Setting the Passing Standard for the NCLEX-RN[®] Examination

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Abstract

The Board of Directors of the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) evaluates the NCLEX RN[®] examination passing standard every three years. In December, 2006 the Board decided that the NCLEX RN[®] passing standard should be increased from -0.2800 logits to -0.2100 logits. This article provides information regarding standard setting methodologies, empirical data used by the Board of Directors in determining the passing standard and implications of the new passing standard for faculty.

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