



Nurses Association
OF NEW BRUNSWICK

Q&A- Entry-to-practice Exam

How many New Brunswick nursing graduates cannot enter the workforce due to their inability to pass the NCLEX-RN?

Nursing graduates who are unsuccessful on the NCLEX-RN examination on their first attempt, nonetheless retain a temporary license for a period of two years, during which time they are able to attempt the NCLEX-RN again. The vast majority of nursing graduates who did not achieve success on the first write have succeeded on subsequent attempts.

As a result, the number of New Brunswick nursing graduates who are unable to enter the workforce due to difficulty with the NCLEX-RN is very low. For example, of the 349 nursing graduates in 2015 –only 5 graduates from New Brunswick nursing programs, have not achieved success on the NCLEX-RN.