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## Next Generation NCLEX and Clinical Judgement

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The Next Generation NCLEX (NGN) will launch in April 1, 2023. The National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) research and practice analysis over several years has revealed the need to create current, and valid NCLEX items to evaluate clinical judgement of nursing program graduates. As a result of this research the NCSBN Clinical Judgment Measurement Model (NCJMM) was developed. This model incorporates important elements of the nursing process, client factors, environmental factors, and clinical judgment. Clinical judgement provides the candidate a framework to working through client problem. These steps could include the following: recognizing cues, analyzing cues, prioritizing hypothesis, generating a solution, taking action, and evaluating outcomes.

The NGN will incorporate item types that are case studies to mimic clinical scenarios. These new item types do not replace the traditional items but serve as a way to assess the candidates understanding and clinical judgment to entry-level nursing knowledge. This will allow the candidate an opportunity to demonstrate the knowledge, skills, and abilities learned within their nursing program. Another advantage of NGN item types is the ability to have polytomous scoring or partial credit of a question. The intent is to validate a graduates knowledge so they can practice safely, competently and achieve the best outcomes for clients, nurses, and institutions.

Educators have had the opportunity and challenge to incorporate clinical judgment in didactic, simulation, lab, clinical, and preceptorship experiences for student. The NCSBN has many resources to support the implementation of NGN such as webinars, quarterly newsletters, NGN talks and videos. In addition there is a section of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) that addresses questions from candidates and educators.

The NGN exam will remain similar to the current NCLEX with number of items, exam length, computer adaptive testing (CAT) methodology, and stopping rules to determine pass/fail status. These practices ensure that candidates receive a balanced assessment of their knowledge regardless of ability. For those candidates that need testing accommodations there have been no changes to that process. Please see the Iowa Board of Nursing website for the [request for testing accommodations](#).

If you would like to learn more about the [NCSBN Next Generation NCLEX Project](#)

You can also find [samples questions as well as an exam preview](#).

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## Iowa Nurse Assistance Program (INAP) Updates

by Rhonda Ruby, MS, RN

### Scheduled Iowa Nurse Assistance Program Advisory Committee Meetings

March 7, 2023 is the next regularly scheduled quarterly meeting of the INAP Advisory Committee. The meeting will be held at the Board of Nursing and is an in-person meeting. Please see the Board of Nursing website for more details on the meeting including public access.

May 9, 1:00PM, 2023 is the next regularly scheduled Zoom conference call of the INAP Advisory Committee. If you or someone you know is impaired as a result of substance use or by any mental or physical condition, there is help. Please see the [INAP webpage](#) for more information.

### Iowa Nurse Assistance Program (INAP) Announces New Committee Member

On 01/18/2023, the Iowa Board of Nursing appointed Adam Connell, MHA, MSN, RN, PMH-BC, as an INAP Committee member. Adam will satisfy the requirement of Chapter 19 Administrative Rule "C" consisting of "one licensed provider with expertise in substance use" for committee membership. Adam's term will be 2022-2025. Adam replaced Karen Ganzer, who resigned from the Committee.

Mr Connell has an extensive background and familiarity with Substance Use Disorders and Mental Health conditions. Mr Connell is currently working in a Nursing leadership role with the University of Iowa Addiction & Recovery Collaborative, providing outreach and education across Iowa focused on various substance use disorders. Adam previously served as the Nurse Manager for a Child/Adolescent Psychiatry Unit, coordinating patient care as well as serving as the Nurse Manager with Behavioral Health Services. In addition, Mr. Connell is a military veteran serving in the Navy for almost ten years on active duty.

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## Licensing Reminders

by Jayme Hildreth

- All applications must be completed within 12 months. This timeframe starts once an application is initiated, not when the fees are paid. After the 12 month period, the application will be archived and all other required documents may be destroyed. Once the application is archived, the applicant will be required to reapply, repay the application fee and may be required to resubmit documents.
- For ARNP renewals, if marked 'yes' for prescribing opioids, it's required to send in at least 2.0 contact hours for opioid training in addition to your national certifying body.
- Renewal email reminders are sent 90 days in advance which includes your Account ID. The system allows you to renew 60 days prior to your expiration date.
- Thank you!



## Would you like more information about the Nurse Licensure Compact?

The National Council of State Boards of Nursing is offering free webinars for anyone interested in learning more about the nurse licensure compact.

- **Fireside Chat: Legislative Update-** March 21, 2023 1:00 pm CT
- **Helpful NLC Tips for New Nursing Graduates-** April 20, 2023 2:00 pm CT