

## PN Exam Transition Work Group

**Meeting date: Feb. 14, 2020**

**Attendees:**

Lise Bonin, Sandra DeLuca, Wendy Ellis, June MacDonald-Jenkins, Tania Pynn, Anne Marie Shin, Donna Rawlin

**Regrets:**

Silvana MacDonald, Erin Tilley

**Welcome and introductions**

Everyone was thanked for attending today's meeting.

**Field-testing update**

NCSBN emailed the Field Testing Manual to all primary contacts for each PN program participating in this student opportunity. CNO has sent an additional email to the primary contact at each school in order to validate dates, answer any questions and provide support prior to their individual field-testing dates. If you have any questions in the interim, please review the Field Testing Manual and/or contact Donna Rawlin at [drawlin@cnomail.org](mailto:drawlin@cnomail.org). Twenty-three of 24 schools are now participating in field testing. Thanks to everyone for your participation and support!

**French lexicon panel**

CNO hosted a French lexicon panel in October 2019. The panel reached consensus on a group of terms. Follow-up with external partners has been completed. The REx-PN Style Guide developed will inform translation of the REx-PN Test Plan, practice exam and the REx-PN. Thank you to participants from La Cite College and College Boreal; your time and expertise was very helpful and appreciated.

**Item writer panel**

A REx-PN item writing panel will be held Feb. 18 – 21, 2020 in Chicago. CNO has selected five PN faculty from across the province using the [recruitment criteria](#) outlined on our website. Thank you to everyone who applied for this volunteer opportunity.

**Academic workshop planning**

Academic workshops will be held to update PN educators about the purpose of the regulatory exam and CAT exam methodology, and to provide an overview of the REx-PN Test Plan. The first workshop is set for April 27, 2020. Educators will have a hands-on opportunity to practice writing CAT-style questions, and group discussion will take place about how to help prepare students for the REx-PN. Educators can participate in the workshop either in-person at CNO or remotely, using Zoom technology. Invitations will be sent to all program administrators for distribution to their faculty members on February 19, 2020. We encourage all PN educators and coordinators to attend. We are planning additional workshops for Fall 2020 and Spring/Fall 2021.

**Mapping RPN entry competencies to Practice Analysis statements**

Mapping workshops were held at CNO in November 2019 and included an educator representative from ON and BC. The RPN entry-to-practice (ETP) competencies were

mapped to the Practice Analysis (PA) statements and the REx-PN Test Plan. CNO will be sharing a summary mapping document and the REx-PN test plan in March 2020. Thank you to our Ontario faculty participant for sharing your time and expertise; we appreciate your contribution.

### **Exam Resources**

Exam resources were discussed, specifically NCSBN planned resources: practice analysis, test plan, "look and feel" exam, and "what to expect document." The group discussed adding this topic to the next Heads of Health Sciences meeting in June 2020, as well as the next Heads of Nursing meeting in April 2020. Additional resource updates can be found by reviewing our [FAQs](#) from CNO website and upcoming NCSBN exam bulletins and tutorials.

### **Next meeting**

Friday, Apr. 17, 2020, 11 a.m. – 12 noon.