



Purpose

The final step in the process to become a Licensed Practical Nurse in Manitoba is to write and pass the Canadian Practical Nurse Registration Exam (CPNRE). This fact sheet will provide you with an overview of the requirements related to the CPNRE.

GPN Registration and the CPNRE

All CPNRE candidates must hold current graduate practical nurse (GPN) registration with the College of Licensed Practical Nurses of Manitoba (the CLPNM) prior to writing the CPNRE. GPNs must write the CPNRE at the first opportunity and failure to do so, for any reason, will be considered a failed attempt.

GPN registration is valid for only four months. After four months your GPN registration is considered expired and you are no longer eligible to practise. You must apply to the CLPNM to renew your GPN registration before the expiry date. The CLPNM will assess your file to determine eligibility for renewal. The onus is on you to track your expiry date (which may be subject to change after writing the CPNRE). You can view your registration status at any time on CLPNM's public register. The public register can be found on CLPNM's website at www.clpnm.ca.

All GPNs are granted up to a maximum of twenty-four (24) months in which to write and pass the CPNRE. After 24 months, you will no longer be eligible for GPN registration or to write the CPNRE.

The CPNRE

The CPNRE is the entry-to-practice examination for practical nurses in Manitoba and is administered by Yardstick Assessment Strategies (YAS). The CPNRE is a computer-based exam administered through secure online proctoring and consists of 160-180 multiple-choice questions, all which directly relate to the Entry-to-Practice Competencies of the profession.

Preparing for the CPNRE

To help you prepare for the CPNRE, there are two items available for purchase from the YAS website (www.cpnre.ca). You are encouraged to purchase the most current Canadian Practical Nurse Registration Examination (CPNRE) Prep Guide, as it was developed to assist candidates in preparing for the CPNRE. Also available on the YAS website is the CPNRE Predictor Test. This is an online practice test, consisting of 85 multiple-choice questions and was designed to help you gauge your readiness to successfully undertake the CPNRE. At this time, the only supplier of CLPNM-approved CPNRE preparation material is YAS.

It is important to know that YAS does not offer specific CPNRE online preparatory courses. Particular care should be used when accessing any type of preparatory course, from a third-

party organization, that claims to have past CPNRE questions and/or guarantees success on the CPNRE.

Scheduling and Writing the CPNRE

You must apply to the CLPNM to write the CPNRE at the first opportunity that you become eligible. Being eligible means that you have graduated from an approved program and/or you have been deemed to meet the educational requirements, you have applied for both GPN registration and the CPNRE, you have provided all information required and requested by the CLPNM, and you have paid all applicable fees.

Provided that you meet all eligibility requirements, once the CLPNM has received a transcript from your school demonstrating successful completion of the required education, your GPN registration will be approved and you will be notified by both email and mail.

Within one (1) week of receiving notification that your GPN registration has been approved, you will receive an email from YAS inviting you to schedule your writing of the CPNRE. The CLPNM forwards your email address to YAS for this purpose, so it is imperative that the CLPNM has your current email address on file at all times. The onus is on you to ensure the CLPNM has the correct contact information.

Scheduling the CPNRE

Once you receive an invitation from YAS, do not hesitate to schedule as preferred dates and times may be scheduled by other writers. Please note extra caution when selecting your writing time to ensure that you select the appropriate time zone.

Is There a Fee to Book the CPNRE?

Fees are set and collected by ProctorU. The current booking fee is \$105.00 plus GST. It is your responsibility to retain your receipts; additionally, if you pay with a pre-paid credit card, you should retain the credit card until after you have completed the examination.

When is the CPNRE Offered?

The CPNRE is offered multiple times a year and the dates of upcoming writing opportunities are listed on the CLPNM website. You are expected to take the CPNRE during the next test writing window.

Where do I Write the CPNRE?

The CPNRE is administered using secure online proctoring, through YAS's partner ProctorU. For additional information regarding the CPNRE and ProctorU, please see our Instruction Guide on CLPNM's CPNRE landing page (www.clpnm.ca/education/cpnre/).

Additional information about the CPNRE can also be found by visiting YAS's website (www.cpnre.ca).

What if I Miss the Writing Opportunity?

You will be provided with up to three opportunities to attempt the CPNRE. If you are not successful on your first attempt, you must take your second and if necessary third attempts in the timeframes directed by the CLPNM. It is important to note that missing a CPNRE writing opportunity will be considered a failed attempt.

CPNRE Results

Once the CLPNM receives notice from YAS that you have passed the CPNRE, your GPN registration will automatically expire after thirty (30) days, or sooner if your original expiry date is less than 30 days. Upon receipt of the exam results, time-sensitive correspondence will be emailed to you regarding your eligibility to apply for active practising registration. Please be aware that, should you miss the deadlines provided in that correspondence, your file may incur additional fees and may also require an assessment by the Executive Director.

In the event that you do not pass your first attempt of the CPNRE, you will be advised by the CLPNM. Your GPN registration will have a condition applied, which advises employers that, should you fail the CPNRE on your second attempt, your GPN registration will be immediately cancelled.

In the event that you do not pass your second attempt of the CPNRE, your GPN registration will be immediately cancelled. The Executive Director will assess your file and you will be required to undergo, at your own expense, a competency assessment and/or practical nurse refresher education prior to being eligible to renew your GPN registration and attempting the CPNRE for the third and final time.

In the unlikely event that you do not pass your third writing of the CPNRE, your GPN registration will be immediately cancelled. You will not be eligible for GPN registration with the CLPNM until such time as you complete an entire Board approved entry-level practical nurse program.

If you have any questions related to graduate practical nurse registration or the CPNRE, please check the CLPNM website www.clpnm.ca or contact us at info@clpnm.ca, 204-663-1212, or 1-877-663-1212 toll free.