Overview of the NLN Pre-Admission Exam (PAX)

The National League for Nursing Pre Admission Examination (PAX) for registered nursing programs “PAX” is a standardized entrance exam for potential nursing students who seek admittance into nursing schools nationwide. The passing standard at Northwest State Community College for the RN PAX is > 50th percentile (relative performance > 50) on all the areas tested.

Students may retake the PAX exam ONE time only. You must wait six months after the original exam before retesting. Test scores are valid for three years from the last test date. It is recommended that students complete the admission requirements of Biology, Chemistry, Math, and any developmental English/Reading courses needed prior to attempting the pre admission exam.

The PAX is comprised of three main areas: Verbal skills, which consist 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 science.

Registration and payment is through the NLN Testing Portal. www.nlnonlinetesting.org. Click on “create new account”. Once you have created an account you can register for the test. Search for test using “Northwest State PAX”. Once you have applied to take the exam any fees and cost for the exam are non-refundable. As of January 2016 the cost is $39.00.

To help you study for the PAX-RN, the NLN offers NLN Review Guide for RN Pre-Entrance Exam, which provides an overview of the verbal, math, and science content necessary for admission to RN programs in nursing. The book includes helpful tips for test preparation and for becoming a more effective learner and test taker. The NLN Review Guide for RN Pre-Entrance Exam is available in the Northwest State Community College bookstore or through many online sources. As of Spring 2017 NLN will be releasing a new review guide called NLN PAX PREP which will only be available from NLN.

Date - Time – Northwest State Community College Last day to register****No Registration on Site

February 17, 2017, 1 pm February 14, 2017
April 14, 2017, 1 pm April 11, 2017
June 9, 2017, 9 am June 6, 2017
July 14, 2017, 9 am July 11, 2017
August 11, 2017, 9 am August 8, 2017

What should I bring to the exam session?
- NLN account user name and password
- Photo ID
- Bring pencils with erasers
- * basic function calculators will be provided

It is important that you arrive at least 15 minutes prior to exam time. The testing session starts promptly with 15-20 minutes of pre-test instructions and registration information and students cannot be admitted once the session starts.
Visit: www.nlnonlinetesting.org

Step 1:

**Existing Users (Account Created in Questionmark)**
Login with your username and password using the form provided. If you cannot remember your password request a new password using the link provided. **Login Names and Passwords from previous system (2007 - 2016) are not valid.**

**New Students (no account in Questionmark)**
New students can register by using the Create New Account link provided. Existing students can login with an existing username and password. If you cannot remember your password, then request a new password using the link provided. Creating multiple accounts will create errors in score reporting. **You must use a valid email and have access to your email account to complete account creation.**

Step 2:

To register for your exam:
**Click Exam Sessions:** The Exam Sessions tab will display the exams sessions you will need to register for. Search for Northwest State.
Your school/facility should have created a unique exam session name for you to easily find when registering. Before you go to register make sure you know the name of the exam session. You will see a message that states your registration has been saved.

**Refund and Rescheduling Policy:**

**Refunds**
Please note that once you have applied to take an NLN Exam, the application fee, cost for the exam, and fees associated with score reports are non-refundable.

**Rescheduling**
If you would like to reschedule your exam, you must do so at least 5 days prior to closing date of the registration. To reschedule your exam, email customerhelp@nln.org
Provide your name, login name, date and location of your exam and the best way to contact you. Each time you reschedule an exam you will be charged a $15 rescheduling fee.