

PN Exam Transition Work Group

Attendees:

Anne Marie Shin, Donna Rawlin, Erin Tilley, Lise Bonin, June MacDonald-Jenkins

Regrets:

Sandra DeLuca, Tania Pynn, Wendy Ellis and Mary Jane Comiskey

Welcome and introductions

Anne Marie thanked everyone for being able to attend today's meeting. Sandra DeLuca, Tania Pynn, Wendy Ellis and Mary Jane Comiskey sent their regrets.

New PN exam name

Anne Marie shared the logo and name of the new Practical Nurse exam. The exam will be called the Regulatory Exam – Practical Nurse, or REx-PN™ for short. Formal Announcement will be emailed to all stakeholders early next week alongside the “soft launch.”

RPN ETP Competencies revisions

The new RPN ETP competencies, *labelled in effect September 2020*, will be posted on the cno.org website on Monday, September 13. We will have two sets of ETP competencies on the cno.org website for one year, until September 2020. A reminder that ‘Map the Gap’ submissions, to address the new competencies, are due January 31, 2020. Any questions, please ask faculty or coordinators to contact our Education Consultant, Donna Rawlin, for assistance.

Field-testing survey

We would like to thank all 24 colleges for the 100% response rate and for their interest in participating in our upcoming student volunteer opportunity. CNO is waiting for NCSBN clarification about the overall field-testing plan and next steps before contacting the colleges. CNO will contact schools individually, starting in mid-October, to arrange field testing at their site(s) for March/April 2020.

Resource and exam prep materials

Preparatory materials for the exam were discussed, including the schools' plans for CE preparation courses. It was discussed that some programs in the province may look for collaboration opportunities to develop preparatory courses for the new PN exam. NCSBN resources, such as the practice analysis for RPNs, the test plan and the “look and feel” exam, were discussed along with FAQs to be developed, which will outline what graduates or applicants can expect with the new exam.

Risk and mitigation strategies

This item was deferred to our next meeting in October.

Next meeting

- October 18, 2019 11 a.m.- 12 p.m.