



## **Canadian Nurse Practitioner Examination: Family/All Ages Fact Sheet**

The Canadian Nurse Practitioner Examination: Family/All Ages (CNPE:F/AA) is approved by CRNNS to determine whether a nurse practitioner candidate demonstrates the competencies necessary for safe and ethical practice as a family/all ages nurse practitioner in Nova Scotia.

### **The Exam**

The CNPE: F/AA is a four-hour long computer based exam that consists of approximately 180-190 multiple-choice questions. The exam is offered two times a year in testing facilities across Canada.

Review the [Blueprint for the Canadian Nurse Practitioner Examination: Family All/Ages](#) available through CCRNR's website and the [CNPE:F/AA Prep tool](#), available through Yardstick Assessment Strategies' website to help you prepare for the exam.

One of the most important resources for applicants is the [Candidate Handbook](#). This handbook will guide you through all aspects of taking the exam and we strongly recommend that all exam candidates review the handbook prior to taking the exam.

### **Applications and Fees**

The next exam date is May 8, 2019. The deadline to submit the online application and payment to CRNNS is March 29, 2019.

You will pay all exam fees directly to Yardstick Assessment Strategies (the exam administrator) except the CRNNS administration fee: \$143.75. Exam fees are non-refundable.

If you have a disability that could affect your performance on the CNPE: F/AA, special accommodations can be requested. Contact the Policy Consultant (extension 1225) to obtain the appropriate forms. All documentation must be received at the CRNNS by March 1, 2019.

After the online application and payment have been made, CRNNS will determine the eligibility of each Candidate and will provide this information to Yardstick Assessment Strategies.

### **Scheduling and Taking Your Exam**

Approximately 4 weeks prior to the scheduled examination sitting, all candidates will receive an email notification from Yardstick Assessment Strategies with instructions on how to reserve their seat and make payment for the upcoming administration.

You should arrive at the test centre at least 30 minutes before your scheduled exam time. You will be required to show your booking confirmation and two current pieces of identification: one unexpired government issued photo identification document with your name and signature (e.g. driver's license

or passport) and a second identification document with your name and signature (e.g. credit card or work identification).

You will not be admitted into the exam room more than 30 minutes after the designated start time.

Any form of cheating is considered unethical behavior, including unauthorized disclosure of the examination contents.

### **Exam Results**

All Candidates are notified of their exam results approximately 3 weeks after the exam date. These results are communicated to candidates by email as either a pass or fail score.

Unsuccessful candidates will also receive a Candidate Performance Profile. The Candidate Performance Profile provides information on the exam performance using scaled scores. A scaled score is a conversion of a raw score to a common scale. For the CNPE: F/AA, the passing (scaled) score is 450 on a scale of 100 - 700.

### **College of Registered Nurses of Nova Scotia By-Laws (June 2016)**

With the exception of the jurisprudence examinations and the National Council Licensure Examination for RNs, candidates shall have a maximum of three (3) opportunities to pass either the registered nurse (RN) or nurse practitioner (NP) examinations. The first writing of a registration/licensure exam shall be at the earliest reasonable opportunity following a candidate's eligibility to write. Candidates who do not pass the first write of a registration/licensure examination shall have a maximum of two (2) further opportunities to write the examination in the 24-month period immediately following their first writing.