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2019 NCLEX-RN[®] Test Plan **Summary of Proposed Changes**

Betsy Houchen

NCLEX[®] Examination Committee (NEC)
Chair

Outline

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NCSBN[®] Mission and NEC Charge

NCSBN[®] Mission

- NCSBN provides education, service, and research through collaborative leadership to promote evidence-based regulatory excellence for patient safety and public protection.

NEC Charge

- Advise the Board of Directors on matters related to the NCLEX[®] 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.
- Develop NCLEX prototype items that use technology enhanced item types focused on measuring clinical decision making/judgement.

FY18 NEC Accomplishments

- Assessment of Member Board/Regulatory Body Review feedback
- Review of Board of Directors (BOD) and Non-BOD NCLEX Policies
- Reviewed results from the 2017 Member Board/Regulatory Body NCLEX Program surveys
- Considered and took disposition on candidate appeals
- Approved NCLEX® items and item case reports

FY18 NEC Accomplishments

- Published the *2017 RN Practice Analysis* and *2017 RN Nursing Knowledge Survey* Reports
- Developed and approved the 2019 NCLEX-RN[®] Standard Setting Panel of Judges
- Approved the *2019 NCLEX-RN[®] Test Plan* for recommendation to the Delegate Assembly
- Engaged in strategic discussions to gain new perspectives for the future direction of NCLEX[®]



Recommendation to the Delegate Assembly

- Adopt the proposed *2019 NCLEX-RN[®] Test Plan*



Rationale for the *2019 NCLEX-RN[®] Test Plan* Recommendations

- Recommendations are based on:
 - *2017 RN Practice Analysis*
 - Panelist expert judgement
 - Feedback from Member Boards and Regulatory Bodies



Proposed *2019 NCLEX-RN® Test Plan*

- Overall format is retained
- Minor edits for currency and clarity
- Client Needs Category percentages retained

NCLEX-RN® Test Plan Comparisons

<i>2016 NCLEX-RN® TEST PLAN</i>		<i>2019 NCLEX-RN® TEST PLAN</i>	
Client Needs Categories/Subcategories	Percentage of Items	Client Needs Categories/Subcategories	Percentage of Items
Safe and Effective Care Environment		Safe and Effective Care Environment	
▪ Management of Care	17-23%	▪ Management of Care	17-23%
▪ Safety and Infection Control	9-15%	▪ Safety and Infection Control	9-15%
Health Promotion and Maintenance	6-12%	Health Promotion and Maintenance	6-12%
Psychosocial Integrity	6-12%	Psychosocial Integrity	6-12%
Physiological Integrity		Physiological Integrity	
▪ Basic Care and Comfort	6-12%	▪ Basic Care and Comfort	6-12%
▪ Pharmacological and Parental Therapies	12-18%	▪ Pharmacological and Parental Therapies	12-18%
▪ Reduction of Risk Potential	9-15%	▪ Reduction of Risk Potential	9-15%
▪ Physiological Adaptation	11-17%	▪ Physiological Adaptation	11-17%

Timeline for the Implementation of the *2019 NCLEX-RN® Test Plan*

August 2018	Delegate Assembly action is provided
September 2018	Panel of Judges meet to recommend the 2019 NCLEX-RN® Passing Standard
December 2018	NCSBN Board of Directors evaluates the 2019 NCLEX-RN Passing Standard
January 2019	The approved <i>2019 NCLEX-RN Test Plan</i> is published and placed on the NCSBN website
April 1, 2019	Approved <i>2019 NCLEX-RN Test Plan</i> and the 2019 NCLEX-RN Passing Standard are effective

Future Activities

- Continue to monitor all administrative, test development and psychometric aspects of the NCLEX[®] 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.
- Communicate updates regarding the Next Generation NCLEX project including research outcomes, as well as implications for students, educators, regulators and health care organizations.

Future Activities

- Evaluate ongoing international testing
- Host the 2018 NCLEX[®] Conference
- Introduce additional alternate format item types
- Explore additional item writing strategies for the NCLEX
- Conduct NCLEX-RN[®] Standard Setting

