

HOW TO REGISTER

The cost of the NLN ACE-I exam is \$54. This includes the NLN testing fee and shipping charges necessary to obtain the testing materials.

Payment is made by cashier's check or money order made out to West Kentucky Community & Technical College. We cannot accept a personal check or cash for payment.

Bring or mail the complete registration and program approval form below with your registration fee to the WKCTC, Allied Health Building,—Nursing Office **by the appropriate deadline.**
(September 24, 2007 or April 4, 2008)

Refunds will not be given to students who miss an exam.

REGISTRATION FORM	
Name	
Address	
Phone	
Social Security Number	Email Address

PROGRAM APPROVAL
The above student has been accepted to the _____ Nursing Program and has been approved to take the NLN ACE-I exam.

PON Coordinator

Date

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TECHNICAL COLLEGE**
Associate Degree Nursing Program

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**WEST KENTUCKY
COMMUNITY &
TECHNICAL COLLEGE**
Associate Degree
Nursing Program
**Accelerated
Challenge
Examination**

**For Admission to
Nursing 198-
Accelerated
LPN-ADN
Bridge Course**

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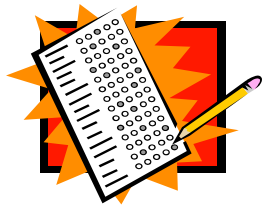
*The information in this brochure
applies only to the
ACE I exam
administered at
West Kentucky Community &
Technical College

TEST DATES

Friday, October 5, 2007
*deadline to apply is
September 24, 2007*

Friday, April 18, 2008
*deadline to apply is
April 4, 2008*

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



ACE I 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 198 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.

CONTENT OF THE EXAM

Foundations of Nursing has about 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. Questions pertaining to death and dying, preoperative care, and postoperative care are also included.

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 receipt 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 198 / Summer 2008.**



SUMMER 2008

Accelerated LPN-A.D.N. Bridge Course

An accelerated course designed for the LPN/LVN who through competency assessment demonstrates the ability to build upon previous learning and experience. This course 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 health perception-health management, value-belief, rest-sleep, activity-exercise and nutritional-metabolic. Upon successful completion of all components of the course, the student will be admitted to NSG 203 and will have earned by advanced standing, 18 credit hours in nursing.



Nursing 198

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