NLN NEX Exam

ENTRANCE EXAM FOR DACC NURSING PROGRAM

The Nursing Entrance Exam (NEX) is a battery of three computer-based subject tests administered in a single testing session under live proctoring, either in person at an approved institutional testing center or virtually with active monitoring. All items are in multiple-choice format with four response options. The test is delivered as a Linear-On-The-Fly Test (LOFT), which creates unique comparable forms that meet the blueprint specifications and pre-defined test statistical parameters. Items are scored as correct or incorrect, with no penalty for guessing; unanswered items are counted as incorrect. Each subject test is timed at 60 minutes, and all tests must be completed to produce a score report.

DACC Program Minimum NLN NEX Scores Required

Verbal	Math	Science	RN Composite Score
66%	63%	62%	145

Verbal Ability: The Verbal Ability test consists of 50 scored items and 8 pilot items (unscored). There are two sections: word knowledge (25 items) and reading comprehension (25 items, 5 passages). The test measures skill levels typically expected of high school or first-year college students.

The Word Knowledge section measures examinees' ability to determine word meaning through word analysis by using contextual clues and knowledge of Greek and Latin word parts (prefixes, suffixes, and roots). Examinees demonstrate their vocabulary development to identify correct word usage, recognize antonyms and synonyms, and distinguish among frequently confused words.

The Reading Comprehension section includes five scored passages and one unscored (pilot) passage. Passages present informational content drawn from natural and social sciences, health, technology, history, and general topics appropriate for assessing comprehension at a ninth-grade level or higher. Items measure three key dimensions of reading comprehension: reading for information, application (applying information and analyzing ideas), and inference (making inferences or drawing conclusions).

Math: The mathematics test consists of 40 scored items and 5 pilot items (unscored). It is designed to measure an applicant's competency in solving basic arithmetic and quantitative problems across four content areas.

- numbers and operations (12 items)
- measurement (14 items)
- algebra (7 items)
- data and information (7 items).

The test includes both computation and word problems (quantitative logic and reasoning), providing examinees with the opportunity to demonstrate fundamental mathematical operations and problem-solving skills essential for success in nursing coursework. Content is drawn from material typically taught from Grade 8 through Grade 10 Algebra I

Science: The Science test consists of 55 scored items and 5 pilot items (unscored). The subjects include biology (20 items), Anatomy (11 items), Physiology (11 items), chemistry (5 items), and health (8 items). It is designed to measure applicants' competency in general science knowledge and principles that provide the foundation for success in the nursing curriculum. The content is primarily at the high school level, with some material reflecting introductory college coursework. The test measures several cognitive dimensions, including knowledge, application of principles, basic research and measurement, and interpretation of charts, graphs, and diagrams.

ELIGIBILITY

Nursing applicants may take the NLN NEX remotely via Proctor360. Applicants are only able to test twice per semester, with a total of four times maximum in a lifetime. After failure to achieve the minimum score on the admission NLN exam after four attempts, the student will be referred to advising to discuss other options for a career degree plan. There is a mandatory 30-day waiting period between exams that cannot be waived. All NLN scores will be valid for a period of two years from the exam date.

Who is the NLN?

Dedicated to excellence in nursing, the National League for Nursing, as the nation's first nursing association, serves as the leading voice for nurse faculty and leaders in nursing education. The NLN offers professional development, networking opportunities, assessment services, nursing research grants, and public policy advocacy for nearly 45,000 individual and over 1,000 institutional members. NLN members represent nursing education programs across the spectrum of higher education, health care organizations, and agencies.

Founded in 1893 as the American Society of Superintendents of Training Schools for Nurses, the National League for Nursing was the first nursing organization in the United States. Headquartered in Washington, DC, the NLN is led by a board of governors

elected at large by the membership for three-year terms. The volunteer board chair works closely with the NLN's president and chief executive officer.

REGISTERING and PAYING FOR THE EXAM

The **NLN NEX** exam is offered on a regular basis remotely. It is recommended that applicants prepare for the exam early and register to take the test as soon as they feel prepared. The NLN Portal requires Google Chrome, and you must sign in using a desktop or laptop. Phones, tablets, and other devices will not allow site access. Registration and payment for the **NLN NEX** test are done online through the **NLN Assessment Services Portal.** The cost of the exam is $73.50. To purchase exams and study materials you will need to go to https://www.nln.org/education/assessment-services and click on" Log in To the Student Testing Website" to create a new account.

PREPARATION FOR THE NLN NEX

Students are strongly encouraged to prepare for this exam. Review materials can be purchased through the NLN. The cost of the practice exam and study materials is $75.

IS THE EXAM TIMED?

Yes, you will be given three (3) hours to complete the exam. At the end of 3 hours, the exam shuts off. You must attempt and complete the exam within the 3-hour period. Otherwise, your score report will be considered incomplete. Students who have incomplete scores for any of the academic subject areas will not be eligible for the nursing program admission review process. Please manage your allotted 3-hour test time accordingly.

SCORING

Students receive their individual **NLN NEX** score reports immediately upon completion of the exam. Students can also access their score reports by logging into their accounts. NLN makes the student's scores available to the Nursing Program for the student's file. However, students must also submit a copy of the scores with their completed program application packet.

WILL DACC ACCEPT MY NLN NEX SCORE I HAVE TAKEN AT ANOTHER COLLEGE?

DACC will accept an applicant's NLN NEX scores if the applicant has taken the exam within the previous 24 months from the time of application, and if the score report indicates completion and passing scores of all sections of the exam required by the DACC nursing program.

RETEST POLICY

Students can retake the exam twice per semester, with a total of four times maximum in a lifetime. There is a mandatory 30-day waiting period between exams to allow for remediation. NLN NEX exam scores are valid for two years from the date of the exam, at

which time the exam must be retaken. Each attempt will require new registration and fees paid by the applicant.

CONFIDENTIALITY
DACC will not provide information to any external sources regarding an individual's test scores unless written permission is received from the student. This policy is in accordance with the student confidentiality policy of DACC.

ACCOMMODATIONS
Accommodations are available to students with documented disabilities. All ADA accommodation requests must come directly from the SAS office. The process to assess for accommodations may take several weeks to a few months. There may be an additional wait period of 2 to 4 weeks to arrange your testing date once your disability has been registered. We suggest that any student requiring special accommodation begin this process as soon as possible. https://dacc.nmsu.edu/student-services/student-accessibility-services/index.html

REMOTE TESTING
Once you have scheduled your exam session, Proctor360 will send you an email with instructions to complete a System Inspection prior to your actual exam date. This process MUST be completed prior to your scheduled exam time to ensure that your computer and internet access are sufficient to take the exam online. Be sure to complete the System Inspection well in advance of your scheduled exam session so you have plenty of time to resolve any issues that may arise. Please note, you will need either a laptop OR an external webcam to complete the environment check and while testing.

When your System Inspection is complete, you will receive another email from Proctor360 confirming that you have completed the process, and a link will be provided to check into your session on the day of your exam. If you do not receive this email within an hour after completing the System Inspection, please contact Proctor360's Support Staff for assistance.

One basic 4-function calculator and one 8.5x11 whiteboard is allowed to be used during exams. The whiteboard must be clean before the exam begins and wiped clean by the candidate before the exam is over.

Does DACC offer in-person testing?
DACC does **not** offer any in-person testing currently.

Where can I take my remote exam?

You will be able to take the exam online with a Proctor360 proctor who oversees the examination process remotely.

Your remote testing environment must meet the following requirements:

- The testing location must be indoors (walled), well-lit, and free from background noise and disruptions.
- You should be at a desk or table (not in bed, on a couch, etc.)
- No third party may be present in the room or enter the room for the duration of the exam. If this occurs, your exam will be terminated and/or your results invalidated.
- Your workstation and surrounding area must be free of pens, paper, notes, study guides, electronic devices, etc. No content that could potentially provide an unfair advantage during your exam, including that posted on walls or within your immediate area, should be present during your exam session.
- No headsets or earbuds are allowed during the test.
- Absolutely no cell phones are allowed in the testing area at any time during the session.
- You may only have ONE monitor connected to your computer during the exam session. Your proctor will not let you begin the exam until all other screens have been disconnected and removed from your testing space.
- No food or beverages are allowed in the testing area at any time.
- The testing area must be silent with no other background noise. There is no speaking allowed during your test. This is required to maintain equity with students who test in person.
- No Smart Watches or similar IOT devices are allowed. Make sure you remove any watches or similar devices before beginning the check-in process for your exam session.
- There are no restroom breaks allowed during the exam, so please plan accordingly.

GLOBAL TEST CENTER SECURITY PROCEDURES

Proctor 360 takes the role of providing a secure test environment seriously. During the check-in process, you will be required to submit a scan of your desktop and the surrounding space to verify that you have no prohibited materials accessible during the exam. They may also inspect all eyeglasses, jewelry, and other accessories to look for camera devices that could be used to capture exam content.

All live remote proctoring will utilize **Multi-Camera Technology**.

- Students will use their cell phone as a second camera to capture areas outside a standard webcam view, such as the desktop, behind the screen, and the screen itself.
- After the environment check is complete, the cell phone will be powered down for the remainder of the exam.
- Auto-proctoring includes automated ID verification, browser activity monitoring, and a detailed incident log with screenshots and timestamps.

Live and auto-proctored exams will remain available 24/7 for scheduling flexibility.

IDENTIFICATION POLICY
You will be required to present one form of non-expired, government-issued, photo and signature-bearing ID (e.g., driver's license or passport).

RESCHEDULE / CANCEL POLICY
If you need to reschedule your exam session, you must do so at least 24 hours in advance. Failure to do so will result in a $30 rescheduling fee. Please note there is a no-refund policy.