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Professional Regulation Commission
Manila



Professional Regulatory Board of Nursing
Resolution No. 11
Series of 2017

RE-CLASSIFICATION OF THE SUBJECTS NURSING PRACTICE I AND NURSING PRACTICE II OF THE PHILIPPINE NURSE LICENSURE EXAMINATION (PNLE)

WHEREAS, Section 9 (h) of Republic Act (R. A.) No. 8981, otherwise known as the PRC Modernization Act of 2000, grants to the Professional Regulatory Boards the power to prepare, adopt, and issue the syllabi, tables of specifications of the subjects for examinations, in consultation with the academe; determine and prepare the questions for the licensure examinations which shall be strictly within the scope of the syllabus or tables of specifications of the subjects for examination;

WHEREAS, Section 9 of R. A. No. 9173, also known as the Philippine Nursing Act of 2002, grants to the Professional Regulatory Board of Nursing (Board) the power to conduct the licensure examination for nurses; and to prescribe, adopt issue and promulgate guidelines, regulations, measures and decisions as may be necessary for the improvement of the nursing practice, advancement of the profession and for the proper and full enforcement of said Act, subject to the review and approval by the Commission;

WHEREAS, Section 14 of the R. A. No. 9173 provides for the scope of the examination for the practice of nursing in the Philippines which shall be determined by the Board, taking into consideration the objectives of the nursing curriculum, the broad areas of nursing, and other related disciplines and competencies;

WHEREAS, the following are the current classifications of the subjects for the PNLE, with each having one hundred (100) items and percentage weight of twenty percent (20%):

- Nursing Practice I - Basic Foundation of Nursing and Professional Nursing Practice
- Nursing Practice II - Community Health Nursing and Care of the Mother and Child
- Nursing Practice III - Care of Clients with Physiologic and Psychosocial Alterations (Part A)
- Nursing Practice IV - Care of Clients with Physiologic and Psychosocial Alterations (Part B)
- Nursing Practice V - Care of Clients with Physiologic and Psychosocial Alterations (Part C)

WHEREAS, Nursing Practice I refers to the basic nursing concepts and skills, nursing process, communication, leadership and management, research, ethics and legal aspects of nursing, which component should be integrated in all examination subjects;

WHEREAS, the components of Nursing Practice II are: (1) Community Health Nursing which focuses on the care of normal and at risk families, care of population groups and care of the communities, and (2) Care of the Mother and Child which focuses on the care of the newborn infant, care of the normal child and those with common alterations/illnesses, care of the client with sexuality, reproductive health and fertility problems, care of the normal pregnant woman going through the various stages of pregnancy and care of the pregnant woman with complications of pregnancy;

WHEREAS, the curricular content of each of these two (2) components (Community Health Nursing and Care of the Mother and Child) are so broad and extensive that they ought to be treated as separate and distinct component/area ;

WHEREAS, under the present PNLE test framework, the scope and number of items allocated for Community Health Nursing and Care of the Mother and Child are not adequate to determine the competence of beginning nurses in such components/areas of practice;

WHEREAS, the Board initiated consultation with its stakeholders, including the members of the Association of Deans of Philippine Colleges of Nursing (ADPCN), to review the current classifications of the subjects of the PNLE, and to recommend the possible changes or revisions thereto for the consideration of the Commission;

WHEREFORE, the Board **RESOLVES**, as it is hereby **RESOLVED**, to reclassify the examination subjects in the PNLE as follows:

1. The Nursing Practice I on Basic Foundation of Nursing and Professional Nursing Practice shall no longer be treated as a separate and independent component of the PNLE, but instead will be subsumed or integrated in all the PNLE examination subjects;
2. The Nursing Practice I shall be reclassified and renamed as Community Health Nursing, and which shall be assigned with a relative weight of twenty percent (20%);
3. The Nursing Practice II shall be reclassified and renamed as Care of Healthy/At Risk Mother and Child, and which shall be assigned with a relative weight of twenty percent (20%);

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the classification and descriptions of Nursing Practice III, IV and V shall be retained. The listing of the reclassified subjects of the PNLE is hereto attached as **Annex A**.


This Resolution and its Annex shall be applied starting the November 2017 PNLE and its succeeding schedules.

This Resolution and its Annex A shall take effect after fifteen (15) days from publication in the Official Gazette or any newspaper of general circulation in the country.

PROMULGATION OF THE REVISED TEST FRAMEWORK AND
TABLES OF SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE SUBJECTS OF THE
PHILIPPINE NURSES LICENSURE EXAMINATION (PNLE)

Let copies hereof be further furnished the U.P. Law Center, Philippine Nurses Association (PNA) and the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) for information.

Done this 13th day of July 2017 in the City of Manila.


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PROFESSIONAL REGULATION COMMISSION
PROFESSIONAL REGULATORY BOARD OF NURSING
RE-CLASSIFICATION OF EXAMINATION SUBJECTS IN THE PNLE

NP1		NP2		NP3					NP4			NP5	
Community Health Nursing		Care of Healthy//At Risk Mother and Child		Care of Clients with Physiologic and Psychosocial Alterations (Part A)					Care of Clients with Physiologic and Psychosocial Alterations (Part B)			Care of Clients with Physiologic and Psychosocial Alterations (Part C)	
		P	O	N/M	F&E	Peri-Op	I & I	CA	P & C	ABC			
		Across the Life Span (ALS)											
Family	Population Group	Community	Mother	Child	Across the Life Span (ALS)					Across the Life Span (ALS)			Across the Life Span (ALS)

NP 1 - Community Health Nursing
100 items = 20% of the total no. of test items

NP 2 - Care of Healthy/At Risk Mother and Child
100 items = 20% of the total no. of test items

NP 3 - Care of Clients with Physiologic and Psychosocial Alterations (Alteration in Oxygenation, Fluids and Electrolytes, Nutrition and Metabolism, Pain, Perioperative Care)
100 items = 20% of the total no. of test items

NP 4 - Care of Clients with Physiologic and Psychosocial Alterations (Alterations in Fluids and Electrolyte balance and Acid-base Balances, Inflammatory and Immunologic Responses, Cellular Aberrations, Acute Biologic Crisis, Disaster and Emergency Situations)
100 items = 20% of the total no. of test items

NP 5 - Care of Clients with Physiologic and Psychosocial Alterations (Maladaptive behaviors, age related, alterations in thought and perception, depression, mania and suicide, stress and anxiety, maladaptive personality patterns, substance abuse)
100 items = 20% of the total no. of test items