



NATIONAL INSTRUCTOR
PRACTICAL EXAMINATION



WASHINGTON
CANDIDATE INFORMATION BULLETIN

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This bulletin contains important information regarding the NIC National Instructor Practical Examination content and administration. Please review all information carefully.

**ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION
REQUIREMENTS**

Eligibility requirements for the Instructor licensure examinations are set by the Washington State Department of Licensing. To apply for this examination you must submit a completed application and cashier's check or money order to DL Roope Administrations Inc.

WASHINGTON SCHOOL CANDIDATES

If you graduated from a licensed school in the state of Washington, an application must be obtained from your school.

OUT OF STATE/COUNTRY CANDIDATES

Out of state and out of country candidates must have passed both the NIC practical and written examinations in order to be eligible for licensure with the Washington State Department of Licensing. If you have not taken and passed both the NIC practical and written examination you will be required to take that examination.

REINSTATE CANDIDATES (LAPSED LICENSE)

If you have not renewed your professional license within one year of your expiration date, your license has been canceled. You must take the NIC practical and written examination to be eligible for licensure.

Examination information may be printed from our web site or you may contact our office at the following:

DL Roope Administrations Inc.
P.O. Box 631
Hampden, ME 04444-0631
1-888-375-2020
Fax (207) 848-5511
www.DLRoope.com

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Applications must be received by the deadline date. Applications received after the deadline date will be scheduled based on space availability. If you have missed the deadline date and the requested examination week is full, you will be scheduled for the next available examination week. Admission letters will be mailed after the deadline date. This letter will confirm the scheduled examinations. It will also include the date, time, location and directions for your examinations. This will allow approximately 10 days for travel and hotel arrangements. Please note that DL Roope Administrations Inc. schedules the examinations over 1 – 4 days according to the number of candidates that apply for an examination week.

ADMISSION TO THE EXAMINATION

Report to the examination site on the date and time indicated on your admission letter. Registration begins 45 minutes prior to the scheduled examination time. Examinations begin promptly at the scheduled time. Please allow for unexpected delays en route to the testing facility, it is your responsibility to report to the examination facility on time. Late candidates will be required to re-apply and re-pay the examination fee. **You must present your admission letter and a valid driver's license or State ID card for admittance to the examination.** Candidates will not be admitted without the required documents. Walk-in candidates will not be admitted.

The name submitted on the application will be indicated on your admission letter. The name on your admission letter **MUST** match the ID presented for admittance to the examination. Please verify that your name, address, photo identification number and date of birth has been recorded correctly on your admission letter **PRIOR** to your scheduled examination. Please make any necessary corrections on your admission letter and fax to our office. Please include a fax number and our office will verify the corrections and fax a corrected admission letter.

If your name has changed or is different than indicated on your admission letter, you must submit legal documentation showing your previous name and current name (marriage license, divorce decree, court order, or notarized affidavit) to DL Roope Administrations Inc. **PRIOR** to your scheduled examination. Please include a fax number and our office will verify the changes and fax an updated admission letter.

EXAMINATION FEE POLICY

Examination fees are not refundable or transferable and will be applied to the scheduled examination week. All examination fees must be used within 6 months from date of receipt.

If you do not attend your scheduled examination or cannot be admitted, your examination fee will be forfeited. To be rescheduled you must submit a rescheduling application and another examination fee.

If you are unable to attend your scheduled examination due to an emergency situation you must provide written documentation. The following situations may be considered for rescheduling:

- A car accident on the way to the examination requires documentation from a law enforcement officer.
- A medical emergency requires documentation from a medical professional.
- A death in the candidate's immediate family requires documentation from the funeral home or a copy of the obituary.

Documentation must be faxed to 207-848-5511 within 24 hours after your scheduled examination.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) INFORMATION

Standard testing conditions may represent an artificial barrier to candidates with disabilities. Candidates may request accommodations that will be evaluated on the basis of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1991. You may contact DL Roope Administrations Inc. or your school to request information and the appropriate forms (Form A, B & C). Form A must be completed by the candidate. Form B must be completed by the medical professional or you may attach previous medical documentation for review (e.g. IEP, PET etc.). Form C must be completed by a school official indicating accommodations provided during testing while in school for this profession. **Candidates must submit the appropriate forms with the application to DL Roope Administrations Inc. by the application deadline date.**

STATE SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS

- Upon approval of your application you will be assigned a candidate number. Candidate numbers are assigned for the purpose of protecting your social security number from being transmitted electronically. This candidate number will be printed on your admission letter. Please be certain to use the candidate number that has been assigned to you and not your social security number when taking your examinations.
- Candidates must arrive in neat, clean, **professional** attire. Uniforms are not required. A lab jacket, smock or apron over slacks or skirts is acceptable. Hats are NOT allowed during the practical or written examinations. For confidentiality reasons, please cover all identifying marks on your attire or kit. (e.g. your name, school or salon name). You may choose to dress in layers to accommodate changes in the room temperature.
- In consideration of other candidates in the examination room, please refrain from wearing perfume or cologne.
- **ABSOLUTELY NO VISITORS WILL BE ALLOWED AT THE TESTING SITE.** Candidates are not allowed visitors or to receive messages during the examination.
- Candidates are not permitted to use aerosol products at any time during the examinations. All products and sanitizers must be non-aerosol.

IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS

- Do not leave the examination area without permission. Permission must be obtained to leave the examination area for any reason, including restroom usage or at the completion of the examination.
- Candidates are required to bring their own kit with sufficient quantity of supplies in sanitary condition. This includes the required implements in proper working order and protective drapes. The kit must be kept closed except when removing or replacing materials for a particular service. The kit will be used during the examination as dry storage and is considered part of the work area.
- All examinations are administered in a testing environment. Candidates should bring a container of water if needed for any section of the examination. Candidates may bring a thermos of hot water if desired. All water and their containers must be taken with the candidates and may not be disposed of at the testing facility.

- Candidates must prepare a lesson plan for the Theory Lecture and a lesson plan for the Demonstration Lecture. Candidates will receive the topic assignment with the admission letter. The Theory Lecture and Demonstration Lecture assignments will be on different subject areas and topics. Candidates must bring three copies of each lesson plan to the examination. Candidates retain one copy of each lesson plan.
- Candidates are responsible for providing any additional items that are needed for the Theory Lecture and Demonstration Lecture. (i.e. marker board, easel, chalkboard etc.)
- Candidates will be given 10 minutes to set up for the Theory Lecture and 10 minutes to set up for the Demonstration Lecture.
- The verbal instructions will be read twice for each section of the examination. Once you have completed all tasks in the section please indicate that you are finished and the examiners will proceed to the next section of the examination.
- Candidates must follow all appropriate public protection and infection control procedures during all phases of the practical examination that will ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the public. In the event of a blood spill candidates will be expected to follow the NIC Health and Safety Standards. Failure to do so may result in your dismissal from the examination.
- Cellular phones, pagers, any electronic device, printed materials, and handwritten notes are NOT permitted in the examination room. Talking to other candidates or any examiner is strictly prohibited. Failure to comply with any of these conditions will result in you being dismissed immediately, and your actions reported to the proper authorities. Your examiner has been instructed not to answer any questions concerning your examination. This ensures equal opportunity for all candidates and standardization in testing for the National Practical Examination. If you have an emergency situation please ask to speak with the supervisor.
- Manufacturer's labels are required on all disinfectants and sanitizers.

MODEL OR MANNEQUIN(S) INFORMATION

Cosmetology & Esthetics Instructors:

Candidates may bring a mannequin head(s) for the practical examination and a table clamp.

Barber Instructors only:

Barber Instructors may choose to use a mannequin and/or model for the Demonstration Lecture section of the examination.

Models must be at least 15 years of age and cannot be licensed or a student studying in this field. Models must be present with the candidate at the beginning of the practical examination. The model must present a valid driver's license or State ID card for admittance to the examination. The model must be appropriate for examination purposes. The model must agree to submit to all areas of the practical examination. Models may not participate in any way during the examination. Models are not permitted to talk to the candidate or examiners at any time during the examination.

Nail Technician (Manicurist) Instructor:

Candidates may bring a mannequin hand(s) for the practical examination.

**INSTRUCTOR
EXAMINATION SECTIONS**

The Instructor examination consists of 2 sections.

1. National Instructor Written Examination

The written examination will be administered at a computer based testing center. A referral letter will be mailed with your practical examination admission letter. The referral letter will contain contact information to schedule and pay your written examination fee.

The time allotment for this examination is 90 minutes.

2. National Instructor Practical Examination

The duration of this examination is approximately 1½ hours and consists of the following sections:

**THEORY LESSON PLAN
(10 minutes)**

Verbal Instructions:

“Please hand the examiner 1 copy of the theory lesson plan. You may retain one copy.”

“You will have 10 minutes to set up your classroom for the theory lecture.”

“Do not begin the theory lecture until verbal instructions have been read.”

“You will be informed when you have 5 minutes remaining.”

(1) *“The instructions will be repeated.”*

(2) *“You may begin set up.”*

Lesson plan will be evaluated on the following tasks:

- Lists course title (e.g., Cosmetology, Nail Technology, Esthetics, Barbering, etc.)
- Lists assigned topic
- Lists appropriate time required specific to assignment (20 minutes)
- Lists lesson/learning objective specific to student learning and relevant to topic (e.g., “Student will be able to...”)
- Lists reference(s) used by instructor to prepare for lesson
- Lists teaching/visual aid(s) relevant to assigned topic
- Lists students’ prior assignment (e.g., previously assigned chapters, handouts, etc.)
- Lists vocabulary word(s) relevant to topic
- Lists reason(s) why topic is important for students (e.g., client retention, safety, money, etc.)
- Lists steps of procedure for topic in correct order
- Provides safety procedure(s) relevant to topic in lesson plan
- Provides summary of lesson plan
- Lists students’ follow-up assignment (e.g., read a chapter, complete worksheets, etc.)
- Lists method(s) of assessment to evaluate students’ retention of topic (e.g., test, quiz, written, or verbal questions, etc.)

**THEORY LECTURE
(20 minutes)**

Verbal Instructions:

“You will perform the theory lecture section of this examination.”

“You will be expected to convey proper safety and infection control procedures.”

“You will have 20 minutes to complete this section.”

(1) *“The instructions will be repeated.”*

(2) *“You may begin.”*

Candidates will be evaluated on the following tasks:

Procedures and Content

- States lesson topic
- Presents lesson/learning objective specific to student learning and relevant to topic (e.g., “The student will be able to...”)
- Presents reason(s) why topic is important for students (e.g., client retention, safety, money, etc.)
- Uses teaching aid(s) to focus students’ attention
- Teaching aid(s) are visible to all students
- Explains safety and client protection procedure(s) listed in lesson plan
- Uses professional vocabulary relevant to topic
- Defines vocabulary word(s) as outlined in lesson plan
- Presents steps of procedure in correct order
- Asks questions relevant to topic to elicit student response
- Uses eye contact throughout room
- Confines lecture to assigned topic
- Covers complete content of lesson plan
- Presents students’ follow-up assignment (e.g., read a chapter, complete worksheets, etc.)
- Presents method(s) of assessment to evaluate students’ retention of topic (e.g., test, quiz, written, or verbal questions, etc.)
- Summarizes theory lecture (e.g., re-states key points, paraphrases lesson plan, etc.)
- Follows time frame for assignment (20 minutes)

Verbal Instructions after Instructor has concluded the Theory Lecture:

“Now that you have concluded your theory lecture you may put away all supplies that you are finished working with. Once completed I will read the instructions for the demonstration lecture set up.”

DEMONSTRATION LESSON PLAN

(10 minutes)

Verbal Instructions:

“Please hand the examiner 1 copy of the demonstration lesson plan. You may retain one copy.”

“You will have 10 minutes to set up your classroom for the demonstration lecture.”

“Do not begin the demonstration lecture until verbal instructions have been read.”

“You will be informed when you have 5 minutes remaining.”

(1) *“The instructions will be repeated.”*

(2) *“You may begin set up.”*

Lesson plan will be evaluated on the following tasks:

- Lists course title (e.g., Cosmetology, Nail Technology, Esthetics, Barbering, etc.)
- Lists assigned topic
- Lists appropriate time required specific to assignment (30 minutes)
- Lists lesson/learning objective specific to student learning and relevant to topic (e.g., “The student will be able to...”)
- Lists reference(s) used by instructor to prepare for lesson
- Lists supplies, implements, equipment, and/or teaching/visual aid(s) needed for lesson
- Lists students’ prior assignment (e.g., previously assigned chapters, handouts, etc.)
- Lists reason(s) why topic is important for student(s) (e.g., client retention, safety, money, etc.)
- Lists steps of procedure for topic in correct order
- Provides safety procedure(s) relevant to topic in lesson plan
- Provides summary of lesson plan
- Lists students’ follow-up assignment (e.g., read a chapter, complete worksheets, etc.)
- Lists method(s) of assessment to evaluate students’ retention of topic (e.g., test, quiz, written, or verbal questions, etc.)

DEMONSTRATION LECTURE

(30 minutes)

Verbal Instructions:

“You will perform the demonstration lecture section of this examination.”

“You will be expected to convey proper safety and infection control procedures.”

“You will have 30 minutes to complete this section.”

(1) *“The instructions will be repeated.”*

(2) *“You may begin.”*

Candidates will be evaluated on the following tasks:

Procedures and Content

- States demonstration topic
- Presents lesson/learning objective specific to student learning and relevant to topic (e.g., “The student will be able to...”)
- Presents reason(s) why topic is important for students (e.g., client retention, safety, money, etc.)
- Identifies implements, supplies, equipment, and/or teaching/visual aid(s) needed to demonstrate assigned topic
- Demonstrates and explains safety and client protection procedure(s) listed in lesson plan
- Demonstrates steps of procedure for topic in correct order
- Simultaneously demonstrates and explains assigned topic
- Confines demonstration and explanation to assigned topic
- Demonstration can be observed by all students
- Uses professional terminology relevant to topic
- Asks questions relevant to topic to elicit student response
- Uses eye contact throughout room
- Presents students’ follow-up assignment (e.g., read a chapter, complete worksheets, etc.)
- Presents method(s) of assessment to evaluate students’ retention of topic (e.g., test, quiz, written, or verbal questions, etc.)
- Summarizes demonstration lecture (e.g., re-states key points, paraphrases lesson plan, etc.)
- Follows time frame for assignment (30 minutes)

**CANDIDATE SUMMARY
AND FINAL CLEANUP**

At the conclusion of the examination, please read the following statements:

“This concludes the national practical examination. Please make sure that all kit supplies and disposable materials are taken with you. Please do not dispose of waste materials, chemicals, or water in the trash receptacles or restrooms as they are unable to accommodate all waste materials from every candidate that takes the examination.”

REFERENCES

Practical and written examination references are listed on the NIC written examination Candidate Information Bulletin.

WASHINGTON SCORING

The minimum passing score for both the written and performance examinations in all practices is a scaled score of 75.

WASHINGTON EXAMINATION RESULTS

If you indicated on your application that you will download a copy of your result letter from our website, our web address is www.DLRoope.com. A message will be posted on the website when the result letters are available, please allow 3 to 10 business days. **Do not call our office to ask when examination results will be posted as they will be posted as soon as we have received them from the National Interstate Council of State Boards of Cosmetology.**

This is a secure website and you will need your candidate number and your date of birth to access your result letter. Your candidate number will be sent with your admission letter.

Please print a copy of your result letter as you will not receive an additional copy in the mail. **Result letters are only available on the webscore system for 2 weeks after posting.** Your original result letter will be sent directly to the Washington Department of Licensing.

If you are unable to log onto our website please check the message center to see if a message has been posted that the results are available, you will not be able to log into the webscore system until after your results have been posted. Please read all instructions on the website to ensure that you are entering your information correctly. **You must have the most current version of Adobe Acrobat PDF Reader to view and print your result letter. Adobe may be downloaded from our website at www.DLRoope.com.**

If you do not have access to the internet and you need your result letter mailed to you please check the appropriate box on the application. If your result letter is mailed to you it will NOT be available on our website to view or print.

If you have failed your examination you will receive a result letter with review information. This review information can be used to assess those areas where your performance was weak or strong. Please refer to this Candidate Information Bulletin for the list of tasks that are evaluated. Candidates will need to complete and submit a rescheduling application and fee to DL Roope Administrations Inc. at the address listed on the form.

NIC HEALTH AND SAFETY STANDARDS BLOOD SPILL PROCEDURE

If a blood spill should occur, the following steps MUST be followed:

- **SUPPLY INJURED PARTY WITH LIQUID STYPTIC/ANTISEPTIC AND THE APPROPRIATE DRESSING TO COVER THE INJURY.**
- **DOUBLE BAG ALL BLOOD-SOILED (CONTAMINATED) ARTICLES AND LABEL WITH RED OR ORANGE BIOHAZARD WARNING.** This is the responsibility of the candidate and should be executed as follows:

CANDIDATE INJURY – FOR EXAMINATION PURPOSES

1. **PROTECTION** – If a cut is sustained, stop the service and clean the injured area.
2. **APPLY** antiseptic and/or liquid or spray styptic as appropriate (*see NOTE*).
3. **DRESSING** - cover the injury with the appropriate dressing.
4. **COVER** injured area with finger guard or glove as appropriate.
5. **CLEAN** model/client and station as appropriate.
6. **DOUBLE BAG** and dispose of all contaminated objects. Clean hands with antimicrobial cleanser.
7. **RETURN** to service.

MODEL INJURY – FOR EXAMINATION PURPOSES

1. **STOP** service.
2. **GLOVE** hands of candidate/student/licensee.
3. **CLEAN** injured area as appropriate.
4. **APPLY** antiseptic and/or liquid or spray styptic as appropriate (*see NOTE*).
5. **COVER** the injury with the appropriate dressing to prevent further blood exposure.
6. **DOUBLE BAG** and dispose of all contaminated objects. Clean hands with antimicrobial cleanser.
7. **RETURN** to service.

EXAMINERS:

- **EXAMINER IS TO USE UNUSED DISPOSABLE LATEX GLOVES OR NON-ALLERGENIC EQUIVALENT WHEN CHECKING THAT CANDIDATE'S SERVICE. DOUBLE BAG AND DISPOSE USED GLOVES.**
- **FOLLOW WITH ANTIMICROBIAL SCRUB ON HANDS.**
- **DOCUMENT INCIDENT IN BLOOD SPILL LOG.**

NOTE: DO NOT ALLOW CONTAINERS, BRUSHES, NOZZLES OR LIQUID STYPTIC TO TOUCH THE SKIN OR CONTACT THE WOUND. USE AN APPLICATOR. EXAMINERS SHOULD ALSO COMPLETE AN INCIDENT REPORT.

WET DISINFECTION STANDARD

- 1** All tools and implements, **EXCEPT THOSE THAT HAVE COME IN CONTACT WITH BLOOD OR BODY FLUIDS** must be disinfected, at minimum, by complete immersion in an EPA registered, *bactericidal, virucidal, fungicidal, and pseudomonacidal (Formulated for Hospitals)* disinfectant that is mixed and used according to the manufacturer's directions.
- 2** All tools and implements **WHICH HAVE COME IN CONTACT WITH BLOOD OR BODY FLUIDS** must be disinfected, at minimum, by complete immersion in an EPA registered disinfectant that is effective *against HIV-1 and human Hepatitis B Virus or Tuberculocidal* that is mixed and used according to the manufacturer's directions.

DRY STORAGE STANDARD

Disinfected implements must be stored in a disinfected, dry, covered container and be isolated from contaminants.

HAND WASHING

(Anti-Bacterial Soap is recommended)

Thoroughly wash hands and the exposed portions of arms with antibacterial soap and water before providing services to **each client** and after smoking, drinking, eating, and using the restroom.

NAIL TECHNOLOGY

Practical Examinations

Liquid Monomer containing *Methyl Methacrylate (MMA)* is **prohibited** for use during NIC practical examinations. Odorless sculpture nail products **are required** for use during NIC practical examinations.

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