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Project Title: A Study of Alternate Item Formats in Accredited Certification Programs

Topic Headings (key words): Alternate Items, Alternative Items, Exam Development, Accreditation

Brief Project Description:

The National Board of Certification and Recertification for Nurse Anesthetists (NBCRNA) and SeaCrest recently completed a research study to determine which accredited certification programs use alternative type formats on their certification examinations, and a follow-on survey of these programs to measure the efficacy of these alternative type formats. Alternate items, or innovative items, are characterized as items that take advantage of the features and functions offered by computer technology to deliver assessments not easily done in traditional paper-and-pencil format. The study targeted certification programs accredited by the following organizations: National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA), the Accreditation Board for Specialty Nursing Certification (ABSNC), and the American National Standards Institute.

Publications from project (if available): Attached.



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