

PN Exam Transition Work Group Meeting Minutes: October 22, 2021

Attendees

Lisa Janisse, Sandra DeLuca, Tania Pynn, Wendy Ellis, Katie Dilworth, Donna Rawlin, Erin Tilley, Sushma Khemani

Regrets

Lise Bonin

Welcome and introductions

Everyone was thanked for attending the meeting.

Pandemic check-in

Participants shared that it's been the worst Flu season. Next week is Fall Break.

NCSBN Resource Update

Two REx-PN practice exams are now available. It has the 'look and feel' of a Computerized Adaptive Test (CAT). The cost is \$150 USD, students get access to two practice exams. The practice exams are available in either English or French.

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.

REx-PN reflects writer performance above the pre-determined passing standard based on difficulty of questions

Please see Newsletters for links to exams

NCSBN Upcoming Workshop Reminders

The NCSBN REx-PN Conference 2021 will take place on November 9th, 12:00pm - 3:30pm (EST). It is NCSBN's first Regulatory Exam, Practical Nurse (REx-PN) Conference designed to provide PN nursing educators with an overview of the REx-PN. Faculty are encouraged to join. Registration is complimentary. The link for registration will be available in the monthly newsletters.

On the NCSBN website, they are offering the Hands-on item writing webinar.

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

The REx-PN Item-Writing Tutorial will be posted on NCSBN website around September 30th.

CNO Communication Strategies

The following are the strategies the CNO has used for the successful launch of REx-PN

- Monthly Newsletters
- Student Fact Sheets
- Website updates
- PN Faculty Survey Feedback

- 1:1 meetings with schools/PN program faculty
- Student Webcasts

Survey Feedback

Qualitative Feedback that we received was as follows:

- Generally seeking resources that are available
We will reiterate existing resources in the newsletters
- Some apprehension related to the change
Want to support students during this transition

CNO is planning more student engagement late 2021/early 2022 (webinars) to support transition. It was also suggested to send communications to Faculty/PN Educators.

Other discussion

The Ministry of Health is interested in offering RN Bridging Gap programs for the IENs.

Next meeting

Friday, November 19, 2021, 11 a.m. – 12 noon.