

# RN Clinical Judgment Exams

Retention & Readiness



# CJE-RN Core Exam Description

## **Pharmacology**

**(3 exams, 50 items each + 100-item Build-Your-Own)**

Pharmacology Focused Exams will provide a valid and reliable assessment of the students' clinical judgment skills in providing safe and effective care when helping clients who are in need of pharmacotherapeutics. Safety is the central theme with emphasis on all aspects of the plan of care to include dosage calculation, lifespan, polypharmacy, and more. These exams are well suited for any level of the curriculum.

## **Fundamentals**

**(3 exams, 50 items each + 100-item Build-Your-Own)**

According to research done by the NCSBN, the concepts learned in fundamentals are the most important to the practice of a new nurse. It is for this reason that the Fundamentals-Focused Exams assess students' ability to recognize cues and take action regardless of the context of the client scenario.

## **Women's Health**

**(3 exams, 50 items each + 100-item Build-Your-Own)**

Women's Health Exams focus on the needs of women across their lifespan. From prepubescence to maternal needs and older adulthood issues, we assess the students' clinical judgment abilities while addressing concepts as they apply to the care of women.

## **Pediatrics**

**(3 exams, 50 items each + 100-item Build-Your-Own)**

Addressing the needs of the neonate through late adolescence is the emphasis of the Pediatrics Exams. Students will receive questions covering multiple competencies, content, and concepts in order to effectively assess their readiness to provide care in pediatrics.

## **Mental Health**

**(3 exams, 50 items each + 100-item Build-Your-Own)**

Psychiatric needs of clients can arise at any point when nurses are providing care. Across the lifespan and across the healthcare industry, mental health concerns are a focus of nursing. These exams emphasize the current state of mental health care in that the learner must be ready regardless of client background or setting.

## **Community Health**

**(3 exams, 50 items each + 100-item Build-Your-Own)**

The work of the nurse, regardless of specialty, requires that there is a solid understanding of the needs of the client outside of the healthcare facility. The Community Health Exams cover all aspects of the community to include relevant public health concerns as well. Assessment data from these exams help improve curricular integration of public health principles at all levels.

## **Medical-Surgical I**

**(3 exams, 75 items each + 100-item Build-Your-Own)**

The Medical Surgical I Exams provide information on learner readiness for all areas of adult health. These exams are built with a context and safety emphasis to align with the focus of the new NCLEX-RN and help to identify one's readiness for the complex needs of today's client.

## **Readiness Exam**

**(3 exams, 100 items each)**

Because of the need for valid and reliable evaluation of practice readiness, assessment of clinical judgment ability in context is the whole focus of the NCLEX-RN. Readiness Exams are designed to not only predict readiness for NCLEX-RN but the readiness for practice as well. This clinical-based assessment series provides the student and faculty with high-quality data on how best to develop a culminating lesson plan for both the NCLEX-RN and preparation for that first job.

# CJE-RN Comprehensive Exam Description

## **Health Assessment**

**(3 exams, 50 items each + 100-item Build-Your-Own)**

Recognizing cues for focused assessment is the foundation for the clinical judgment model used by the NCSBN. This model is the aim of the Health Assessment Exams. Emphasis is placed on problem solving during the assessment process and identifying priorities when there is a change or trend that is most concerning.

## **Nutrition**

**(3 exams, 50 items each + 100-item Build-Your-Own)**

Every nurse needs to be able to apply clinical judgment skills to address the nutritional needs of the client. Using the applying, analyzing, and evaluating levels of Bloom's revised taxonomy, the Nutrition Exams will assess the readiness of the student to help clients across the lifespan and the healthcare continuum with all aspects of nutritional concepts and needs.

## **Leadership**

**(3 exams, 50 items each + 100-item Build-Your-Own)**

Being a leader and manager of care is an essential function of all nurses. The Leadership Exams focus on the generalist nurse using clinical judgment, while engaging in everything from conflict resolution to delegation to interprofessional collaboration.

## **Medical-Surgical II**

**(3 exams, 75 items each + 100-item Build-Your-Own)**

The Medical-Surgical II Exams build upon the Medical-Surgical I Exams to provide even more information on learner readiness for all areas of adult health. These exams emphasize the complex care needs of clients with multiple comorbidities and multisystem diagnoses, including care in high-acuity settings such as the ED and ICU.

## **Pathophysiology**

**(3 exams, 50 items each + 100-item Build-Your-Own)**

Understanding why the client has needs related to concepts across the lifespan is an essential part of clinical judgment. With a complete focus on nursing care, these exams provide data on how learners are synthesizing the rationale for many of the actions taken by the nurse.

## **Maternal-Child**

**(3 exams, 50 items each + 100-item Build-Your-Own)**

Building on the Pediatrics and Women's Health Exams, emphasis is placed on the needs of the childbearing and childrearing family. These high-level exams are ideal for programs where the pediatric and maternity classes are combined.

## **Research**

**(3 exams, 50 items each + 100-item Build-Your-Own)**

Understanding that the application of evidence-based practice is a vital aspect of the work of the novice nurse, Research Exams will focus on integration in the nurses' workflow. There is an emphasis on the application of clinical judgment as it relates to using research and related principles in practice. Concepts are assessed through test items that demonstrate the principle in the context of the workflow of the generalist nurse.

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