



Nurses Association
OF NEW BRUNSWICK

Q&A- Entry-to-practice Exam

Were the previous exam results (before 2015) comparable for both English and French writers?

Following early 2015 results, NANB staff reviewed and compared overall results of the entry-to-practice examination for first time writers during the period 2005 –2014. The difference between English and French language writers ranged from 3%-22%. Only one year demonstrated equitable results. In 2014, the year prior to NCLEX -RN implementation, both English and French results were 91% success on the first write.

Results of 85% or higher on the first write of a health professional exam are remarkable, and also required further study. To achieve these outcomes in other health professions such as pharmacy and medicine, students must meet rigorous academic requirements and pass a high stakes entry exam before acceptance into the pharmacy or medicine programs. Students in the programs are also required to maintain the same high academic and clinical performance throughout years of required study.

The Nurses Association of New Brunswick (NANB) has regulatory obligations concerning education standards for nursing programs in the province. In 2019, necessary work to enhance nursing resources will provide opportunity for NANB to augment/ revise nursing education standards that might contribute to outcomes to assure ongoing delivery of safe, competent nursing services into the future.