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2020 NCLEX-PN[®] Test Plan
Summary of Proposed Changes

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NCSBN[®] Mission and NEC Charge

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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 BOD on matters related to the NCLEX examination process, including examination item development, security, administration and quality assurance to ensure consistency with the nursing regulatory body's need for examinations.**
- **Develop Next Generation NCLEX prototype items that use technology enhanced item types focused on measuring clinical decision making/judgment**

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FY19 NEC Accomplishments

- Review of Board of Directors (BOD) and Non-BOD NCLEX Policies
- Reviewed results from the 2018 Member NCLEX Program surveys
- Considered and took disposition on candidate appeals
- Approved NCLEX® items and item case reports

FY19 NEC Accomplishments

- Published the *2018 LPN/VN Practice Analysis* and *2018 LPN/VN Nursing Knowledge Survey Reports*
- Developed and approved the 2020 NCLEX-PN[®] Standard Setting Panel of Judges
- Approved the *2020 NCLEX-PN[®] 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 2020 NCLEX-PN[®] Test Plan



Rationale for the 2020 *NCLEX-PN*[®] *Test Plan Recommendations*

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- Recommendations are based on:
 - *2018 LPN/VN Practice Analysis*
 - Panelist expert judgment
 - Feedback from Member Boards and Regulatory Bodies

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Proposed 2020 *NCLEX-PN*® Test Plan

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

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NCLEX-PN® Test Plan Comparisons

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<i>2017 NCLEX-PN® TEST PLAN</i>		<i>2020 NCLEX-PN® 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	
▪ Coordinated Care	18-24%	▪ Coordinated Care	18-24%
▪ Safety and Infection Control	10-16%	▪ Safety and Infection Control	10-16%
Health Promotion and Maintenance	6-12%	Health Promotion and Maintenance	6-12%
Psychosocial Integrity	9-15%	Psychosocial Integrity	9-15%
Physiological Integrity		Physiological Integrity	
▪ Basic Care and Comfort	7-13%	▪ Basic Care and Comfort	7-13%
▪ Pharmacological Therapies	10-16%	▪ Pharmacological Therapies	10-16%
▪ Reduction of Risk Potential	9-15%	▪ Reduction of Risk Potential	9-15%
▪ Physiological Adaptation	7-13%	▪ Physiological Adaptation	7-13%

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Timeline for the Implementation of the **2020 NCLEX-PN[®] Test Plan**

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August 2019	Delegate Assembly action is provided
September 2019	Panel of Judges meet to recommend the 2020 NCLEX-PN [®] Passing Standard
December 2019	NCSBN Board of Directors evaluates the 2020 NCLEX-PN [®] Passing Standard
January 2020	The approved <i>2020 NCLEX-PN Test Plan</i> is published and placed on the NCSBN website
April 1, 2020	Approved <i>2020 NCLEX-PN Test Plan</i> and the 2020 NCLEX-PN Passing Standard are effective

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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 2019 NCLEX[®] Conference
- Introduce additional alternate format item types
- Explore additional item writing strategies for the NCLEX
- Conduct NCLEX-PN[®] Standard Setting



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