Pre-Admission Examination (PAX-RN)

Overview of the NLN Pre-Admission Exam (PAX)

The National League for Nursing Pre Admission Examination (NLN PAX) for registered nursing programs "PAX-RN" is a standardized entrance exam for potential nursing students who seek admittance into nursing schools nationwide.

California Baptist University (CBU) School of Nursing requires all BSN & EL MSN applicants to take the pre admission exam. There is no minimum score required to apply, however the scores are compared and ranked among other applicants.

The NLN PAX-RN is comprised of three main areas:

- 1) Verbal skills, which consist of both word knowledge and reading comprehension;
- 2) **Mathematics**, which includes basic calculations, word problems, and incorporates algebra, geometry, conversions, graphs, and applied mathematics;
- 3) **Science**, which examines general biology, chemistry, physics, and earth science.

Each Pre-Admission Exam includes three one-hour multiple-choice tests. (Exams contain experimental items for purposes of future test development. These items are not included in the examinees' scores.) The first section is Verbal Ability, followed by Mathematics and Science. The entire NLN PAX must be taken during one session.

Who can take the NLN PAX at CBU?

The NLN PAX-RN is open to accepted undergraduate pre-nursing students and EL MSN applicants.

How can I study for the PAX-RN?

To help you study for the PAX-RN, the NLN offers the following book, <u>NLN Review Guide</u> 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 contains approximately 1,000 practice questions and features three practice exams in each of the three content areas: verbal ability, math and science. The book also 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 directly through Jones & Bartlett Publishers and is not sold in the CBU bookstore.

When should I take the PAX?

You may sign up for the PAX exam during your final semester of prerequisites and if you currently have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 for the EL MSN program and a GPA of 2.7 for the BSN program.

Registration: How much does the exam cost and are refunds given?

The cost of taking the exam at CBU is \$45.00. You will <u>register</u> and pay for the exam at online at <u>www.nlnonlinetesting.org</u>. Account creation and registration is required prior to testing. Space is limited for each testing date so early registration is highly recommended. Make sure to register for the correct exam-**RN Pre-Admission Exam.** Please read through the exam policies on this site. The NLN does not issue refunds for this exam.

For **ADA special accommodation** requests please contact Sally Jackson, CBU Coordinator of Disability Services E-Mail: sjackson@calbaptist.edu Phone: 951-343-4962

How do I pay for the exam?

Payment is made directly to NLN and the forms of payment include major credit cards such as VISA, MasterCard, Discover and American Express. Money orders are accepted when paying at least 10 days before the registration closes. Personal checks are NOT accepted.

Where is the NLN PAX administered?

The NLN PAX is used by many nursing schools to help determine an individual's readiness for entry into an RN program. The exam is administered in the School of Nursing (SON) computer lab at 8310 Magnolia Ave. Room 110. If you are taking the exam on a weekday there is no parking available at the SON. You must park on main campus and walk to the SON. Limited parking is available on the weekends.

When will the next PAX exam be offered at CBU?

The PAX exam is offered during EL MSN and BSN application periods. Please check our Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) section on the website for test dates. Currently this exam is only offered at CBU.

How many times can I take the PAX exam?

The exam may be taken once every six months.

Does my PAX exam expire?

PAX exam results are valid for one year from the date of the exam.

Who receives the test scores and how do I know if I passed?

You can access your online exam score immediately from your testing account. Once the test is completed just refresh the welcome page and click on **Review Exam**. CBU does not require a minimum score however our BSN and EL MSN programs are competitive and the higher you score the more points you will earn for this criteria in the admissions process.

What should I bring to the exam session?

A printed copy of your "Exam Confirmation" which will be emailed to you 1-2 days prior to your exam from NLN

Student photo ID or driver's license

NO CALCULATORS

Paper and pencils are provided

The doors will open **30 minutes prior** to testing and will lock at the start time. No one will be admitted once the doors are locked. Please arrive early to ensure entry.