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2016 NCLEX-RN® Test Plan Summary of Proposed Changes

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NCSBN[®] Mission and the NEC Charge

NCSBN Mission

- The National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) is responsible to its members for the preparation of a psychometrically sound and legally defensible examination.

NEC Charge

- Advise the Board of Directors on matters related to the NCLEX[®] examination process, including examination item development, security, administration and quality assurance to ensure consistency with the Member Boards' need for examinations.
- Recommend test plans to the Delegate Assembly.



FY15 NEC Accomplishments

- Considered and assessed Member Board Review feedback
- Reviewed Board of Directors (BOD) and Non-BOD NCLEX Policies & Procedures
- Reviewed results from the 2014 Member Board NCLEX Program survey
- Considered and took disposition on candidate appeals
- Approved NCLEX items and incident reports



FY15 NEC Accomplishments (cont.)

- Approved Activity Statements and Knowledge Statements for the 2015 PN Practice Analysis Survey
- Approved the 2016 NCLEX-RN Test Plan for recommendation to the Delegate Assembly
- Developed and approved the 2016 NLCEX-RN Standard Setting Panel of Judges
- Engaged in strategic discussions to gain new perspectives for the future direction of NCLEX



Recommendation to the Delegate Assembly

- Adopt the proposed 2016 NCLEX-RN Test Plan



Rationale for the 2016 NCLEX-RN® Test Plan Recommendations

- Recommendations are based on:
 - 2014 RN Practice Analysis
 - Expert judgement
 - Feedback from member boards



Proposed 2016 NCLEX-RN® Test Plan

- Overall format is retained
- Minor edits for currency and clarification



Proposed 2016 NCLEX-RN® Test Plan (cont.)

- Addition of a new NCLEX Integrated Process

Culture and Spirituality – interaction of the nurse and the client (individual, family or group, including significant others and population) which recognizes and considers the client-reported, self-identified, unique and individual preferences to client care, the applicable standard of care and legal instructions.



NCLEX-RN[®] Test Plan Comparisons

Content Area	Title	April 2013 Weight (± 3%)	April 2016 Weight (± 3%)
1	Management of Care	20%	20%
2	Safety and Infection Control	12%	12%
3	Health Promotion and Maintenance	9%	9%
4	Psychosocial Integrity	9%	9%
5	Basic Care and Comfort	9%	9%
6	Pharmacological and Parenteral Therapies	15%	15%
7	Reduction of Risk Potential	12%	12%
8	Physiological Adaptation	14%	14%
	TOTAL	100%	100%



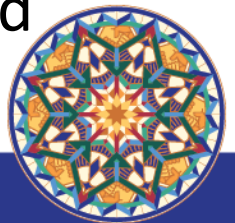
Timeline for the Implementation of the 2016 NCLEX-RN® Test Plan

August 2015	Delegate Assembly action is provided.
September 2015	The approved 2016 NCLEX-RN® Test Plan is published on the NCSBN web site.
September 2015	Panel of Judges meets to recommend the 2016 NCLEX-RN Passing Standard.
December 2015	NCSBN Board of Directors evaluates the 2016 NCLEX-RN Passing Standard.
April 1, 2016	Approved 2016 NCLEX-RN® Test Plan and the 2016 NCLEX-RN Passing Standard are effective.



Future Activities

- Continue to monitor all administrative, test development and psychometric aspects of the NCLEX examination program
- Evaluate all aspects of the NCLEX program and initiate additional quality assurance processes as needed
- Evaluate NCLEX informational initiatives, such as the NCLEX Conferences, NCLEX Regional Workshops and other presentations



Future Activities (cont.)

- Evaluate ongoing international testing
- Host the 2015 NCLEX Conference
- Research additional alternate format item types
- Explore additional item writing strategies for the NCLEX





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