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REx-PN EXAM NEWS

The latest on the Regulatory Exam – Practical Nurse

Providing you with the latest information about the new regulatory exam for LPN applicants, the REx-PN.

UPCOMING WEBINARS! Learn to write CAT-style questions

We're pleased to announce a series of virtual workshops to become familiar with writing computerized adaptive testing (CAT) exam questions like those used in the REx-PN. This is a great opportunity to gain some hands-on experience. Space is limited, so sign up early! All times in PST.

Tues. April 20, 2021 | 9:00 am –11:00 am
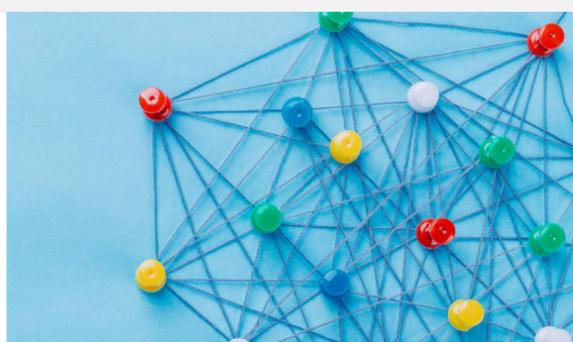
Wed. April 21, 2021 | 9:00 am –11:00 am

Tues. April 27, 2021 | 11:00 am –1:00 pm

Thus. April 29, 2021 | 11:00 am –1:00 pm

Tues. May 11, 2021 | 9:00 am –11:00 am

Mon. May 17, 2021 9:00 am –11:00 am

Registration is closed

Field testing of questions continues

PN programs in Ontario and B.C. are pretesting the exam items with student volunteers preparing to graduate. We're grateful to you and to the students across B.C.'s PN nursing programs who have helped to date. Thank you!

The results are used to determine the difficulty level for each question, a critical feature of a CAT exam. Once the REx-PN is implemented, all new questions developed will be tested on the exam by those writing the REx-PN, though these pretest questions will not count in the candidate's score.

Look and feel practice exam in the works

A practice exam is in development that will help students prepare to write the REx-PN by providing the look and feel of this CAT-style exam.

The English and French versions of the practice exam are expected to be ready this summer.

In the interim, we encourage you to watch this 6-minute video, which gives a great overview of the CAT style questions and exam format.

Answers to your questions

What is the REx-PN Test Plan, and how can I and students use it?

The REx-PN Test Plan provides an excellent guide for candidates preparing to write the exam. It's a concise summary of the content areas and scope of what will be tested on the exam, and also includes: definitions for each Client Needs category; nursing activity statements; sample REx-PN questions; and, information on the format of the exam and how it will be scored.

Educators can gain familiarity with the Test Plan and share the information with your students. You can use the Test Plan along with other available resources to write CAT-style exam questions to help prepare your students for this style of exam, which they may not have experienced before.

For the REx-PN, students will need to memorize normal lab values (something they don't currently have to do for the CPNRE). What will they need to know?

The lab values an exam writer is expected to know are located on page 36 of the REx-PN Test Plan, and include the lab values for ABGs (pH, PO2, PCO2, SaO2, HCO3), BUN, cholesterol (total), creatinine, glucose, glycosylated hemoglobin (HgbA1C), hematocrit, hemoglobin, INR, platelets, potassium, PT, PTT & APTT, sodium, and WBC. All other values will be provided.

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