



Canadian Nurse Practitioner Examination: Family/All Ages Fact Sheet

The next administration of the family/all ages NP exam is Wednesday, May 6, 2026.

The Canadian Nurse Practitioner Examination: Family/All Ages (CNPE:F/AA) is approved by NSCN to determine whether a nurse practitioner candidate demonstrates the competencies necessary for safe and ethical practice as a family/all ages nurse practitioner in Nova Scotia.

The Exam

The CNPE:F/AA is a four-hour long computer based exam that consists of approximately 180-190 multiple choice questions. The exam is offered two times a year, in May and October. The exam is written remotely (online) from home or a quiet space of your choosing.

Review the Blueprint for the Canadian Nurse Practitioner Examination: Family/All/Ages available through CCRNR's website and the CNPE: F/AA prep too, available through Yardstick Assessment Strategies' website to help you prepare for the exam.

One of the most important resources for applicants is the Candidate Handbook. This handbook will guide you through all aspects of taking the exam and we strongly recommend that all exam candidates review the handbook prior to taking the exam.

<https://www.ccrnr.ca/familyall-ages.html>

Application and Fees

You will pay all exam fees directly to Yardstick Assessment Strategies (the exam administrator) except the NSCN administration fee: \$143.75. Exam fees are non-refundable. **The deadline to submit your application and payment to NSCN is March 30, 2026. If you were educated outside of Nova Scotia, you may be required to submit additional documentation and should contact NSCN as soon as possible to ensure you meet the deadlines.**

If you have a disability that could affect your performance on the CNPE: F/AA, special accommodations can be requested. Contact accommodations@nscn.ca to obtain the appropriate forms. **The deadline to request is March 2, 2026.**

After the online application and payment have been made, NSCN will determine the eligibility of each Candidate and will provide this information to Yardstick Assessment Strategies.

Scheduling and Taking your Exam

Approximately 3 weeks prior to the scheduled examination sitting, all candidates will receive an email notification from Yardstick Assessment Strategies with instructions on how to reserve their seat and make payment for the upcoming administration.

Remember any form of cheating is considered unethical behavior, including unauthorized disclosure of the examination contents.

Exam Results

All candidates are notified of their exam results approximately 3 weeks after the exam date. These results are communicated to candidates by email as a pass or fail score.

Unsuccessful candidates will also receive a Candidate Performance Profile. The Candidate Performance Profile provides information on the exam performance using scaled scores. A scaled score is a conversion of raw score to a common scale. For the CNPE: F/AA, the passing (scaled) score is 450 on a scale of 100-700.

