Overview: Including administrative and break time, the NLN PAX requires ~4 hours and tests high school to 100-level college achievement. There are 3 timed sections consisting of 214 multiple-choice questions.

1. Anatomy of the NLN PAX:
   I. Verbal
   • Time: 60 minutes
   • Format: 80 multiple-choice questions total
   • 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. Test Format:
   ▪ Computer-Based Testing (CBT)
   ▪ Paper-Based Testing (PBT)

3. 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 Manoa’s School of Nursing will use the percentile in the “ALL” column. Other nursing programs may look at other scores.

4. 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.

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.nlnonlinetesting.org/](http://www.nlnonlinetesting.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](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.nlnonlinetesting.org/](http://www.nlnonlinetesting.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.
  - $100 at KAP – Fee includes processing, postage, your score report, and one score report sent to a designated school. Each additional score report is $25.

- **Contact Information:**
  
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8. Additional Information:

- **You may retake** the exam but there is a waiting period between re-takes. Please check the schools you want to apply to for their re-take policy. A typical waiting period between tests is **six months**.

- **If rescheduling,** you must do so at least one day before registration CLOSES. Rescheduling fee is $15 + the price difference of the new exam.

- **NLN has a strict** **NO REFUND POLICY.** Fees are non-refundable and non-transferable. If you cancel or do not attend your exam, there is no refund.