

BCEN® conducts a Role Delineation Study (RDS) with our examination development partner, PSI, approximately every five years. The RDS is the first step in the ongoing development of a job-related certification exam. The purpose of the RDS is to identify the tasks, knowledge and responsibilities of nurses working across the emergency spectrum to ensure that the content of BCEN exams are accurate, current and up to date.

The RDS for the Trauma Certified Registered Nurse (TCRN®) exam was completed in June 2019. Following is a summary for the updated TCRN content outline and updated TCRN exam specifications:

- The overwhelming content of the TCRN exam remains the same
- The five major categories of the TCRN content outline remain the same
 - Clinical Practice: Head and Neck
 - Clinical Practice: Trunk
 - Clinical Practice: Extremity and Wound
 - Clinical Practice: Special Considerations
 - Continuum of Care for Trauma
- Category 4 (Clinical Practice: Special Considerations) has been expanded to include the following sub-content:
 - Victims of abuse and violence
 - Bariatric, pediatrics and geriatrics
 - Substance use
 - Self-inflicted injuries
 - Comorbidities
 - Hemostatic resuscitation
 - Complications (e.g. DVT, CAUTI, etc.)
 - Special needs
- Category 5 (Continuum of Care for Trauma) has been expanded to include the following sub-content:
 - Resuscitation
 - Acute Care
 - Rehabilitation (e.g. OT, PT, etc.)
 - Discharge planning
- Category 6 (Professional Issues) has been expanded to include the following sub-content:
 - Research
 - Trauma team well-being
 - Advocacy
 - Team dynamics

Additionally, after an RDS is complete, a standard setting or passing point study is conducted. This study determines the minimum standard to pass an exam. In September 2019, a TCRN standard setting study was conducted and a new passing score for the TCRN was proposed. In March 2020, the BCEN Board of Directors approved a passing score of 110 (out of 150). This passing score will not go into effect until November 18, 2020. If you are taking the TCRN exam PRIOR to November 18, 2020, the passing score is 108. If you take the exam ON or AFTER November 18, 2020, the passing score will be 110.

Updated exam forms and new passing score for the TCRN exam will into effect **November 18, 2020**.