

**HOPKINSVILLE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING PROGRAM / PRACTICAL NURSING DIPLOMA PROGRAM**

**National League for Nursing Pre-Admission Exam (PAX-RN)**

**Who should take the PAX-RN?**

Anyone who plans to apply to HCC's RN or PN Program.

**What content material is covered on the PAX-RN?**

- Section 1: Verbal (60 items)
  - Subsection 1: Reading Comprehension
  - Subsection 2: Word Knowledge
- Section 2: Mathematics (40 items)
  - Includes both computation and word problems related to:
    - Integers
    - Decimals
    - Fractions
    - Percentages
    - Ration Conversion
    - Measurement Conversion
    - Algebra
    - Geometry
    - Mathematical Concepts
- Section 3: Science (60 items)
  - Includes both knowledge of general principles and an ability to use cognitive skills related to:
    - Biology
    - Human Anatomy
    - Human Physiology
    - Physics
    - Chemistry
    - Health

Please allow up to 3 hours to complete the test.

**How do I register for the PAX-RN?**

Please visit <https://ondemand.questionmark.com/400030/ext/nlntesting/> and select "Create new account".

HCC's Assessment Center is currently offering the PAX-RN exam most Thursdays and Fridays each month.

**How much does the PAX-RN cost?**

- The PAX-RN exam fee is \$35.00, which you will pay online at the time you register. Effective September 1, the vendor has advised the exam fee will be \$40.00.
- A proctoring fee of \$25.00 must be paid prior to the exam in person by visiting the Workforce Solutions office, located on the Hopkinsville campus in the Auditorium Building room 13. HCC accepts cash, debit/credit card, and checks.
- Please contact NLN Customer Service if you have questions about their refund policy or fees associated with rescheduling an exam prior to the exam date.
  - 800-732-8656
  - [customerhelp@nlm.org](mailto:customerhelp@nlm.org)

### **What do I need to know about taking the PAX-RN?**

- The exam is given on a computer.
- Test begins at 9:00 a.m. Central Time – Allow up to 3 hours to complete the test.
- Basic calculators are allowed.
- **Arrive at least 30 minutes prior to scheduled start time for the exam. No one will be admitted late to the exam.**

### **What should I bring on test day?**

- One (1) form of identification with the name on the ID matching the name on the exam registration
- Receipt showing payment of the \$25.00 proctoring fee
- Calculator (optional)
- Pencil

### **When will I receive my exam results?**

Score reports for the PAX-RN should be available within 24 hours from the exam date. Students should receive an email indicating the score report is available. In addition, students can log in to their NLN PAX account to view a score report.

### **How often am I eligible to take the PAX-RN?**

Hopkinsville Community College allows students interested in applying to our RN or PN Program to take the PAX-RN once every six (6) weeks. This is a change to our prior policy.

### **How long are my PAX-RN scores good for?**

Your scores are good for three (3) years from the exam date.

### **What is the minimum composite score required to be eligible for the RN and PN Programs at HCC?**

The HCC Nursing Department will look at the PAX composite score instead of the percentile score as we had previously done.

The minimum composite score to be eligible for the RN Program is 111.

The minimum composite score to be eligible for the PN Program is 99.

### **What if HCC's Testing Center does not have any open seats on the date I would like to test?**

Seats are limited for each testing session. If seats are unavailable for the date you would like to test, you can either look for other dates offered at HCC with available seats or you may contact other colleges/universities who offer the PAX-RN to ask if they will allow you to register to test.

If you take the PAX-RN at another location, please submit a copy of your score report to the Nursing Department. Do not assume we will receive your scores from another testing center.

### **IMPORTANT NOTES:**

At the time you register, if you are not in Central Time zone, please be aware the start time of the test may show up as the time zone you are located in. The exam is scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. Central Time for all test dates.

When you are reviewing possible registration dates, please do not select a date unless you are planning to complete the registration and make payment online. If you select a date, continue through the process, and exit without paying, the seat will not be available for you to come back to and pay later. This is a function of the NLN registration site and is not an aspect HCC can control.