

## CMSRN Exam Blueprint Changes Effective May 2013 <sup>[1]</sup>

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Every 5 years MSNBC is required to perform a practice analysis. The purpose of this role delineation/practice analysis is to provide evidence to support the validity of the CMSRN (Certified Medical-Surgical Registered Nurse) exam. The evidence collected helps to ensure that the examination truly reflects current practice, is legally defensible, and is psychometrically sound. The first practice analysis done in 2007 had 649 respondents from 40 states and the District of Columbia. The 2012 analysis had 1,272 respondents from 49 states and the District of Columbia.

It is the job of the Test Development Committee to develop the practice analysis. They did this by reviewing and revising the previous 2007 survey. After completion of the survey, it is also their responsibility to suggest changes in the design of the exam based on the results of the analysis.

The exam blueprint below will go into effect in May 2013 and will be reflected in the paper and pencil tests of May 4, 2013 and beyond. It will also be reflected in all computer-based tests beginning on May 1, 2013.

Each test question is coded for one physiological system and one nursing practice domain.

<b>Patient Problems by Physiological Systems</b>	<b>% of Test</b>
Gastrointestinal	16-18%
Pulmonary	15-17%
Cardiovascular	15-17%
Diabetes (types 1 & 2) and other Endocrine	14-16%
Genitourinary, Renal, and Reproductive	14-16%
Musculoskeletal and Neurological	12-14%

Hematological, Immunological, and Integumentary 7-9%

<b>Domains of Nursing Practice</b>	<b>% of Test</b>
Helping Role	16-18%
Teaching/coaching function	16-18%
Diagnostic and patient monitoring function	23-25%
Administering/ monitoring therapeutic interventions	23-25%
Effective management of rapidly changing situations	11-13%
Monitoring and ensuring quality of health care practices	1-3%
Organizational and work-role competencies	3-5%

\*Benner, P. (1984). *From novice to expert: Excellence and power in clinical nursing practice*. Menlo Park, CA: Addison-Wesley.

## Comparison of Changes

<b>Patient Problems by Physiological Systems</b>	<b>% of Test</b>	
	<b>2008</b>	<b>2013</b>
Gastrointestinal	18-20%	16-18%
Pulmonary	18-20%	15-17%
Cardiovascular	14-16%	15-17%
Diabetes (types 1 & 2) and other Endocrine	14-16%	14-16%
Genitourinary, Renal, and Reproductive	11-13%	14-16%
Musculoskeletal and Neurological	10-12%	12-14%
Hematological, Immunological, and Integumentary	8-10%	7-9%

<b>Domains of Nursing Practice</b>	<b>% of Test</b>	
	<b>2008</b>	<b>2013</b>
Helping Role	24-26%	16-18%
Teaching/coaching function	24-26%	16-18%
Diagnostic and patient monitoring function	16-18%	23-25%
Administering/ monitoring therapeutic interventions	16-18%	23-25%
Effective management of rapidly changing situations	9-11%	11-13%
Monitoring and ensuring quality of health care practices	2-4%	1-3%
Organizational and work-role competencies	2-4%	3-5%

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