

HOW TO REGISTER

Step 1. Select test site

- Log onto the NLN's registration system:
www.nlnonlinetesting.org.
- Click for Registration Store
- Find Program-Nursing Acceleration Challenge Exam (NACE)
- Read and understand NLN Policies for testing then click "Register Now"

Step 2. Complete the registration form

- Type in a login ID and password for yourself.
- Provide your personal information including name, address, email address, date of birth, and social security number or student ID number.

Step 3. Select exam option, testing site, dates, and score recipients

- Select Exam-NACE I PN to RN
- Select state and institution you wish to test.
- Select exam date and location.
- Select the schools to which you want NLN to provide your score.
- Agree to the terms of the registration agreement.

Step 4. Select payment information, confirmation

- Type in your credit card information and your billing address for a secure online payment.
- Confirm your selections and entries before finalizing the transaction.

Step 5. print examination permit

- Download and print a permit verifying your purchase and granting you access to the exam on the test day.

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Challenge
Examination**

**For Admission to
Nursing 199-
Accelerated
Transition LPN-ADN
Bridge Course**

Constructed by the
National League for Nursing*

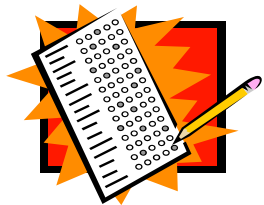
*The information in this brochure
applies only to the
ACE I exam
administered at
West Kentucky Community &
Technical College

TEST DATES

Friday, October 2, 2009

Friday, April 16, 2010

**12:00 p.m.
Allied Health Bldg, E106**



ACE 1 EXAM

The National League for Nursing (NLN) offers the

Accelerated Challenge Examination (ACE) to facilitate educational mobility by providing educators with an instrument for diagnostic evaluation of the nursing knowledge of applicants. The ACE I is intended for administration to licensed practical nurses seeking placement in programs preparing for registered nurse practice.

Who is eligible to take this exam?

Only LPNs who have been admitted to a KCTCS Associate Degree Nursing Program and who have received approval from their Nursing Program Coordinator, may take the exam. Approval is determined by the Coordinator's signature on the Registration Form located in this brochure. Students who pass the NLN ACE-I exam may enroll in Nursing 199 provided they have met the following requirements:

- Have been accepted to a KCTCS A.D.N. program
- Received approval from their accepting nursing program's Nursing Coordinator.
- Earned a passing decision score as defined by their accepting nursing program.
- Completed the course pre-requisites of BIO 137, BIO 139, MT 110 or MT 150 or higher with a grade of "C" or better, PY 110, PSY 223, Eng 101, Oral Communications, and Computer Literacy.

CONTENT OF THE EXAM

Foundations of Nursing has approximately 180 scored individual questions involving patients who have commonly occurring health problems. The nursing process—assessing, analyzing, planning, implementing, and evaluating—is applied in items throughout the test. The questions are a sampling of situations involving clients in health care settings with one or more of the conditions below:

Pain, Fluid and electrolyte imbalance, Incontinence, Infectious disease, Loss of consciousness, Chronic illness, Death and dying, Preoperative care, Postoperative care, Stress

Content is divided into the following general headings:

- Basic Health Needs (Physiologic and Psychosocial)
- Communication
- General Principles of Drug Administration
- Moral/Ethical/Legal Issues

It is recommended that students taking the exam review the content areas listed.

TEST SITE & CHECK-IN

All examinations will be held in the WKCTC Allied Health Building. On the day of the exam students will report to the lobby of the Allied Health Building for check-in.

Bring your examination permit and a picture I.D. to check-in.

Due to recommendations by the National League for Nursing, students may not take the exam more than once in a 12 month period.

TESTING

The exam will begin promptly at 12:00 p.m. and will last until 4:00 p.m.

NO ONE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE EXAM LATE.

Calculators cannot be used during testing.

SCORING AND REPORTING

All test papers must be returned to NLN for scoring. Results should be received in approximately 3 weeks. Two copies of the performance report will be generated. One will be sent to the West Kentucky Community and Technical College nursing program and will be forwarded to the nursing coordinator at each admitting school; one copy will be sent to the examinee.

ACE I uses a criterion-reference approach. A total score on a 0-to-100 scale, a decision score, is reported for each of the three content areas, reflecting the percentages of questions answered correctly.

Students must earn a decision score of **77 or better to enroll in Nursing 199 / Summer 2010.**



SUMMER 2010

Accelerated Transition LPN-A.D.N. Bridge Course

Provides an accelerated course designed for the LPN/LVN who demonstrates through competency assessment the ability to build upon previous learning and experience. Focuses on the beginning transition to the RN role, the acquisition of essential skills, the development of critical thinking in the care of clients experiencing the dysfunctional health patterns of nutritional-metabolic and elimination. Upon successful completion of all components of the course, the student will be admitted to NSG 220 and will have earned by advanced standing, a total of 15 credit hours in nursing.



Nursing 199

Prerequisites: BIO 137, BIO 139, MT 110 or 150 or higher with a grade of "C" or better, PY 110, PSY 223, ENG 101, Computer Literacy, Oral Communications, and a passing score on a nationally normed PN-RN Mobility Examination.