

## **Information about the Pre-Entrance Nursing Exam** **National League for Nursing Pre Admission Examination (NLN PAX)**

The NLN PAX is a nursing school admission exam required of applicants to the associate degree and practical nursing program at River Valley Community College. The National League for Nursing Pre-Admission Examination (NLN PAX) is a standardized entrance exam for potential nursing students who seek admittance into nursing schools nationwide. The **NLN PAX** is comprised of three main areas: 1. Verbal skills, which consists of both word knowledge and reading comprehension 2) Mathematics, which includes basic calculation, word problems, and incorporates algebra, geometry, conversions, graphs, and applied mathematics, and 3) Science, which examines general biology, chemistry, physics, and earth science. The first section is Verbal Ability, followed by Mathematics and then Science.

The NLN PAX includes three one-hour multiple-choice tests. Exams contain experimental items for purposes of future test development. These items are not included in the examinees' scores. Test results are available within three weeks of the test. The entire NLN PAX must be taken during one test session. Students register for the exam online at <https://www.nlnonlinetesting.org>

The NLN registration site will list all open test sites for this testing. **Test fee is paid online with a credit card.** The NLN test is offered in Claremont in the pencil and paper format. The current fee is \$75.00 and allows students to provide the name of (2) schools of nursing to which scores may be sent.

- **How do I prepare for the NLN - PAX for application to the Associate Degree Nursing Program?**  
Test items typically cover the content from grades 10 – 12 US High Schools. The recommended prep is the (2009) Review Guide for RN Pre-Entrance Exam (3<sup>rd</sup> ed.) by Jones & Bartlett Publishers. This paper back text costs approximately \$40. ISBN 978-0-7-7637-6270-4.  
**The Puksta Library** at RVCC also offers electronic test prep resources. The LearningExpressLibrary.com can be electronically accessed in the college library to prepare for this exam. See college Librarian for assistance.
- **How long are my NLN-PAX scores good for?**  
NLN-PAX score taken within the past 3 years are valid for admission.
- **When should I register for the pre-admission exam?**  
You should register for the exam 2-3 months before you apply. We recommend that you do study and prepare for this exam as you would any important college admission exam.
- **Can I repeat the NLN PAX?**  
Yes, but any individual wishing to retake the NLN PAX is required to wait a minimum of six months to repeat the exam. Remediation to improve scores is essential.
- **What if I need accommodations for disabilities?**  
Any individual, who wishes to request accommodation for this examination, must do so through the National League for Nursing (NLN). This request should occur before or at the time of your registration for the examination. The NLN will notify the test site of accommodations, when approved.
- **I am applying for the PN diploma program. What review book can I use?**  
Students are strongly advised to use the current edition of the NLN Review Guide for LPN/LVN Pre-Entrance Exam (3<sup>rd</sup> ed.) by Jones & Bartlett Publishers. **The Puksta Library** at RVCC also offers electronic test prep resources. The LearningExpressLibrary.com can be electronically accessed in the college library to prepare for this exam. See college Librarian for assistance.