

# NCLEX<sup>®</sup> *Communiqué*



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## The NCLEX<sup>®</sup> Has Begun in Canada!

On Jan. 5, 2015, the first candidates were able to take the NCLEX-RN<sup>®</sup> examination for purposes of licensure/registration in Canada. On Nov. 3, 2014, Canadian candidates began registering for the NCLEX with Pearson VUE; Canadian Regulatory Bodies began granting these candidates eligibility to schedule an NCLEX appointment on or after Jan. 5, 2015.

Candidates seeking licensure/registration in Canada may schedule an examination at Pearson Professional Centers in Canada and the mainland U.S. (excluding U.S. territories) and for an additional fee at international test center locations. Also, a number of testing events available at temporary test centers are provided to candidates seeking Canadian licensure/registration. Testing locations can be found in the [Find a Test Center](#) section of the Pearson VUE Candidate Website.

The Canadian transition to NCLEX-RN would not have been possible without the collaborative efforts of the provincial regulatory bodies and the Canadian Council of Registered Nurse Regulators (CCRNR). The support and expertise received from these entities was instrumental in insuring a smooth transition.

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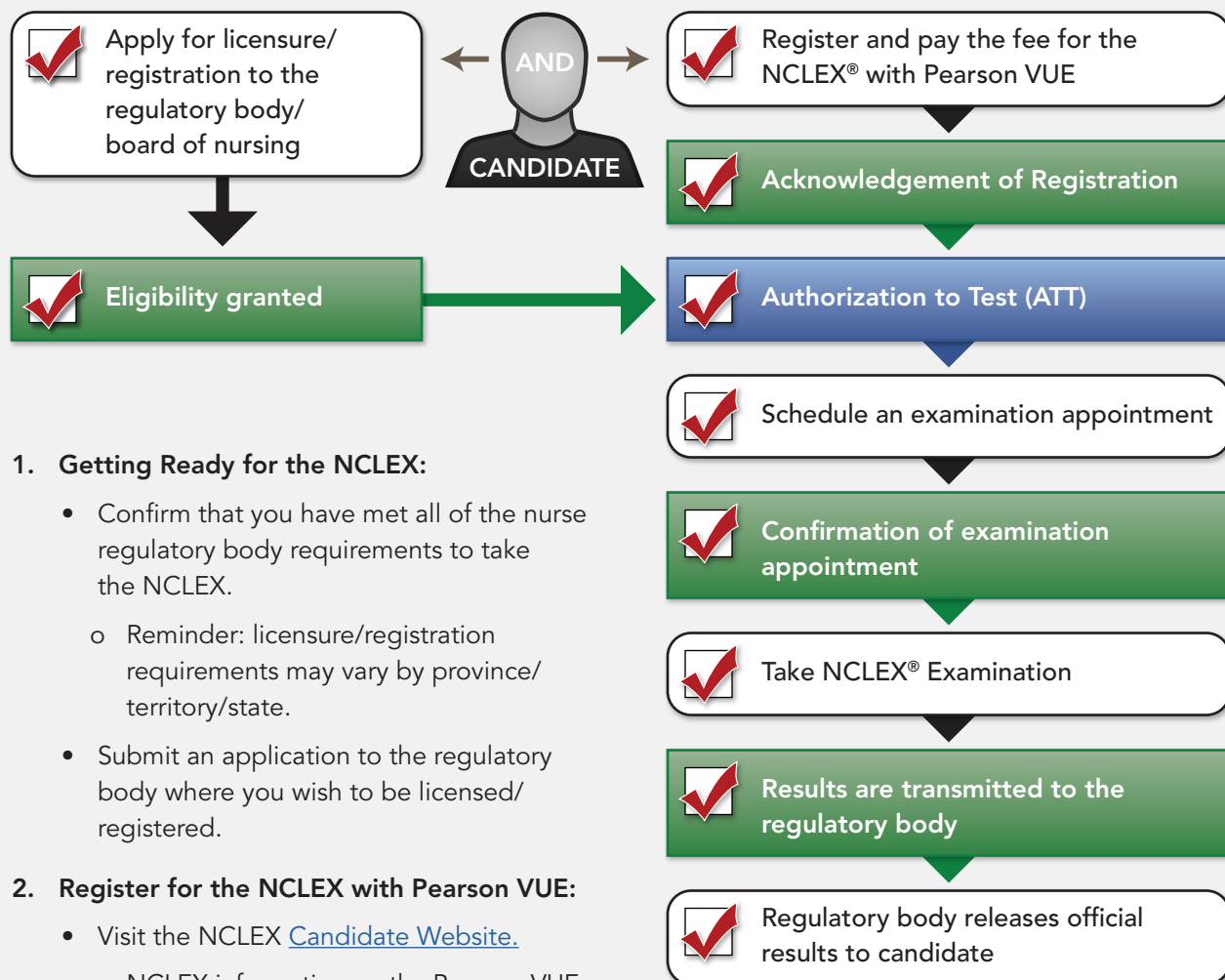
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# A Nursing Student's Guide to a Successful NCLEX® Experience

The following objectives are necessary to ensuring a successful exam experience:

- Understanding the NCLEX Candidate Process before the exam, on the day of the exam and after the exam.
- Understanding how the NCLEX is created and how it works.
- Becoming familiar with the available NCLEX resources.

## THE NCLEX CANDIDATE PROCESS



### 1. Getting Ready for the NCLEX:

- Confirm that you have met all of the nurse regulatory body requirements to take the NCLEX.
  - Reminder: licensure/registration requirements may vary by province/territory/state.
- Submit an application to the regulatory body where you wish to be licensed/registered.

### 2. Register for the NCLEX with Pearson VUE:

- Visit the NCLEX [Candidate Website](#).
  - NCLEX information on the Pearson VUE NCLEX website is available in both English and French.
- Call the Pearson VUE NCLEX Candidate Services at 866.496.2539 (for French support call 866.228.9454) Monday through Friday between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Central Standard Time.

- The [NCLEX Registration fee](#) can be paid by credit, debit or prepaid card.
  - Read more about the [NCLEX Refund Policy](#).

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**3. Receive confirmation of NCLEX registration via email:**

- The confirmation will be sent to you by Pearson VUE.
- If you do not receive your confirmation within two days of submission, contact Pearson VUE NCLEX Candidate Services.

**4. Once you've completed your NCLEX registration and your regulatory body has granted you eligibility, you will receive an Authorization to Test (ATT) email from Pearson VUE.**

**5. Schedule your NCLEX appointment at a Test Center:**

- Domestic test centers include test centers within the Canadian Provinces/Territories and the mainland U.S. (excluding U.S. Territories).
- Permanent test centers are available for appointments year round.
- Temporary test centers will be available on specific dates during designated event windows in February, June and October that can be found in the [Find a Test Center](#) section of the Pearson VUE Candidate Website.
- Schedule an appointment for the NCLEX online on the [Pearson VUE Candidate Website](#) or by calling NCLEX Candidate Services at the number listed in step 2.

**6. Before the Exam:**

- Read the [NCLEX Candidate Bulletin](#) (available in English and French); the bulletin contains all pertinent information about taking the NCLEX.
- Review the [NCLEX-RN Test Plan](#) which serves as a blueprint to outline the content to be tested.
- Learn about how the NCLEX works using [Computerized Adaptive Testing \(CAT\)](#).
- Download the Online Tutorial for the NCLEX (available in [English](#) and [French](#)) to experience the look and feel of the NCLEX including different item types you may see on your exam.
- Take a [virtual tour](#) of a permanent test center.

**7. Exam Day:**

- Read and understand the [NCLEX Candidate Rules](#) before taking the exam.
- Bring [acceptable identification](#) with you to the test center.
  - o The first and last name on your ID must match the name you used when registering for the NCLEX.

**8. After the Exam:**

- You will receive your official results from your regulatory body up to six weeks after your exam appointment.
  - o If you fail, must wait at least 45 days before retaking the exam.
  - o Contact your [regulatory body](#) for policies regarding the number of times you may retake the NCLEX.
  - o To retake the NCLEX, you will need to reregister for the NCLEX and pay another [exam fee](#).



## NCLEX® Resources

- NCLEX Registration & Scheduling: [www.pearsonvue.com/nclex](http://www.pearsonvue.com/nclex)
- Licensure/registration & Eligibility: [www.ccrnr.ca/members.html](http://www.ccrnr.ca/members.html)
- NCLEX Policies, Administration details, etc.: [www.nclex.com](http://www.nclex.com)
- Review the [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#) about the NCLEX.
- Like [NCLEX on Facebook](#) and Follow [NCLEX on Twitter](#) for timely NCLEX information and updates.
- [Ask your questions!](#)
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- Take a [virtual tour](#) of a permanent test center.
- Review the [RN Practice Analysis](#) which is the basis for the development of the NCLEX-RN Test Plan.

## Security at the Pearson Professional Centers (PPCs) and Temporary Test Centers (TTC)s:

Pearson VUE and NCSBN developed a number of security measures at test centers to ensure the standardized delivery of the NCLEX and the secure transfer of candidate data.

Candidates will be asked to provide their signature, palm vein and photo upon arriving at the test center. These identification biometrics are stored in the candidates exam record but are also used for identification purposes while the candidate is entering and exiting the testing room throughout the exam.

Test centers are equipped with video cameras located in the testing room. Full sound and motion videotaping will occur for each testing session. The digital tape will be held in secure storage for at least 30 days. Tapes for sessions in which any unusual incidents occurred will be kept until the problem has been resolved. Additionally, center testing rooms are continuously monitored by a proctor and candidates are provided lockable storage for their personal belongings.

All Test Administrators (TAs) are trained on security procedures and provided a security manual to follow. All data is encrypted, fragmented and given a unique password before transmitting and only network engineers have access to the data systems.

NCSBN has a tip line where anyone with knowledge of possible candidate misconduct-related issues may report suspected instances of brain dumping content on the Internet or compromising the exam in any other manner. The NCLEX is administered under strict supervision and security measures. If someone is aware of, or has observed an attempt to compromise the NCLEX process, they should report it to the NCLEX® Test Security Group.

Suspicious behavior may be reported in any of the following ways:

- Call NCSBN at: **1.866.293.9600 (toll-free)**
- Email: [examssecurity@ncsbn.org](mailto:examssecurity@ncsbn.org)



# NCLEX® Testing Accommodations

NCSBN works with regulatory bodies to provide testing accommodations for otherwise qualified candidates. The regulatory body is responsible for informing candidates of the process for requesting testing accommodations. Candidates should request accommodations at the time of applying for licensure/registration. If the regulatory body approves the accommodation(s), NCSBN and Pearson VUE will ensure that the accommodation(s) are psychometrically sound and fair.

A variety of accommodations are available to candidates taking the NCLEX. Various lengths of extra time, a separate room for private testing space and readers are just a few of the most common accommodations requested by candidates. Candidates are encouraged to contact their regulatory body for any accommodations-related questions. Contact information for the regulatory bodies can be found on the [NCSBN website](#).

Once the regulatory body makes a candidate eligible and their accommodations are approved, candidates will receive their Authorization to Test (ATT) email which will list the granted accommodations. To schedule their examination appointment candidates must call Pearson VUE NCLEX Candidate Services and speak with the NCLEX Accommodations Coordinator.

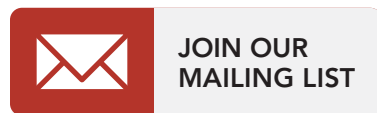
On the day of the candidate's exam, Pearson VUE staff at the test center will have already been informed of which specific accommodations are granted. The arrangements will be ready for the candidate when he or she arrives at the test center. It is important to note that a candidate must test with their granted accommodations. A candidate cannot decide after arriving for the exam that he or she no longer needs the accommodation(s). For additional questions regarding accommodations candidates are encouraged to contact their respective regulatory body.



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