

## Re: Extension Requirements for Graduate Nurse (GN) Licensure

As you prepare for writing the NCLEX-RN examination, the SRNA wants to ensure its' applicants are planning and preparing for writing the NCLEX-RN examination in the best way possible. To prepare for your NCLEX-RN examination writing, prior to being considered for a GN licensure extension, you are required to complete the following:

1. Submit a self-learning plan that includes a needs assessment, the expected learning outcomes, and a timeline outlining how you will prepare for the exam. The plan must include adequate information to satisfy the Registrar that you will be prepare for your examination writing.
  - 1.1. The needs assessment should identify your learning strengths and weaknesses by reflecting on your education program including the theory and clinical practice experiences in the areas such as pharmacology, physical and mental health assessments, anatomy and physiology, client teaching etc. You should also consider your past performance on exams, and the challenges you may encounter when preparing for the exam, e.g. your work and home responsibilities, dedicated study time, distractions etc.
  - 1.2 Sample learning plan could show the following information:
    - What do I want to learn, e.g., common medications for common health conditions;
    - What resources will I use e.g, my pharmacology textbook, review of the NCSBN 2019 NCLEX-RN Detailed Test Plan – Candidate, etc;
    - How will I know I have learned it, e.g., successfully pass the quizzes
    - Timelines e.g. Dates I will complete the learning by;
    - Evaluation- have I learned what I wanted to learn, what do I need to do next.
  - 1.3 The expected outcomes should be stated as SMART (specific, measurable, attainable, relevant and time-limited) learning goals. For example:
    - I will review the introductory pharmacology course by DATE;
    - I will take a practice quiz with NCLEX-RN questions each Wed by 8:00 pm;
    - I will review the NCSBN 2019 NCLEX-RN Detailed Test Plan - Candidate by   (Date)   etc.
  - 1.4 The learning plan could include, but would not be limited to:
    - A list of education materials that will be used;
    - a review of foundational education course materials including pharmacology, medical surgical nursing, obstetrics and maternal nursing, mental health,

- pediatrics anatomy and physiology, review of pathophysiology and nursing assessments etc;
- a review of NCSBN NCLEX-RN® preparation materials including the NCSBN 2019 NCLEX-RN Detailed Test Plan - Candidate;
  - work with a nursing instructor or tutor to review nursing education course materials;
  - the use of study resources with NCLEX-RN® prep questions such as Lippincott, Kaplans, etc.

We also highly recommend attendance at a NCLEX-RN preparation course, such as the online *NCSBN's Review for the NCLEX-RN® Examination* (<http://learningext.com/students/p/nclex-rn.aspx>) that is either the 3, 5, 8 or 15 week course. Or attend the University of Regina SCBSN Tutoring, for more information call 306-337-3300.

The learning plan must be submitted for Registrar approval, before a determination is made to grant a GN licensure extension. Please upload to your SRNA account, select "Additional Document" from the dropdown menu.

We wish you much success with your next writing. Please contact [exams@srna.org](mailto:exams@srna.org) if you have questions or require further assistance.