Frequently Asked Questions about the NLN Exam

What is the NLN Pre-Admission Exam (PAX)?

The National League for Nursing Pre-Admission Examination (NLN PAX) for registered nursing programs “PAX-RN” is a 3-hour standardized entrance exam for potential nursing students who seek admittance into nursing schools nationwide.

The NLN PAX-RN comprises of three main areas: Verbal skills, which consists of both word knowledge and reading comprehension; Mathematics, which includes basic calculations, word problems, and incorporates algebra, geometry, conversions, graphs, and applied mathematics; and Science, which examines general biology, chemistry, physics, and earth sciences.

How much does the exam cost and are refunds given?

The cost of the exam is $63 (subject to change without notice), payable after online registration or at the Leestown Campus Business Office. We do not issue refunds for this exam. Once you are registered, you should not attempt to change your test date unless you have an unexpected emergency. A rescheduling fee (50% of the cost of the exam) may be added.

When and where is the PAX-RN offered?

The test is offered most Monday’s at 12:30 PM at Bluegrass Community and Technical College, Leestown Campus, 164 Opportunity Way, CCD Assessment Center, North Building, Room 110, unless otherwise noted.

How do I register to take the PAX-RN?

Please register online at www.registerblast.com/bluegrass/Exam. Click on “How to Register” for instructions. After reviewing the instructions, click on “Choose Exam” and then select “NLN PAX-RN”. You will then be able to choose from a variety of testing dates. Online technical support is available through the following e-mail links: dpuittman@prepblast.com, info@registerblast.com, and support@registerblast.com. Typically registration closes 2 weeks prior to the test date for most exams. Carefully read the student acknowledgements. After submitting payment, you will receive a confirmation e-mail. Please print, read, and bring the e-mail with you to your exam.

Or call 859-246-6669 for an appointment. Register early to ensure that you will be able to reserve an opening. Computer space and test units are limited. Do not register until you know that you will be available and prepared for the exam.

How do I contact NLN for information about test products or services such as study materials or score report information?

Web site: http://www.nln.org/  

NLN Customer Service Phone: 800-732-8656

NLN Customer Service Phone Fax: 1-618-453-3333

NLN Customer Service Phone Email: CustomerHelp@nln.org
Does the BCTC bookstore carry study material?
Yes, the Leestown campus bookstore carries the NLN recommended book: *Review Guide RN Pre-Entrance Exam* by Mary McDonald, ISBN 9780763762711. Call 859-246-6633 to verify availability or for directions to the bookstore.

Are special testing accommodations granted for individuals with disabilities?
Yes, please visit the NLN website for information about special testing accommodations and contact our campus Disability Services.

Who receives the test scores?
Test reports are typically given to you prior to leaving the Assessment Center on Leestown Campus. It is your responsibility to provide a copy of the results with your application packet to BCTC’s nursing program selected admissions staff. If you are applying at non-BCTC locations, please provide a stamped/addressed envelope on the day of the test, if we need to forward the results. Many locations will accept results directly from you. Please check with each college’s admission requirements prior to testing. Keep a copy for your records.

Where can I obtain a copy of my scores?
You may obtain two free copies of your scores immediately following testing at the Leestown campus. Additional copies may be available for up to three years with correct identifying information. There is a fee of $8 per copy, and you should allow a week for receipt of the scores. If you took your test elsewhere, then you should contact that agency/location or NLN Customer Service. NLN only maintains scores for three years.

What score is considered for selected admissions?
BCTC currently uses the “Percentile All Composite” score for selected admissions. (Look under Percentile Scores, then Composite Performance, then All).

Each college sets its own admission standards. The NLN is not involved in this process, nor does the NLN establish a “passing” or “failing” mark on the test. Test results show how your scores compare with those of other applicants who have taken this examination. In making admission decisions, however, schools consider factors other than test results. Contact Cooper Campus nursing advisors to inquire about our admission requirements.

How long are my test scores “good” for selected admissions?
There is currently no time limitation. Copies of the results are only available for 3 years.

Can I repeat the NLN PAX-RN exam?
A minimum of six months is typically required prior to repeating the exam.

Where can I find other information about the nursing program, including all requirements for admissions to the program?
The Registered Nursing Program’s web site is: [http://bluegrass.kctcs.edu/Nursing/Associate_Degree_Nursing.aspx](http://bluegrass.kctcs.edu/Nursing/Associate_Degree_Nursing.aspx)

Are other nursing tests available through the Leestown Assessment Center?
Yes, we can provide NLN PAX-PN tests, Pre-NCLEX® Readiness Tests, Certified Nurse Educator Examinations, and other tests upon request.

*Note: Above responses subject to change without notice.*

Bluegrass Community and Technical College District is an equal opportunity employer and educational institution.
Print, read and bring confirmation e-mail to test

Carefully read student acknowledgments

Refunds are not issued

Seats are limited, so register early

Tests (5 weeks for NOCTs and 2 for paper tests)
Registration closes 2 weeks prior to the test date for most

info@registerblast.com and support@registerblast.com
E-mail links: dm@prepblast.com
Online technical support is available through the following

Click "How to Register" for instructions

Go to www.registerblast.com/bluesgrass/exam

Test Registration Instructions