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COVID-19: NCLEX and NNAAP Testing Solutions

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NCLEX Solution

- Ultimate Goal:
 - Re-establish NCLEX testing at all Pearson VUE testing centers in U.S. and Canada (CA)
- Initial Focus:
 - Re-establish some level of testing at Pearson VUE to ensure continued flow of available licensed RN and PN to respond to the COVID-19 crisis
 - Maintain an acceptable level of rigor (psychometric soundness and legal defensibility) of the NCLEX
- Secondary Steps:
 - Work with Pearson VUE and EOs in underserved areas to re-establish NCLEX testing centers in these areas

NCLEX Solution continued

- Solution Components

- Establish an Essential Services Pearson VUE PPC testing channel
- Initially open 60 – 70 centers starting March 25 to be completed by March 28
- Initial opening will focus on larger population centers and availability of staff
- Expected capacity for NCLEX will be more than 900 per day
- Initial openings of Essential Services Channel will be for Nurses and EMS
- Following initial launch, will evaluate opening additional centers based on available test center personnel and underserved areas

NCLEX Solution continued

- Solution Components
 - To follow guidelines of social distancing, the PPCs will have limited availability with scheduling restricted to meet the “10-person rule”
 - NCLEX length will be shortened to 4 hours (minimum length 60 items, maximum length 130 items)
 - The NGN experimental section will be removed
 - Pretest items will not be delivered

NCLEX Solution continued

- Solution Components

- We are working with PV to conduct full legal reviews of government requirements and current guidelines needed for each PPC location
- The PPCs will be professionally cleaned prior to scheduling any candidates for testing
- The Essential Services channel will be open for 8-hour shifts

Information for Staff, Educators and Students

- Students and Educators
 - Visit home.pearsonvue.com/nclex/essential-services
 - and ncsbn.org/14428 . These sites will be the primary and most up to date sources of information related to the NCLEX testing centers.
- Board of Nursing Staff
 - Toll-Free phone number: [866.293.9600](tel:866.293.9600)
 - Email: NCLEXInfo@ncsbn.org

NNAAP Solution

- Use Pearson VUE OnVUE Delivery (i.e., Remote Proctoring)
- Solution focused on cognitive examination only
- Three weeks to launch
- Scheduling on demand, No pre-authorization
- Examination available in all 50 states
- Security concerns managed by “Quick Greet” proctor, review and record sessions, and AI cheating detection

NNAAP Solution continued

- Live agent always available to assist test taker
- Results available immediately upon examination completion - Hard copy available at Pearson Website
- Participating states will receive daily list of their candidates who have taken and passed the examination

Discussion and Questions