The 2019 RN Test Plan; Review and Integration Strategies

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Objectives

Staying on track

1) Discuss resources available from the NCSBN ® to guide preparation for the NCLEX ® exam.
2) Summarize revisions and updates to the 2019 RN NCLEX ® Test Plan.
3) Identify ways to align curriculum using data from the NCLEX ® practice analysis.
4) Integrate strategies for developing assessment practices congruent with the NCLEX ® test plan.
Numbers in the Race

- 5.4 Million
- 3.9 Million
- 163,238
- 88
- 43
- 04012019-03312022
- 45
Resources available from the NCSBN ®

- Where are the resources found?
  - www.ncsbn.org

- Which resource(s) provide:
  - statistical data about NCLEX ® pass rates
  - application and registration guidelines
  - summary report of the practice analysis
  - topics included on the test plan
  - content examples
  - examples of item formats
NCSBN ® Resources

- NCLEX-RN® Examination
  - Test Plan for the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses

No longer candidate and faculty versions
NCLEX Framework

- Cognitive level for writing and coding items evaluated for the NCLEX is based on **Bloom’s Taxonomy**
- Client Needs Categories provide **Universal context**
- Integrated processes include
  - Nursing Process
  - Caring
  - Communication and Documentation
  - Teaching and Learning
  - Culture and Spirituality
Updates 2019

Getting on track

- Psychosocial Integrity-Changed from Chemical and Other Dependencies/Substance Use Disorders (2016) to Substance Use and Other Disorders and Dependencies (2019).
  - Changed from Provide Therapeutic Environment to Promote Therapeutic Environment.

Culture and spirituality was an addition in 2016-have you successfully navigated the change?

Cultural Awareness/Cultural Influences on Health

- Assess the importance of client culture/ethnicity when planning/providing/evaluating care
- Recognize cultural issues that may impact the client’s understanding/acceptance of psychiatric diagnosis
- Incorporate client cultural practices and beliefs when planning and providing care*
- Respect cultural background/practices of the client
- Evaluate and document how client language needs were met
Updates

Changes in 2019

No changes to the Distribution of Content
NCLEX Terminology

Are you up to date?

- Terminology should reflect what students will see on NCLEX.
  - Prescriptions
  - Healthcare provider
  - Unlicensed Assistive Personnel (UAP)
  - Client
Change ahead…what’s around the turn?

What is driving Next Generation NCLEX?

- Findings from the Strategic Practice Analysis

Clinical judgment was linked directly to more than 46 percent of tasks performed by entry-level nurses, while problem solving and critical thinking were linked to more than 30 percent of tasks performed by entry-level nurses.
Next Generation NCLEX

*Items Being Researched*

- Extended multiple response items
- Extended drag and drop items
- CLOZE items
- Enhanced hot-spot items
- Dynamic exhibit item
- Constructed response items
- Research will continue for several more quarters.
- Earliest changes not expected until 2023 (Dr. Dickenson, ATI Summit 2018)
Next Generation NCLEX

- Published quarterly
- Information about the work to assess potential changes to the NCLEX Examinations.
Curricular Integration

NCSBN ® Preparation

- Faculty should be reminded to begin introduction of discussion for NCLEX preparation at which of the following times?

1. Entrance to nursing school
2. Beginning of the last course
3. Completion of the program
4. Following validation of graduation
Align Curriculum: NCSBN ® Data

NCSBN ® Preparation… Navigating the track

- Review Practice Analysis
- Examine Detailed Test Plan
  - Select Category (subcategory)
  - Identify Concept
  - Focus on specific information the ‘entry level’ nurse should know
- Consider gaps in curriculum
- Analyze assessment methods
Which of the following questions should be considered for curriculum planning? **Select all that apply.**

1. How will learning be measured?
2. What are the school colors?
3. How will the student use what they know?
4. Which strategies facilitate student learning?
5. What must the student know and understand?
6. What is the school mascot?
### Curricular Integration

**NCSBN ® Preparation… The winning cars**

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- Consider content exemplars.
- Measure outcomes of learning success.
- Plan strategies to facilitate student learning.
- Determine how the student will use what they know.
- Identify the NCLEX Test Plan Client Needs Category.
- Review activity statements for the selected category.
- Identify what the student must know and understand.
NCLEX knowledge
Avoid the brick wall

Plan your assessments
Use NCLEX Style Questions

- Multiple-Choice
- Multiple Response
- Fill-in-the blank calculation
- Hot Spot
- Ordered Response
- All types may include media such as charts, tables, graphic, sound and video
Final Considerations for Success on NCSBN ®

The final lap

- Reflect NCLEX ® preparation throughout the program
- Identify high risk students early
- Plan for NCLEX ® review courses
Final Considerations for Success on NCSBN®

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- Reflect NCLEX® preparation throughout the program
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Final Considerations for Success

Crossing the finish line

- What is the maximum number of questions the NCLEX RN?
- How much time are students permitted?
- What is the minimum number of questions students may receive on NCLEX RN?
- Can students pass NCLEX if the computer shuts off prior to completing the exam?
- Is it to the students advantage to guess on the answers if they see time is running short?
- What does CAT stand for?
- Who administers the NCLEX RN?
- What should students know about testing at Pearson Vue?
And the winner is…

Student NCLEX Success

Questions and Discussion