

Q & A on the NCLEX-RN

Last year, the NCLEX-RN was approved by the College's Board of Directors as the new exam in Manitoba for the purpose of establishing registration. With this recent change, we wanted to take time to answer questions you may have about this new exam.

What is the NCLEX-RN?

The NCLEX-RN is the current entry to practice examination to establish initial registration as an RN.

Where do applicants write the exam?

Applicants write the exam at the Pearson Vue Testing Center (1020 Lorimer Blvd.) in Winnipeg. Students can register with Pearson Vue to open an account at the same time as applying for examination eligibility with the College.

What is the format of the exam?

The exam is multiple choice and uses a computerized adaptive testing system. To test a candidate's ability, this technology determines which questions will be asked next based on a candidate's answer to previous questions.

How was the exam adapted for Canadian writers?

All units of measurement are imperial and metric, and all drug names are listed by their generic and brand names. Canadian RNs help develop and review all questions to ensure accuracy and that all entry-level competencies are being assessed.

How long does it take to write the exam?

Exam writers have a maximum of six hours to complete the exam.

When do applicants find out if they successfully passed the exam?

Pearson Vue Testing Center sends the results to the College within a few days of the applicant taking the exam. The College processes the results and releases them to the applicant as soon as possible.

Are there recommendations for how students can prepare for the exam?

The National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) developed the NCLEX-RN. We encourage students to use resources provided by NCSBN in order to become familiar with the exam, its delivery, anticipated item types, specific terminology and test site administration rules. The following resources are free of charge and can all be found online. Students may want to pay particular attention to the following:

- NCLEX-RN tutorial
- NCLEX-RN Candidate Bulletin
- Test Plans and Detailed Test Plans
- Computerized Adaptive Test (CAT) educational video and presentations

What does NCLEX-RN stand for?

*National Council
Licensure
Examination –
Registered Nurse*

For more information about the **NCLEX-RN**, visit [ncsbn.org](https://www.ncsbn.org) or contact the College's registration services team at registration@crnm.mb.ca or 204-774-3477 ext. 300.