



NURSE PRACTITIONER EXAMS SUMMARY 2008

Successful completion of an approved exam is a requirement for registration as a Nurse Practitioner (NP) at the College of Nurses of Ontario (CNO). For more information about the College's registration requirements, please refer to www.cno.org/reg/index.htm

For more information about the College's statistical resources, or to sign up for statistics announcements from the College, please visit www.cno.org/about/stats/index.htm

NP Specialties

There are three NP specialty certificates currently registered in Ontario: NP-Primary Health Care, NP-Paediatrics, and NP-Adult. The NP-Primary Health Care role has been regulated by the College since 1998.

In 2008, there were 473 attempts on the NP exams administered in Ontario: 167 attempts on the NP-Primary Health Care exam, 80 attempts on the NP-Paediatrics exam, and 226 attempts on the NP-Adult exam.¹ The pass rates below include first-time and repeat attempts. Since 2007, individuals are allowed three exam attempts. Prior to 2007, the maximum number of attempts was six.

NP EXAM PASS RATES

Exam	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
	% Pass	% Pass	% Pass	% Pass	% Pass	% Pass	% Pass
NP-Primary Health Care*	51.5	70.7	71.8	57.5	70.3	83.1	83.8
NP-Paediatric**	-	-	-	-	-	-	77.5
NP-Adult**	-	-	-	-	-	-	90.7

* Data not available prior to 2002.

** The NP-Paediatrics and NP-Adult exams were first offered in 2008.

¹ Breakdown of NP exam attempts by location of initial nursing education is not possible because it would create the potential for residual disclosure (i.e. identification of individual results).