April to early May 2021. Watch this space for full details in an upcoming newsletter!

## Answers to your questions

### Why do we have a regulatory exam?

A registration exam tests whether the writer has the knowledge, skills and judgment to provide safe care at the beginning of their careers. As provincial regulators of the nursing profession, we are accountable for ensuring that only those who demonstrate the ability to apply nursing knowledge and provide safe care are able to practice.

### How do the RPN competencies relate to questions on the REx-PN?

The REx-PN is based on data collected from an analysis of LPN practice conducted in early 2019, and which will be repeated every five years. In addition, revised national entry-to-practice competencies were mapped to the practice analysis to ensure the competencies essential for safe nursing practice are included on the exam. These informed the [REx-PN Test Plan](#), which guides the development of content for the exam.

Prior to writing the REx-PN, Practical Nursing students will have completed an educational program designed to teach them the knowledge, skills and judgment to prepare them to enter the nursing profession. Nursing candidates' academic preparation provides a starting point for them to practice in a variety of settings. In complement, the REx-PN is developed to assess whether practical nursing candidates possess the minimal entry-level competence to provide safe and effective care.

For the latest on the exam, please see the Frequently Asked Questions sections here:

[BCCNM: REX-PN FAQs](#)

[NCSBN: REX-PN](#)

