



Am I Ready to Test?

Use this checklist to **maximize support and success** for your Certified Pediatric Nurse (CPN) exam. For more about CPN certification and steps in testing, visit www.pncb.org or contact info@pncb.org.

✓ Assess Your Readiness Step-by-Step:

	I have a solid foundation of pediatric RN knowledge and skills required for safe, competent practice.
	<p>I reviewed all topics on the CPN exam content outline/test blueprint.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I will see questions to test my ability to apply my knowledge and skills, not simple fact recall. • I have considered completing CE in my weak areas. Growth and development can be a weak area for hospital-based RNs. Employers, PNCB, or Medscape may offer free applicable CE. • If I work in a subspecialty unit (cardiac, burn, etc.), I will spend extra time in review to focus my studies on general pediatrics. • I have looked into other certifications and feel that CPN best fits my nursing practice.
	I consulted the CPN exam reference list and selected a familiar textbook to support my studies. I considered asking colleagues who recently tested what texts they found helpful.
	I explored employer review resources, like reference libraries or structured classes. Some clinical educators recommend testing within 30 days of a review class.
	<p>I created a structured study plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I have set specific, measurable goals and put study days and times on my calendar. • I understand that shorter, more frequent study periods can be more productive. • I have considered creating a study group to maintain focus. • I have talked with a mentor or clinical educator if I need help focusing my study plan. • I told family and friends that I am studying for my board exam so I get their support. • I will minimize social media interruptions and other distractions during study times.
	I have considered PNCB's CPN Practice Test , which is written by CPN subject matter experts. This online practice test offers in-depth rationale for correct answers to enhance critical thinking skills. I understand this module is not a review course, and it is not required.
	If test anxiety is an issue, I found resources to support me. PNCB offers a module that addresses test anxiety, study tips, and strategies for answering multiple-choice questions called Test-Taking Strategies . This module is not required.
	I understand that my application will be processed quickly (within 2-3 weeks) and that once I am notified, I have 90 days to schedule my exam and take it. Extensions are not available if I use a No Pass, No Pay code.
	I have arranged for time away from work for my test day.
	I understand the policies in PNCB's Candidate Testing Handbook about how to schedule, required IDs, arrival time, and how to properly cancel my exam should I need to. Prometric Testing Centers offers a check-in preview and an optional, fee-based Test Drive experience.
	I am committed to showing up for my scheduled exam.
	I understand that I should pick the best answer and that correct answers may not be indicative of local practice. I know that sharing specific exam question content with colleagues after I test is not allowed.