

### **How much does a competence assessment cost?**

The cost of a competence assessment depends on what type of assessment that you are required to take. It ranges from \$1500.00 to \$2500.00 CAD.

### **How much time does a competence assessment take?**

The length of a competence assessment depends on what type of assessment that you are required to take. It ranges from two to five full days.

### **Where do I do my competence assessment?**

In Halifax, Nova Scotia at the Registered Nurses Professional Development Centre, Bethune Building, VG Site.

### **When can I schedule my competence assessment?**

Competence assessments are done year round, with a short break in August and December. Candidates who currently do not live in Canada are required to have their travel documents (e.g., visas) before scheduling a competence assessment.

### **How to I obtain my travel documents?**

We are an educational institution and do not offer official counseling on the process of immigration. Upon request we can provide documentation to support a candidate's application for a visa. Competence assessments may be completed on a visitor visa, temporary or permanent immigration status.

### **How long will it take to get my results?**

It typically takes 15 to 20 business days to receive your competence assessment report. It is sent to the referring regulatory body following a five day time period for you to review the report.

### **What happens after my report is sent to the regulatory body?**

The regulatory body reviews the report as well as other parts of your application for licensure and determines your next step in the application process. The next step is one of three potential outcomes:

- You are deemed eligible to write the NCLEX-RN Examination and apply for a temporary license or;
- You are required to do remedial education. This consists of courses from the RN Bridging/Re-entry Program. The required remedial education ranges from only one or two courses, to the entire Program. It can take from one month up to a year to complete the education or;
- You are required to complete a four-year baccalaureate degree in nursing at a Canadian university.

**How do I prepare for my competence assessment?**

We will send you a resource guide once we receive your application; this is also found on this website. This includes descriptions about the types of assessments as well as specific resources to help you prepare. We will also send you a list of the competencies that will be tested. More information about competence assessments is also found on this website.