



Nurses Association
OF NEW BRUNSWICK

Q&A- Entry-to-practice Exam

Do nursing graduates need to purchase a commercial study guide to succeed on the NCLEX-RN?

No. All necessary study resources are available free of charge in both official languages on the NANB website, including the current test plan, a webinar explaining the computer-adaptive technology, resources regarding how to develop a study plan, sample exam questions, and other material.

The most important resource is the test plan. If a student is not strong in a heavily weighted competency area on the test plan, the student may need to seek assistance from peer tutoring, small group study sessions or ongoing nursing program/faculty support. The NANB interviews all graduate nurses who do not succeed on the NCLEX-RN on their first attempt. These graduate nurses often report that they did not consult the test plan as part of their preparation.

Many companies sell study resources for entry exams of different professions, including nursing. There is no evidence that use of a commercial study guide improves success rates on the entry-to-practice exam. For students who seek a practice exam in identical format to the actual exam, the NCLEX-RN developer has recently introduced the NCLEX Practice Exam, a 125-question bilingual practice exam which is available free of charge on the exam provider's website.