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CNA LEARN CRNE READINESS TEST

In April 2004, the Canadian Nurses Association (CNA) launched a new tool to assist CRNE writers called the *LeaRN* CRNE Readiness Test. This tool, available in French and English, is an online simulated Canadian Registered Nurse Examination (CRNE) in a shortened format. This online test has been recently updated to reflect changes to the CRNE introduced in June 2005.

The CRNE is the national exam nurses are required to pass before they can practise as registered nurses (RNs) in all Canadian provinces or territories (except Quebec). It is owned by CNA and developed with input from nurses across the country and the nursing regulatory bodies, utilizing the test development expertise of Assessment Strategies Inc.

The *LeaRN* CRNE Readiness Test is the first of a series of CNA tools and resources being developed under the *LeaRN* banner. The *LeaRN* tools and resources are being provided to assist nurses to meet requirements to be licensed as RNs in Canada and to integrate into the Canadian health care system.

The test provides an opportunity for CRNE writers to take a simulated test using former CRNE questions prior to taking the actual licensure examination. It consists of 100 multiple-choice and short-answer questions that have been matched with the CRNE in terms of level of difficulty and

This bulletin is the third of a series to keep you informed of issues related to the Canadian Registered Nurse Examination (CRNE). It addresses the *LeaRN* CRNE Readiness Test, a product created to assist CRNE writers.

question distribution in each of the competency categories tested on the exam. This test has also been matched with the CRNE to have the same percentage of questions by question format (multiple-choice and short-answer), question presentation (case-based and independent or stand-alone questions) and specific client age groups and types.

Taking the *LeaRN* CRNE Readiness Test online allows for an instant percentage score to be returned after the test takers submit their answers. Test results also include sub-scores by question format and by CRNE competency category. The sub-scores by competency category can help candidates to focus their study for the CRNE.



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HOW DOES THE LEARN CRNE READINESS TEST DIFFER FROM THE CRNE PREP GUIDE?

The test is an online test. It does not include test-taking strategies or an explanation of answers. The test complements existing tools and resources that candidates are using to prepare for the CRNE including the *Canadian Registered Nurse Exam Prep Guide*. The *CRNE Prep Guide* includes practice questions, answers and explanations, two supporting references, test-taking strategies and study tips. The *LeaRN* CRNE Readiness Test offers an opportunity to test oneself with different questions from those in the prep guide – questions that have actually appeared on the CRNE. Test takers can see how their results on the test compare with the passing standard on the CRNE in recent years. **However, like the prep guide, this test does not predict passing or failing the CRNE.**

WHO SHOULD TAKE THE TEST?

Anyone who is planning to take the CRNE may want to consider taking this test. CRNE writers include new graduates or soon-to-be graduates of Canadian nursing education programs and internationally educated nurses seeking licensure in Canada. For internationally educated nurses, the test may be particularly helpful as it is accessible from all over the world and can be taken before coming to Canada. Of course, passing the test does not establish eligibility to take the CRNE or be

licensed in any province or territory in Canada. Each province/territory has its own set of licensing requirements and the CRNE is only one of the requirements. More information about how to become licensed in each province/territory is available through the provincial/territorial regulatory websites. You can link to these websites via the CNA website www.cna-aiic.ca.

HOW MUCH DOES THE TEST COST?

The cost for the test is \$42.79 (including GST). It is purchased online at a secure site using a credit card.

WHERE IS THERE MORE INFORMATION ON THE TEST?

Visit CNA's website www.cna-aiic.ca to read more about or purchase the *LeaRN* CRNE Readiness Test.



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