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

4. Test Registration:
   - To register for the NLN PAX, you must create an account on the website [http://www.nlnonline testing.org/](http://www.nlnonline testing.org/). The NLN is no longer proctored in the state of Hawai’i. Payment with any major credit card and money order is allowed. 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.
5. Contact Information:
   - UH Mānoa: Telephone: (808) 956-8939
     School of Nursing & Dental Hygiene
     2528 McCarthy Mall, Webster 201
     Honolulu, HI 96822
   - NLN: Telephone: 1 (800) 732-8656
     Customer Service
     2600 Virginia Avenue
     NW Washington, DC 20037
     customerhelp@nln.org


7. 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.