

NLN PAX: National League for Nursing Pre-Admission Examination

Compiled from the National League for Nursing Website (nlnonlinetesting.org), the NLN: Review Guide for RN Pre-Entrance Exam (2011), and KCC's NLN PAX website (<http://www.nln.org/aboutnl/index.htm>)

- ❖ **Overview:** Adding administrative and break time, the NLN PAX requires ~4 hours. There are a total of three timed sections consisting of 214 multiple-choice questions.
 - ❖ The NLN PAX tests on high school to 100-level college achievement.
1. Anatomy of the NLN PAX:
 - I. Verbal
 - **Time:** 60 minutes
 - **Format:** 80 multiple-choice questions total; 5-6 passages followed by 3-5 questions and questions based on vocabulary or understanding.
 - **What it Tests:** Word knowledge and reading comprehension.
 - II. Math
 - **Time:** 60 minutes
 - **Format:** 54 multiple-choice questions (calculations and word problems)
 - **What it Tests:** Basic geometry, algebra, scientific notation, fractions, decimals, percentages, data interpretation.
 - III. Science
 - **Time:** 60 minutes
 - **Format:** 80 multiple-choice questions; includes questions based on diagrams/drawings and graphs.
 - **What it Tests:** Basic biology, chemistry, physics, some earth science, and human anatomy and physiology.
 2. Scoring:
 - As of Summer 2011, the score report will show a “Relative Performance” column, which UH Mānoa’s School of Nursing will look at when evaluating students for admission. The minimum score for UH Mānoa is the 50th percentile in each section. Other nursing programs may have different requirements.
 - For those who took the test before Summer 2011, the score report will be a raw score, composite score, percentile, and percentile norms. Percentiles range from 0-99 and composite scores range from 0-200. UH Mānoa’s School of Nursing will use the percentile in the “ALL” column. Other nursing programs may look at other scores.
 3. Score Availability:
 - UH Mānoa: The exam is Computer-Based and results will be available to you **immediately** after completing the exam. You will NOT receive paper copies of your score report because results can be accessed online.
 - KAP: The exam is Paper-Based. Allow **3-4 weeks** from the exam date to receive your results. You will need to create an account on the NLN PAX website, but *do not register* for the exam on that website. Score reports will be accessible through the NLN PAX website.
 4. Test Format:
 - Computer-Based Testing (CBT)
 - Paper-Based Testing (PBT)

5. Test Dates:

- Test dates vary by testing center. UH Mānoa's School of Nursing has their exam dates posted on their website. **Always check for updates and register early because seats fill up quickly!** Exams are offered at both UH Mānoa and Kap'iolani Community College (KAP).

6. Test Registration:

▪ UH Mānoa:

To register for the NLN PAX, you *must* create an account on the website <http://www.nlnonline.org/>. NLN allows payment with any major credit card and money orders. Money orders are only accepted when paying at least 10 days before registration closes. Personal checks are NOT accepted. You may designate as many programs as you wish to receive your scores.

▪ KAP:

You may register by phone or in person. To register by phone with a credit card, call (808) 734-9211. You may register in person by visiting http://kapiolani.hawaii.edu/object/io_1177977784343.html and printing out the registration form. Submit the completed form to the KCC's Continuing Education/Non-Credit Office in 'Ilima, Room 102. To access your score report, you must create an account on the NLN PAX website <http://www.nlnonline.org/>, but *do not register* for the exam on that website.

- Registration Fee: \$95 at UH Mānoa – Fee includes processing, postage, and 2 score reports sent to designated schools.

Each additional score report is \$25.

\$99 at KAP – Fee includes processing, postage, your score report, and one score report sent to a designated school.

Each additional score report is \$25.

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School of Nursing & Dental Hygiene
2528 McCarthy Mall, Webster 201
Honolulu, HI 96822

KAP: Telephone: (808) 734-9211
Continuing Education/Non-Credit Office
4303 Diamond Head Road, 'Ilima Rm 102
Honolulu, HI 96816

NLN: Telephone: 1 (800) 732-8656
Customer Service
61 Broadway, 33rd Floor
New York, NY 10006

7. Official Test Prep Material: *Review Guide for RN Pre-Entrance Exam* from NLN (~\$30)

8. Additional Information:

- Repeat Policy - You *may retake* the exam but there is a **6-month** waiting period during which you cannot register for another exam until the waiting period is up.
- If rescheduling, you must do so at least a day before registration closes. Rescheduling fee is \$15 + the price difference of the new exam.
- NLN has a **NO REFUND POLICY**. Fees are non-refundable and non-transferable. You will not be refunded if you miss an exam.