

# NLN PAX

## 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. The NLN PAX builds questions from these competencies, which are concepts that students need to know and skills they need to perform. It is each student's responsibility to ensure they have met the competencies before taking the exam. **The NLN is no longer proctored in the state of Hawai'i.** *Compiled from the National League for Nursing Website ([nlnonlinetesting.org](http://nlnonlinetesting.org)), 2010 NLN: Review Guide for RN Pre-Entrance Exam*

## BREAKDOWN

Test Section	Number of Questions	Time
Verbal	80	60 minutes
Math	54	60 minutes
Science	80	60 minutes
Total Content Time	214	3 hours

## REGISTRATION

To register and select a test date for the NLN, you *must* create an account on the website <http://www.nlnonlinetesting.org/>. You have the option of taking a computer or paper based test. Payment with any major credit card and money order is allowed. The registration fee varies. 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.

## SCORE DISTRIBUTION

As of Summer 2011, the score report will show a composite raw score, percent correct score, and relative performance score. Percentiles range from 0-99 and composite scores range from 0-200. UH Mānoa's School of Nursing will use the relative performance column 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 or look at other scores.

Verbal	Math	Science
Word knowledge and reading comprehension.	Geometry, word problems, algebra, scientific notation, fractions, decimals, percentages, data interpretation, basic calculations, conversions, graphs and applied mathematics.	Basic biology, chemistry, physics, some earth science, and human anatomy and physiology. Includes questions based on diagrams, drawings, and graphs.



## TIPS FOR STUDYING WELL

- ✓ Study material covered on the exams through **reviewing courses or studying guidebooks**. NLN practice exams and questions are found on the NLN website.
- ✓ Review the results of your practice exam to identify areas in which you need improvement and spend more time reviewing material in these areas. Identify tactical errors you may have made and begin to develop strategies for answering each type of question.
- ✓ Start preparing for the exams well in advance, but pace yourself! You must find a balance between preparing thoroughly, but not studying too much.
- ✓ Do your best the first time you take the exam. If you need to improve your scores, you *may* retake the exam but there is a waiting period between retakes. Please check the schools you want to apply to for their retake policy. A typical waiting period between tests is **6 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 fees are non-refundable and non-transferable. If you do cancel or do not attend your exam, there is no refund.
- ✓ Take time just before the exam to relax, get a good night's sleep, and eat a good nutritious breakfast. Scope out the exam location prior to your test day as well.