

# HOW DID THE PANDEMIC IMPACT NGN?

## THE VIRUS CLOSED TEST CENTERS.

This was a problem because more nurses were needed than ever before. NCSBN needed to get centers open again ASAP.

## NCSBN PUT NGN ON HOLD (KINDA).

NCSBN focused on shortening the NCLEX while maintaining its validity. They also removed the Special Research Section but continued work on other parts of the new exam.

## NCSBN CONCLUDED ADDITIONAL DATA WAS NEEDED SOONER THAN LATER.

In October 2020, NCSBN determined it was appropriate to add the Special Research Section back into the NCLEX for RNs and also began adding it to the PN exam.

## THE RESULT? THE NGN IS STILL ON SCHEDULE & WILL LAUNCH IN 2023.

Ultimately, the pandemic had no negative impact on the NGN's timeline. The technology build, scoring model, test design, and research all remain on schedule.