



CPNRE and ProctorU

The Canadian Practical Nurse Registration Exam (CPNRE) will now be offered through secure Online Proctoring for Manitoba practical nurse exam candidates.

Background

Successfully passing the CPNRE is part of the process to become registered as a licensed practical nurse (LPN) in Manitoba. The CPNRE is a computer-based test developed in collaboration with Yardstick Assessment Strategies Inc.

In the summer of 2020, due to Pearson Vue test centre closures related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the CLPNM in partnership with Yardstick Assessment Strategies (YAS) announced that the CPNRE will now be administered using secure online proctoring, through YAS's partner ProctorU, in our jurisdiction.

Moving the CPNRE to an online proctoring environment will help ensure that practical nursing candidates continue to have access to their licensing exam. Given the rapid evolution of online proctoring technologies and methodologies, we are satisfied that this method of administering the CPNRE will meet the CLPNM's expectations for security, validity and reliability.

Please note that once you have been approved to schedule the CPNRE, you will receive an email from our exam provider, YAS. This email will advise you on how to prepare for, schedule, and then access the CPNRE. The email will also provide information on: how to set up your physical environment, the items not permitted in the writing space (i.e. watches), and how to test your computer and internet speed prior to the exam date. It is vital that you review YAS's information carefully.

When you schedule your CPNRE writing date, please note you will be required to pay the ProctorU scheduling fee. The ProctorU scheduling fee is the same amount as the Pearson Vue test center seat fee.

Questions and Answers

What is online proctoring?

Online proctoring is a method of exam invigilation that utilizes professional proctors, cameras and microphones to remotely monitor writers. Online proctoring allows for the CPNRE to be supervised online using web-based technology. The proctor remains with you, virtually, for the duration of the exam, ensuring the integrity of the exam is preserved. A webcam will be required.

Why is this change necessary, and what are the changes?

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the country-wide closure of many test centres and the limited availability of others, Practical Nurse regulators required alternative methods for graduates to write the CPNRE as scheduled.

What equipment and resources must I have access to in order to participate in the CPNRE with online proctoring?

You will need:

- A reliable computer.
- The ability to install a program onto the computer.
- A web camera. You must be able to move the camera to provide a 360 degree pan of the room.
- A reliable, internet connection. A hardwired connection is better, but you may use a wireless connection with a speed of at least 10Mbps. YAS's communication will tell you how to test your speed.
- A completely private space, that you can be assured no other person will enter for the duration for the exam.
- A mirror or reflective surface to show your proctor the monitor.
- A hard surface (such as a table or desk) to sit at while taking the CPNRE.
- Access to the space, the computer and the internet you will be using prior to the examination date so that you can test your computer readiness. You will be required to demonstrate that you have done so. If you fail to test your computer readiness, you will forfeit your opportunity to write the exam. Failure to test your computer readiness resulting in a forfeit may be considered a failed exam attempt.

Note: You must use the Google Chrome browser to connect and launch the exam.

What happens if I think that my internet connection is reliable, but then it turns out not to be?

You must test your computer readiness before the exam date. If your internet connection is an issue, it will be noted in the test. If your internet crashes during the exam, your matter will be reviewed by the proctor, the psychometricians at YAS and a report will be sent to the CLPNM. The report will advise exactly what interrupted the exam (internet or human intervention/tampering). The CLPNM will review the report to decide if the attempt will count or not. You will be notified of the decision in writing.

What if my system goes down in the middle of the examination? (e.g. disconnects)

See above. The proctoring software can detect system issues versus purposeful tampering.

What type of identification must I provide for online proctoring?

You must present a valid government-issued ID, which has your first and last name, photo, and signature. The first and last name that you used to register must match exactly the first and last name on the ID that you will present at the time of your test. Candidates will not be permitted to test without proper ID. Acceptable methods of ID are: valid/current driver's license, valid/current passport, valid/current military ID card, and/or valid/current provincial/territorial ID card.

Please note that failure to supply valid ID will negatively impact your ability to write the CPNRE in the writing window, which may then be considered a failed attempt. It is your responsibility to read all CPNRE communications carefully and comply with the direction and guidance provided.