

PN Clinical Judgment Exams

Retention & Readiness



CJE-PN Exam Description

Fundamentals

(3 exams, 50 items each + 100-item Build-Your-Own)

According to research done by the NCSBN, the concepts learned in fundamentals are the most important to the practice of a new nurse. It is for this reason that the Fundamentals-Focused Exams assess students' ability to recognize cues and take action regardless of the context of the client scenario.

Medical-Surgical

(3 exams, 75 items each + 100-item Build-Your-Own)

The Medical-Surgical Exams provide information on learner readiness for all areas of adult health. These exams are built with a context and safety emphasis to align with the focus of the new NCLEX-PN® and help to identify one's readiness for the complex needs of today's client.

Pharmacology

(3 exams, 50 items each + 100-item Build-Your-Own)

The Pharmacology-Focused Exams will provide a valid and reliable assessment of the student's clinical judgment skills in providing safe and effective care when helping clients who are in need of pharmacotherapeutics. Safety is the central theme with emphasis on all aspects of the plan of care to include dosage calculation, lifespan, polypharmacy, and more. This exam is well suited for any level of the curriculum.

Mental Health

(3 exams, 50 items each + 100-item Build-Your-Own)

Psychiatric needs of clients can arise at any point when nurses are providing care. Across the lifespan and across the healthcare industry, mental health concerns are a focus of nursing. This exam emphasizes the current state of mental health care in that the learner must be ready regardless of client background or setting.

Maternal-Child

(3 exams, 50 items each + 100-item Build-Your-Own)

These exams focus on the needs of women across the lifespan and the fetus through late adolescence. Emphasis is placed on the needs of the childbearing and childrearing family. Students will receive questions covering multiple competencies in order to effectively assess their readiness to provide care in women's health and pediatrics.

Leadership/Health Promotion

(3 exams, 50 items each + 100-item Build-Your-Own)

Being a leader and manager of care is an essential function of a practical/vocational nurse. The Leadership/Health Promotion Exam focuses on the generalist nurse using clinical judgment while engaging in everything from conflict resolution to delegation to interprofessional collaboration. Students will focus on clients' optimal health by identifying priorities when there is a change or threat that is most concerning.

Readiness Exam

(3 exams, 100 items each)

Because of the need for valid and reliable evaluation of practice readiness, assessment of clinical judgment ability in context is the whole focus of the NCLEX-PN. Readiness Exams are designed to not only predict readiness for NCLEX-PN but the readiness for practice as well. This clinical-based assessment series provides the student and faculty with high-quality data on how best to develop a culminating lesson plan for both the NCLEX-PN and preparation for that first job.

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