

NBCR NA TESTING UPDATE

May 7, 2020

Since the March 17, 2020 testing center closures due to the COVID-19 outbreak, the NBCR NA has continued to advocate on behalf of nurse anesthesia programs, their students and graduates for the resumption and expansion of test delivery. In seeking remedies, it must be acknowledged that Pearson VUE must comply with the health and safety regulations of federal, state, and local governing bodies relative to exam center openings and closures.

We are pleased to pass along the following update. To further accommodate testing demand and appointment capacity, Pearson VUE has repurposed seven facilities to serve as **Temporary Super Test Centers (TTC)**. Their locations and capacities are in the table below:

Test Center Location	Total Number of Seats
Charlotte, NC	60
Norfolk, VA	30
Columbus, OH	45
Iowa City, IA	45
San Antonio, TX	90
Austin, TX	75
Mesa, AZ	30

In addition to these additional testing seats, Pearson VUE needs all examination candidates to be aware of the following essential considerations:

- All examinees are now **required to wear face masks** inside Pearson VUE testing centers. You should **take your own face mask** with you to the testing center.
- On May 1, 2020, Pearson VUE **reopened all Pearson Professional Centers** (allowed by local and state regulations), each at 50% capacity to allow for social distancing.
- Site availability is **revealed only to candidates** holding eligibility notices through the Pearson VUE login process.
- Site capacity and availability **may require additional travel** for the examinee.
- Safety and situational conditions may create **sudden unexpected site closures**, and this may happen without advance notice from the testing site to either candidate or NBCR NA.
- The Pearson VUE testing site experience **may look and feel slightly different** as alternate Pearson administrative channels will continue to be utilized to provide as many scheduling options to candidates as possible.

- The NCE and the SEE administration will continue to be **delivered in a Computerized Adaptive Testing (CAT)** format.
- The **NCE and SEE content will be consistent** with previous exam deliveries meeting requirements for Nurse Anesthesia Certification and the standards of the NCCA and ABSNC.

Thank you for your continued flexibility as we navigate testing options for the safest delivery of the NCE and SEE. Ongoing information updates will be shared with you as we are made aware of any revisions.

If you have any questions, please email certification@nbcrna.com.

Sincerely,

NBCRNA Credentialing Team