

| <b>SUMMARY CHART GUIDELINES</b>                            |  |                |
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| <b>Registered Psychiatric Nurses of Canada Examination</b> |  |                |
| <b>COMPETENCIES</b>  |  |                |
| Competency framework categories and weightings             | Therapeutic Relationships/Therapeutic Use of Self  | 15-25%         |
|  | Body of Knowledge and Application  | 30-40%         |
|  | Collaborative Practice   | 5-10%          |
|  | Advocacy   | 5-10%          |
|  | Quality Care and Client Safety   | 10-15%         |
|  | Health Promotion   | 5-10%          |
|  | Ethical, Professional and Legal Responsibilities   | 8-12%          |
| <b>STRUCTURAL VARIABLES</b>                                |  |                |
| Examination length and format                              | Total: 200 multiple-choice questions   |                |
| Item presentation  | Case-based items:  | 60-80%         |
|  | Independent items:   | 20-40%         |
| Cognitive level  | Knowledge/Comprehension:   | Maximum of 15% |
|  | Application:   | Minimum of 50% |
|  | Critical Thinking:   | Minimum of 35% |
| <b>CONTEXTUAL VARIABLES</b>                                |  |                |
| Patient age  | Examination questions will reflect health situations across the lifespan and includes all genders.   |                |
| Culture  | Questions measure awareness, sensitivity and respect for different cultural values, beliefs and practices, without introducing stereotypes.  |                |
| Diversity  | In the development of the RPNCE, the client is viewed holistically. Registered Psychiatric Nurses practice in a variety of settings, in situations of health and illness, and with diverse populations of individuals, families, groups and communities. |                |
| Work environment   | For the purposes of this exam, the health-care environment is specified only when it is required for clarity or in order to provide guidance to the examinee.  |                |