



Statistical information on CRNE writers provides not only useful information about the candidates' performance, but also a snapshot of new nurses ready to enter the Canadian nursing workforce. The CRNE is required for all nurses registering in Canada except Quebec, and it is usually the last requirement nurses meet before achieving licensure.

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NUMBERS AND DEMOGRAPHICS: FIRST-TIME WRITERS

Candidates writing the CRNE consist of Canadian-educated new graduates and internationally educated nurses seeking to be registered in Canada for the first time. In 2005, there were 6,003 candidates who wrote the CRNE for the first time at one of the four sittings, with the majority (60%) writing at the June 2005 sitting. There were 5,765 writers who wrote the exam in English and 238 who wrote the exam in French. Approximately 87% of first-time CRNE writers were Canadian-educated and 13% were internationally educated.

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Females made up 93% of Canadian-educated, first-time CRNE writers, while 7% were male. Among internationally educated, first-time candidates, there was a higher percentage of male writers (11%) than among Canadian-educated candidates.

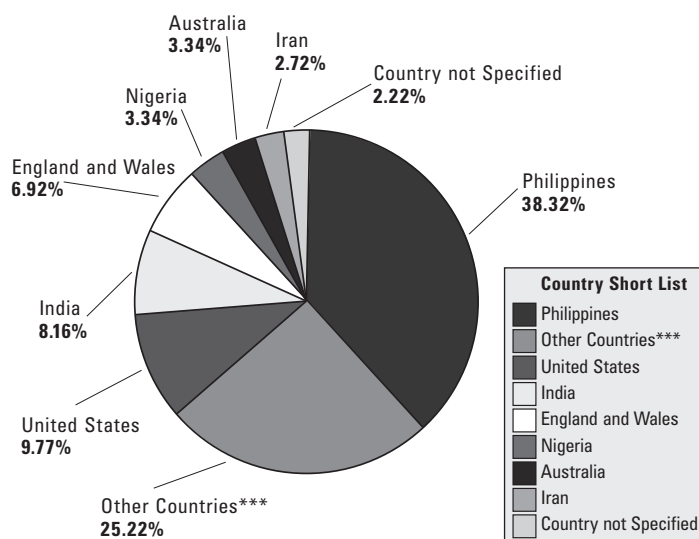
COUNTRY OF EDUCATION: INTERNATIONALLY EDUCATED WRITERS

The top source countries for first-time, internationally educated writers were the Philippines, the United States, India, England and Wales, Nigeria, Australia and Iran. The remaining first-time, internationally educated writers, representing just over one quarter of the total, came from 57 different countries.

Statistics on CRNE Writers

This bulletin is the ninth of a series to keep you informed about the Canadian Registered Nurse Examination (CRNE). It provides statistical information on the CRNE for the calendar year 2005.

Country of Education of First-Time, Internationally Educated CRNE Writers



Source: Canadian Nurses Association, Department of Regulatory Policy

*** Other countries represent 57 countries each with less than 2% of the total number of first-time, internationally educated candidates



PROVINCIAL/TERRITORIAL BREAKDOWN

Ontario had the highest overall number of first-time writers with 1,899, representing 32% of the national total. This was followed by Alberta with 1,284 writers (21% of total) and British Columbia with 1,186 writers (20% of total).

In British Columbia, 23% of first-time writers were internationally educated – the highest percentage among the provinces and territories. Manitoba was a close second with 21%. Approximately 12% of first-time candidates in each of Ontario and Prince Edward Island as well as 10% in each of Saskatchewan and Alberta were internationally educated. For the remaining jurisdictions, 5% or less of their first-time writers were educated outside of Canada. The Northwest Territories and Nunavut had no internationally educated writers.

PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

SUCCESS RATES: FIRST-TIME WRITERS

The pass rate of first-time, Canadian-educated CRNE writers (5,194 candidates) was 96%, while first-time internationally educated CRNE writers (809 candidates) had a 63% pass rate.

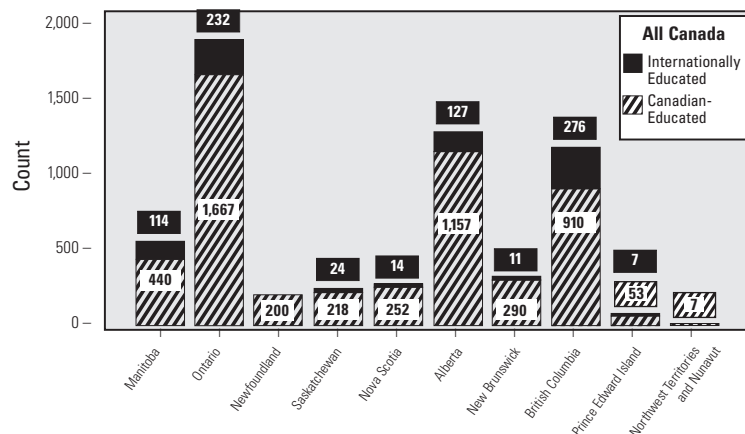
PASSING NUMBERS: ALL WRITERS (FIRST-TIME AND REPEAT)

In the preceding sections the data included only information on first-time writers so as to avoid including the same individual more than once. Candidates who are unsuccessful on the CRNE may write the exam up to three times, with the possibility of writing more than once in the same calendar year.

However, in this section on successful candidates, data reflects both first-time and repeat writers. The total number of successful CRNE writers provides an indication of new nurses available to enter the Canadian workforce with the recognition that the data do not include Quebec numbers. Also, in some situations, the passing candidate could still need to meet other requirements to be registered.

A total of 5,823 candidates passed the CRNE in 2005 out of the 6,980 first-time and repeat writers. Among the successful writers, 88% were educated in Canada and 12% were educated internationally. Not surprisingly, Ontario, followed by Alberta, had the highest numbers of successful candidates, since these two provinces had the highest numbers of CRNE writers overall.

First-Time, Canadian-Educated and Internationally Educated CRNE Writers by Jurisdiction Calendar Year 2005

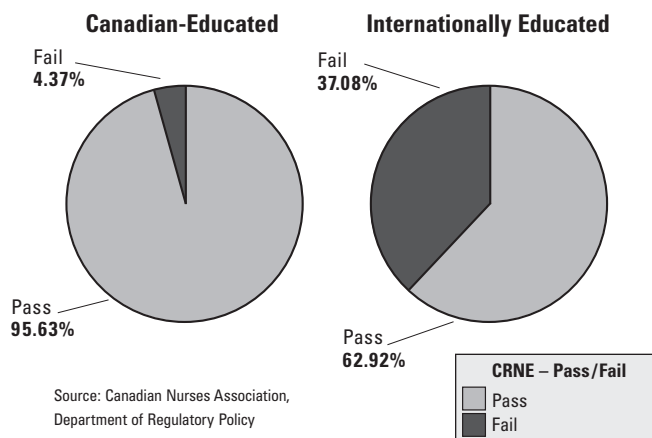


CRNE – Jurisdiction Where Candidates Were Seeking Registration

Source: Canadian Nurses Association, Department of Regulatory Policy

The number of first-time, internationally educated writers in Newfoundland and Labrador is suppressed in order to protect individuals' privacy.

Pass/Fail by Location of Education for First-Time CRNE Writers



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