

Pre-Admission Examination (PAX-RN)

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 $\geq 50^{\text{th}}$ 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**”. Forms of payment include major credit cards. Before you register, be sure you are registering for the desired test date and correct exam—**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. Starting September 1, 2018, the cost is \$40.00.

To help you study for the PAX-RN, the NLN offers an overview of the verbal, math, and science content to prepare for success on the PAX. The **Official NLN PAX Prep Online** publication is available for examinee purchase only. Online access is available for 60 days, including study strategies, a content review guide, and practice questions. A timed practice test is also available. After creating a student account on NLNonlinetesting.org, you will see the option to purchase.

Date - Time – Northwest State Community College

October 26, 2018, 1 p.m.
December 17, 2018, 9 a.m.
January 18, 2019, 1p.m.
March 22, 2019, 1p.m.
May 16, 2019, 9 a.m.
July 18, 2019, 9 a.m.

Last day to register**No Registration on Site**

October 23, 2018
December 14, 2018
January 15, 2019
March 19, 2019
May 13, 2019
July 15, 2019

What should I bring to the exam session?

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.
