



Nurse Vancouver



Canadian Registered Nurse Examination (CRNE)

The following information has been taken from the CNA website:
www.cna-nurses.ca/CNA/nursing/rnexam/default_e.aspx

The CRNE is a paper and pencil exam offered in French and English. The exam is divided into two books, which are administered over the course of one day. The first book is written in the morning and the second in the afternoon. The morning and afternoon sessions are three and one-half hours each.

The exam consists of approximately 300 multiple-choice questions, each designed to measure a specific competency required of entry-level registered nurses. About 60 per cent of the questions are presented within cases in which a brief description of a case is followed by a group of three to five questions. The remainder of the exam consists of single, independent questions that are unrelated to a case or to other questions on the exam. About 40-60 of the questions are experimental.

Every question on the exam contains a stem and four options. The stem typically consists of one to three sentences that provide relevant information and the specific nursing question that is being asked. One of the four options is the correct (or best) answer, and the remaining three are incorrect or less appropriate options.

The CRNE is offered three times per year in February, June and October. It is advised that you work in Canada under "Temporary Supervised Registration" for a period before writing the exam so that you have time to become familiar with the Canadian Health Care system.

Please note that while you may be entitled to write the exam up to three times, there is a possibility that your temporary registration will be revoked if you are not successful in your first attempt. This means you would not be able to work and could be placed on unpaid Leave of Absence until you were able to write and pass the CRNE. This could be for a period of up to 5 months.

Canadian Nurse Exam Resources available:

You may obtain information about writing, studying and preparing for the Canadian Nurse exam through different resources. Some of the websites you may want to visit are:

www.cna.ca

There is an online "mock" exam that can assist you in determining if you are ready for the Canadian Nurse exam. The Canadian RN Prep guide is available to buy online.

www.crnbc.ca

There are textbooks available for loan that can assist in your preparing for writing the exam. Please see the attached PDF for this list.

There are tutors available to provide assistance to employees preparing to write the Canadian Nurse exam. Each individual tutor may be contacted and will have different service and costs associated with those services. Please see the attached PDF for the names and contact information.