

## NLN Pre-Admission Exam (PAX) Fact Sheet

Students are encouraged to take the exam after completing program readiness coursework. Any questions, please contact your [Academic Advisor](#).

NLN PAX must be taken by students petitioning for core nursing courses.

NLN PAX must be taken by students petitioning for LPN to ADN Progression Track.

### **How do I register for the computerized NLN Pre-Admission Exam (PAX)?**

Please register at <https://ondemand.questionmark.com/400030/ext/nlntesting/dashboard>

- **When registering, use your Moraine Park Technical College issued student email account; not a personal email account.**

Create an account.

- You will receive a time sensitive link.
- You must confirm the account before it can be used.
- Sign into your account.
- Review information presented on the dashboard

1. Select the **Exam Sessions** tab.
2. Type Your School Name in the School box or select from the drop down.
3. Find the exam session name (PAX2016 Month Date) that you want to attend.
4. You can click on the exam name to view the location of the exam and the exam price.
5. Select the **Register** button then select the **Save Registration** button.
6. When you are successful the dashboard will have a green banner stating that your **Registration has been saved**.
7. You will also be able to view your exam under **My Upcoming Exam(s)**.

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

The exam fee is \$40 and there are no refunds. Forms of payment include major credit cards such as Visa, MasterCard, Discover, and American Express.

### **What if I need to reschedule my exam?**

Please note that once you have applied to take an exam, the application fee, cost for the exam, and fees associated with score reports are non-refundable. Because of this, we urge students to be thorough while registering.

### **What should I bring to the exam session?**

- Bring one photo ID
- Bring another form of ID such as Social Security card, birth certificate, etc.
- Bring pencils with erasers
- Basic Calculators will be allowed during the exam. Electronic devices will not be allowed. Sharing calculators will not be allowed.
- MPTC does not provide calculators.

*It is important that you arrive at least 30 minutes prior to exam time. The testing session starts promptly with 15-20 minutes of pre-test instructions and registration information. Students cannot be admitted once the session starts. Do not bring books, notes, or cell phones.*

### **Can I prepare for the exam?**

The McGraw-Hill's 5 NLN PAX-RN Practice Tests ISBN 9780071789882 may be purchased from any Moraine Park campus bookstore.

Limited copies of the McGraw-Hill's 5 NLN PAX-RN Practice Tests Exam textbooks are available at each Moraine Park campus library either for library use or 2 week check-out.

Moraine Park offers a free preparatory course: *Integrated Nursing Concepts (998-122)*, designed to help you prepare for the exam.

### **Testing Standards and Protocol**

- 1. No Copying from others: actual or perceived.*
- 2. Providing or receiving information about all or part of the NLN PAX exam including answers (i.e., communicating vocally, or through electronic communications to another or others, such as but not limited to emails, texting, or social media formats; publishing what was on the NLN-PAX in social media and other forms of written publication).*
- 3. Having or using a "cheat sheet" (for example but not limited to: a piece of paper with answers, formulas, information or notes that is not specifically authorized).*
- 4. Having or using notes, formulas or other information in a programmable calculator or other electronic device without explicit direct teacher review and permission.*
- 5. Having or using a communication device such as a cell phone, pager, PDA or electronic translator to send or obtain unauthorized information.*
- 6. Taking the exam for another student, or permitting someone else to take the exam for you.*
- 7. Asking another individual to give you improper assistance, including offering money or other benefits.*
- 8. Asking for or accepting money or any other benefit in return for giving another individual improper assistance.*
- 9. Altering an assessment report and resubmitting it.*
- 10. Gaining or providing unauthorized access to examination materials.*

***Note: simply having possession during an exam of any prohibited or unauthorized information or device, perceived or actually used, is an act of academic dishonesty and will be dealt with accordingly, as per the MPTC Student Handbook regarding Academic Dishonesty.***

### **What if I have a disability?**

If you have a disability as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act ([www.ada.gov](http://www.ada.gov)) you may qualify for specific testing accommodations. Please contact Disability Services, Moraine Park, at 1-800-472-4554 at least 8 weeks in advance of your desired test date to request accommodations. Moraine Park staff will complete the NLN Testing Form: Request for Special Testing Accommodations and return it to NLN as directed on the form.

### **Post-Examination Results**

- The NLN PAX examination is 2 hours and 5 minutes in duration.
- NLN posts the student results in the student's account 4 hours after test completion.
- Students are to login to their account and retrieve their test results 4 hours after test completion.
- MPTC will receive a group report of all candidates 4 hours after all students have completed the test.

### **Examination Score Report**

Reflects an Overall Score in addition to a % Correct Score for each tested area.

Required exam scores needed are:

- ✓ Overall score of 100 or higher
- ✓ Verbal % Correct Score of 55% or higher

Students are encouraged to connect with a [Moraine Park Counselor](#) and/or their [Academic Advisor](#) if they do not successfully meet the required scores.

### **Can I repeat the NLN Pre-Admission Exam (PAX)?**

Any individual wishing to retake the NLN Pre-Admission Exam (PAX) is required to wait a minimum of four months before being eligible to repeat the exam.

Effective September, 1, 2016, one retest opportunity is offered.

If attempting to retest within a six (6) month period, please contact NLN at 1-800-732-8656 for account adjustment in order to view and register for available online test dates.

### **General Information about the NLN Pre-Admission Exam (PAX)**

The NLN Pre-Admission exam (PAX) is a standardized entrance exam for potential nursing students who seek admittance into nursing schools nationwide. The exam comprises three main areas:

1. Verbal skills, which consists of both word knowledge and reading comprehension.
2. Mathematics, which includes basic calculations, word problems, and incorporates algebra, geometry, conversions, graphs, and applied mathematics.
3. Science, which examines general biology, chemistry, physics, and earth science.

### **The Following Must Be Completed in One Session**

- 60 Reading questions (41 testing minutes allotted)
- 40 Math questions (41 testing minutes allotted)
- 60 Science questions. (41 testing minutes allotted)
- *All questions must be completed in one testing session.*  
*1 restroom break per student in between sections will be permitted.*

### Additional Resources To Be Used As Secondary or Supplemental Resources

We highly recommend the NLN online study materials and practice exams which are current with their latest format. Log into your NLN account and go to “Store” then search for “PAX PREP” and apply. You can purchase individual modules (Verbal, Math, Science) for an additional cost each.

- [Learning Express Free Online Exams](#)
- [Mometrix Free Online PAX NLN Exams](#)  
(Mometrix: Subjects areas are the same, but based on the older PAX format).
- [Pocket Prep App](#) (Phone App)
- [Kahn Academy](#)

### Sample NLN Pre-Admission Exam (PAX) Questions

#### *Verbal ability:*

1. The staff inferred from the administrator’s remarks that she was satisfied with their work. 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 one sided 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

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- A. 2.67
- B. 2.87
- C. 3.04
- D. 3.86

#### *Science:*

1. What type of immunity is present when the body develops antibodies after illness?

- A. Natural
- B. Inborn
- C. Passive
- D. Artificial