



**Nurses Association**  
OF NEW BRUNSWICK

## Q&A- Entry-to-practice Exam

### What has been identified as potential contributing factors leading to poor exam results?

There are many factors that can contribute to failure on an exam. The NCLEX-RN is a high stakes exam developed for specific nursing competences at the entry to practice level. All graduates need to review the current exam test plan and align that with their own knowledge and skill set. Development of a study plan is necessary.

Other factors which may lead to a failure result include (but are not exclusive): insufficient study time/plan; insufficient capacity (low academic standing/weak clinical skill application); lower literacy levels in either English or French; and personal health issues.