



# Nursing Entrance Examination

## Information Packet



## Nursing Entrance Examination (PAX-RN)

Dear Prospective Nurse:

Please be informed that the PAX-RN entrance examination is the NLN Pre-Admission Examination. Prospective students can take the examination **ONLY ONE TIME**. Passing Score is determined by the Department of Nursing.

Test dates for 2008 are:

Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2008  
Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008

Test site for 2008 dates:

Marywood University, Canter for Natural and Health Sciences, Room 102 computer lab.

Cost of the exam: \$90.00

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The exam begins promptly at 9:00 a.m. and last approximately 4 hours. Please arrive 30 minutes before the beginning of the examination with your required ID and admission ticket.

You will register and pay on-line @ [nlnonlinetesting.org/pax/](http://nlnonlinetesting.org/pax/) Once you have done that, the NLN will send you information about the examination including location, directions, study guide information etc.

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## Overview of the NLN Pre-Admission Exam (PAX)

The National League for Nursing Pre Admission Examination (NLN PAX) for registered nursing programs “PAX-RN” is a standardized entrance exam for potential nursing students who seek admittance into nursing schools nationwide.

The NLN PAX-RN comprises of three main areas: Verbal skills, which consists of both word knowledge and reading comprehension; Mathematics, which includes basic calculations, word problems, and incorporates algebra, geometry, conversions, graphs, and applied mathematics; and Science, which examines general biology, chemistry, physics, and earth science.

Each Pre-Admission Exam includes three one-hour multiple-choice tests in one booklet. (Exams contain experimental items for purposes of future test development. These items are not included in the examinees’ scores.) The first section is Verbal Ability, followed by Mathematics and Science. The entire NLN PAX must be taken during one session.

The nursing schools that use the NLN PAX as their entrance examination purchase and administer the exam to applicants applying to their programs. Exam dates are set up by each school prior to the order placement.

## Sample NLN PAX Questions

\*correct answers

### Verbal Ability

1. The staff inferred from the manager’s remarks that their work was performed satisfactorily.

To infer means to make

- A. An allusion
- B. An error
- C. A proposal
- D. A deduction\*

### Mathematics

1. An equal-arm balance is leveled when 20 washers are on one side and 10 bolts are on the other. Four bolts are added to one side. How many washers must be added to the other side to maintain balance?
  - A. 2
  - B. 8\*
  - C. 4
  - D. 14

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **Who can take the NLN PAX?**

The NLN PAX-RN is open to individuals applying for admission to an RN nursing program that requires the NLN PAX test score report and to interested individuals considering a career in nursing.

### **How can I study for the PAX-RN?**

To help you study for the PAX-RN, the NLN offers the following book, *NLN Review Guide for RN Pre-Entrance Exam*, which provides an overview of the verbal, math, and science content necessary for admission to RN programs in nursing. The book contains approximately 1,000 practice questions and features three practice exams in each of the three content areas: verbal ability, math and science. The book also includes helpful tips for test preparation and for becoming a more effective learner and test taker. The NLN Review Guide for RN Pre-Entrance Exam is available in bookstores or directly through Jones & Bartlett Publishers. To order, contact Jones & Bartlett at (800) 832-0034 or visit [www.ibpub.com](http://www.ibpub.com).

### **Are special testing accommodations granted for individuals with disabilities?**

Yes, please visit [www.nln.org/testprods/ADApolicy.pdf](http://www.nln.org/testprods/ADApolicy.pdf)

### **How much does the exam cost and are refunds given?**

Please contact the nursing school in which you are seeking entrance for the exams cost. The NLN does not issue refunds for this exam.

### **Where is the NLN PAX administered?**

The NLN PAX is used by many nursing schools to help determine an individual's readiness for entry into an RN program. Inquire with your nursing school of choice for specific information on their requirements for entrance into a nursing program.

### **Where can I search for a listing of nursing schools in my area?**

To locate nursing programs or nursing courses, contact individual schools of nursing and request information regarding their particular programs. For a list of schools in your area, visit [www.allnursingschools.com](http://www.allnursingschools.com) or [www.nursingprofession.com](http://www.nursingprofession.com). You may also contact Jones & Bartlett Publishers who carries a publication titled "State Approved Schools of Nursing" that will provide you with a list of nursing schools. You may also visit Jones & Bartlett on the web at [www.ibpub.com](http://www.ibpub.com) or call (800) 832-0034.

**Who receives the test scores and how do I know if I passed?**

Test reports are shipped to you and your nursing school of choice within two business days of receipt of answer sheets to the NLN.

Each school sets its own admission standards. The NLN is not involved in this process, nor does the NLN establish a “passing” or “failing” mark on the test. Test results show how your scores compare with those of other applicants who have taken this examination. In making admission decisions, however, schools consider factors other than test results. Contact your selected nursing school for your results and to inquire about the school’s requirements for passing.

**How can I interpret my test scores and understand my score report?**

Please go to the following link to interpret your test scores and understanding your score report on the RN Pre- Admission exam.

[www.nln.org/testproducts/pdf/paxrninterpretation.pdf](http://www.nln.org/testproducts/pdf/paxrninterpretation.pdf)

**How can I get my exam rescored?**

NLN offers a rescoring service for \$50.00.

If you wish to have your answer sheet rescored, send a written request and payment (money order or certified check) to: National League for Nursing, 140 Washington Ave, Endicott, NY 13760.

Please include the following information in your request letter:

Your name, the name of the school through which the exam was administered, the school code, original exam date, and the name of the test (Specify RN).

**Where do I find my school’s ID Number?**

[www.nln.org/testproducts/testschools.cfm](http://www.nln.org/testproducts/testschools.cfm)

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