

Format of the new test of competence

	Current	Future		
Test		Format	Marks	Timing
CBT	Single test of 120 questions lasting 3 hours	Part A: Numeracy	15	30 minutes
		Part B: Theory	100	2 hours and 30 minutes
OSCE	6 stations 4 station 'APIE' <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment • Planning • Implementation • Evaluation 2 skill stations	10 stations 4 station 'APIE' <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment • Planning • Implementation • Evaluation 6 skill stations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 pairs of 2 skills • 1 professional behaviours • 1 critical appraisal 	Variable by station according to task-specific criteria	2 hours and 45 minutes (TBC)

CBT overview

Two parts awarded separately – both must be passed

Part A - Numeracy

- 15 questions – one mark each
- 30 minutes
- Answers are
 - Generally calculated
 - May include four option multiple choice
- A calculator can be used if desired
- Applied numeracy set in nursing/ midwifery context

Part B - Theory

- 100 questions – one mark each
- 2 hours 30 minutes
- Answers are one of four multiple choice options
- Cover full range of Standards and all levels of Bloom's taxonomy
- All nursing tests are 90% generic and 10% field specific

OSCE overview

RN1	A	P	I	E	Skill 1	Skill 2	Skill 3	Skill 4	Skill 5	Skill 6
					Clinical	Clinical	Clinical	Clinical	Professional values/behaviour	Appraising evidence based practice
Pneumonia	Re-purposed: significant changes	Re-purposed: least changes	Re-purposed: least changes	Re-purposed: significant changes	Re-purposed: least changes	Re-purposed: least changes	New	Re-purposed: least changes	New	New
Subdural	New	Re-purposed: least changes	Re-purposed: least changes	New	New	Re-purposed: least changes	New	Re-purposed: least changes	New	New
Anxiety/	New	Re-purposed: least changes	Re-purposed: least changes	New	New	Re-purposed: least changes	Re-purposed: least changes	Re-purposed: least changes	New	New
UTI	New	Re-purposed: least changes	Re-purposed: least changes	New	New	Re-purposed: least changes	Re-purposed: least changes	Re-purposed: least changes	New	New
Hernia	New	Re-purposed: least changes	Re-purposed: least changes	New	Re-purposed: least changes	New	New	Re-purposed: least changes	New	New
Asthma	New	Re-purposed: least changes	Re-purposed: least changes	New	Re-purposed: least changes	Re-purposed: least changes	New	Re-purposed: least changes	New	New
Chronic cardiac failure	New	Re-purposed: least changes	Re-purposed: least changes	New	New	Re-purposed: least changes	New	Re-purposed: least changes	New	New
Ectopic	New	Re-purposed: least changes	Re-purposed: least changes	New	New	Re-purposed: least changes	Re-purposed: least changes	Re-purposed: least changes	New	New
Dementia/ confusion	New	New	New	New	Re-purposed: least changes	Re-purposed: least changes	Re-purposed: least changes	New	New	New
Leg ulcer	New	New	New	New	Re-purposed: least changes	New	New	Re-purposed: least changes	New	New
Diabetes	New	Re-purposed: least changes	Re-purposed: least changes	New	New	Re-purposed: least changes	New	Re-purposed: least changes	New	New

Key:

Re-purposed: least changes

Re-purposed: significant changes

New

APIE stations

A	<p>Changes from just taking observations (temp, BP, pulse respirations) to a full A-E assessment (airway, breathing, circulation, disability, exposure) to reflect current clinical assessment.</p>
P	<p>Stays the same - planning two aspects of care as a written station</p>
I	<p>Stays the same - drug administration</p>
E	<p>Changes from a written referral to another healthcare professional to a non-assessed written SBAR assessment and an assessed verbal handover to another healthcare professional (the examiner).</p>

Skill stations

Currently included skills updated for future standards

- In Hospital Resuscitation (IHR)
- Aseptic Non-Touch Technique (ANTT)
- Intramuscular Injection (IM)
- Catheter Specimen of Urine (CSU)
- Removal of Urinary Catheter (ROC or RUC)
- Administration of Inhaled Medication (AIM)
- Fluid Balance
- Urinalysis
- Subcutaneous Injection S/C
- In Hospital Resuscitation (IHR) Paediatric
- Removal of Urinary Catheter (ROC or RUC)
- Subcutaneous Injection (SUBCUT or S/C)

New skills

- IV infusion & VIP assessment
- Blood glucose monitoring

Outline timeline

Test of competence

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| • Adaptation and authoring | Complete |
| • Expert review | Complete |
| • Trialling | March 4 to 13 |
| • Submission to NMC for approval | May |
| • Go live | Summer |

Support materials

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| • Review and revise | end of March |
| • Initial release | end of April |
| • Augmentation and further releases | May onwards |