



# 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](http://www.pncb.org) or contact [info@pncb.org](mailto: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 <a href="#">content outline/test blueprint</a>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I will see questions to test my ability to apply my knowledge and skills, not simple fact recall.</li> <li>• I have considered completing CE in my weak areas. Growth and development can be a weak area for hospital-based RNs. Employers, <a href="#">PNCB</a>, or <a href="#">Medscape</a> may offer free applicable CE.</li> <li>• If I work in a subspecialty unit (cardiac, burn, etc.), I will spend extra time in review to focus my studies on general pediatrics.</li> <li>• I have looked into other certifications and feel that CPN best fits my nursing practice.</li> </ul>
	I consulted the CPN exam <a href="#">reference list</a> 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"> <li>• I have set specific, measurable goals and put study days and times on my calendar.</li> <li>• I understand that shorter, more frequent study periods can be more productive.</li> <li>• I have considered creating a study group to maintain focus.</li> <li>• I have talked with a mentor or clinical educator if I need help focusing my study plan.</li> <li>• I told family and friends that I am studying for my board exam so I get their support.</li> <li>• I will minimize social media interruptions and other distractions during study times.</li> </ul>
	I have considered PNCB's <a href="#">CPN Practice Tests</a> , which are written by CPN subject matter experts. These online practice tests offer in-depth rationales for correct answers to enhance critical thinking skills. I understand these modules are not a review course, and are 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 <a href="#">No Pass, No Pay</a> code.
	I have arranged for time away from work for my test day.
	I understand the policies in PNCB's <a href="#">Candidate Testing Handbook</a> about how to schedule, required IDs, arrival time, and how to properly cancel my exam should I need to. Prometric Testing Centers offer an optional, fee-based <a href="#">Test Drive</a> 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.