

Examinations & Examination Eligibility

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Purpose:

To outline the process for granting examination eligibility to applicants who have successfully completed a College-approved nursing/ nurse practitioner education program, an accepted prior learning assessment and/or a College-approved course of instruction.

Policy:

As an extension of the College's responsibility for approving nursing/ nurse practitioner education programs and courses of instruction, the College will assess examination eligibility for applicants who have successfully completed a College-approved program/ course.

1. Approved Examinations

- a. The examinations and timeframes approved to establish initial registration on the practicing register of registered nurses shall include:

Exam Name	Date From	Date To	Result
State Board Test Pool Exam		July 1970	5 Part Score
CNAT Nurse Registration Exam	August 1970	June 1980	5 Part Score
CNAT Comprehensive Exam in Nursing	August 1980	June 1995	Single Score
Nurse Registration Licensure Exam	August 1995	January 2000	Pass/Fail
Canadian Registered Nurse Exam	June 2000	October 2014	Pass/Fail
L'examen professionnel de l'Ordre des infirmières et infirmiers du Québec	June 2000		Pass /Fail
National Council Licensure Examination Registered Nurse (taken in 1982 or later)	Oct. 2, 2014		Pass/Fail

- b. The examinations and timeframes approved to establish registration on the extended practice register shall be:

Exam Name	Date From	Date To	Result
Canadian Nurse Practitioner Examination (CNPE)	2005		Pass/Fail
Family Nurse Practitioner Examination offered by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)	2005	January 2014	Pass/Fail
Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Examination (PNP) offered by ANCC	2005	January 2014	Pass/Fail
Adult Nurse Practitioner Examination (ANP) offered by ANCC	2005	January 2014	Pass/Fail
Neonatal Nurse Practitioner Examination (2005) offered by the National Certification Corporation (NCC)	2008	January 2014	Pass/Fail

Pediatric Nurse Credentialing Board (PNCB) Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Examination	2014		Pass/Fail
American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification Board's (AANPCB) Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Certification Exam	2014		Pass/Fail

2. Eligibility to Write an Approved Examination

Applicants who have successfully completed a College-approved nursing/ nurse practitioner education program, an accepted prior learning assessment and/ or a College-approved course of instruction will be deemed eligible to write an approved examination when all other requirements for registration for the applicable subregister have been met.

3. Inability to Write Within Established Time Frame

An applicant approved for examination eligibility who is unable to successfully complete the examination requirement within the specified timeframe may submit a request to the Registrar for an extension if the applicant can demonstrate that they cannot comply with the timeframe requirement due to one of the following exceptional valid reasons acceptable to the Registrar:

- a. Serious illness or injury of the applicant;
- b. Hospitalization of the applicant;
- c. Death in the applicant's family;
- d. Family accident or emergency (e.g. family member had an accident and the applicant was required to travel).

4. Previous successful completion of the NCLEX-RN

For applicants who received entry-level nursing education outside of Canada and who provide evidence of having met the RN-entry to practice examination requirement, the following applies:

- a. If the examination was successfully completed prior to the applicant undergoing the clinical competence assessment, the competencies that led to the successful examination result will be deemed to have already been accounted for in the assessment of the applicant. Under the circumstances, the applicant is required to successfully complete the required course of instruction prior to being eligible to apply for registration.
- b. If the examination was successfully completed after the applicant completed the clinical competence assessment but before they completed any required course of instruction, the examination result may provide new information regarding the applicant's level of competence in addition to that demonstrated during the clinical competence assessment. Under the circumstances, the individual will require further assessment, and a possible revision of the required course of instruction.

5. Registration Without Examination

To further articulate the eligibility for registration under s. 2.7(4) of the General Regulations:

- a. An applicant who will be employed as the director of the nursing program at a faculty of nursing of a university or college in Manitoba will not be required to write the examination in order to be eligible for registration in the registered nurse membership class if there is evidence of:
 - i. A conditional letter of offer of employment for the position of director of a nursing education program, and
 - ii. The applicant having successfully written an entry-to-practice examination in their jurisdiction of initial registration, if applicable, and



- iii. The applicant having been registered in good standing in all of their previous jurisdiction(s) in the last seven years and
 - iv. The applicant meeting all other College registration requirements, and
 - v. Education and experience that supports their scope of practice in carrying out their duties at the university or college.
- b. An applicant who meets all of the requirements included in 4(a) above will be eligible for registration in the registered nurse membership class without being required to write the examination provided all other registration requirements have been met.
 - c. The applicant will meet with the Registrar and other staff of the College to be informed about the mandate and work of the College.
 - d. The applicant will complete course(s) of instruction/learning modules identified by the College that focus on legislation, standards and requirements that govern registered nursing practice in Manitoba.
 - e. At the time of approval of registration, a notation will be made in the registration database of the condition that the individual may not engage in practise outside the academic setting or in teaching if the instruction involves a clinical component with the potential for the guiding or provision of care.
 - f. If the individual wishes to engage in practice outside of the academic setting as outlined above in (2), the applicant must successfully write the examination before engaging in practice.
 - g. The individual will complete the Registered Nurse Practice course offered at Red River College Polytech within six months of application and referral by the College.