



Nurses Association
OF NEW BRUNSWICK

Q&A- Entry-to-practice Exam

Why are success rates of New Brunswick nurse graduates on the NCLEX-RN lower than those in other provinces in Canada?

Although success on the NCLEX-RN continues to improve across New Brunswick, our pass rates of candidates' first attempts are still lower than other provinces. Other provinces in which nursing schools had low success rates that were comparable to New Brunswick in 2015 have adapted their nursing programs to help improve outcomes. The adaptation strategies are varied and range from changes to admission criteria and progression policies; to integration of new approaches to nursing program delivery; to the participation of nursing faculty in examination development events; to using the bilingual resources available from the examination provider, including a detailed assessment of program strengths and weaknesses related to student cohort performance to help develop strategies for improvement.

While nursing faculty are responsible for the content of nursing programs, the NANB is confident that use of these and other strategies will ensure that examination success rates of New Brunswick graduates will continue to improve.