

PN Exam Transition Work Group Meeting Minutes: September 17, 2021

Attendees

Sandra DeLuca, Wendy Ellis, Tania Pynn, Lise Bonin, Katie Dilworth, Donna Rawlin, Angela Smith, Erin Tilley, Sushma Khemani

Regrets

Sandra DeLuca, Lisa Janisse, June MacDonald-Jenkins

Welcome and introductions

Everyone was thanked for attending the meeting.

NCSBN Item Panel Review Updates

Many NCSBN virtual panel reviews have been completed this quarter. An Item review panel occurred from April 13-16, a Sensitivity Panel was held on May 4-7 with Mini Sensitivity Panel held on June 22 and 23 with ON participants to provide an indigenous focus.

A Panel of Judges took place on June 15-16 to review-difficulty of items and recommend a passing standard. A French Translation Panel was held on August 3-6 and August 10-13. An Item Review Panel was also held on August 17-19.

An Item Writing Panel is scheduled for October 19-22.

Look and Feel/Practice Exam Launch

The new Rex-PN practice exam is now available. This exam helps students become familiar with the CAT style exam by providing students with two separate practice exams (with 80 questions on each exam) and cost \$150. Each exam gives you a look and feel of the actual CAT-style, REx-PN exam and are available in English or French. Each practice exam can be attempted only once per purchase. They do not have to be completed at the same time, but they must be completed within 45 days of purchase.

A reminder this is not a test to predict pass or fail REx-PN, but students will receive a score upon completion of the test, reflecting percentage of correct responses.

Students need to be reminded the actual exam reflects writer performance above the passing standard based on difficulty of questions.

For more information, the July REx-PN Newsletter has links to the practice exams.

NCSBN Upcoming Workshops

The NCSBN REx-PN Conference 2021 will be held on November 9th at 12:00pm -3:30pm (EST).

This is NCSBN's first Regulatory Exam It is a Practical Nurse (REx-PN) Conference designed to provide PN nursing educators with an overview of the REx-PN. A variety of topics will be covered: candidate registration process; how items are developed; how the passing standard is set. There will be a Q&A about REx-PN. They are providing free registration and the full agenda links are available in monthly newsletters.

NCSBN will be having a Hands-on item writing webinar. Please click on the link below to get more information:

[REx-PN Academic Workshop: Hands-On Item Writing Webinar | NCSBN](#)

There will be an REx-PN Item-Writing online Tutorial. You can look for details to be posted on NCSBN website around September 30th.

Communication Strategies

Along with Newsletters, website updates and fact sheets for students, CNO wants to give PN faculty an opportunity to ask questions hear their ideas for transition as we prepare to launch REx-PN in January 2022.

CNO plans to:

- Distribute a short survey to PN program administrators, coordinators and faculty to hear their questions, obtain their feedback (similar to previous survey)
- Arrange 1:1 meetings with each program/school to discuss survey feedback and provide an opportunity to hear directly from faculty. We would really like to hear from PN Program Coordinators and faculty, hoping to arrange times when they are free to meet with us. Katie will reach out to schools shortly with an invitation
- Student Ambassadors – longer term goal for student engagement

Student Engagement Strategies

- Student Fact Sheet Update
- Webcast for students

Other suggestions are welcome.

Next meeting

Friday, October 22, 2021, 11 a.m. – 12 noon