

NLN Foundations of Nursing Exam

What is the NLN Foundations of Nursing exam?

- The National League for Nursing (NLN) offers testing to assist colleges with the selection process for clinical nursing programs.
- Licensed practical nurses seeking entry into the [Transition Nursing program](#) at PTC must take and pass the NLN Foundations of Nursing Exam (NACE-I v1.2).
- The purpose of Nursing Acceleration Challenge Examination (NACE-I v1.2) is to determine if the student recalls enough information from their PN training to be successful in the Transition Nursing Program.
- The NACE I: Foundations of Nursing exam (v1.2) includes content related to the basic physiological and psychosocial needs of individuals. The exam has 100 items and takes about 2 hours.
- For additional information about the exam, see [NLN Student Bulletin: NACE Exams](#).

Do I also have to take the ATI TEAS?

- No. Applicants for the Transition Nursing Program do NOT have to take the ATI TEAS.

How can I prepare for the NACE Foundations of Nursing Exam?

- For information about the NLN Foundations of Nursing exam, including the topics covered, length of the test, and other details, see [NLN Student Bulletin: NACE Exams](#)
- To prepare for the Foundations of Nursing exam, students are encouraged to review these topics (as listed in *NLN Student Bulletin: NACE Exams*) in their PN Fundamentals & Med-Surg textbooks/ resources.
- Study guides and practice exams are also available for purchase from third party sources. However, PTC makes no recommendations or endorsements regarding these products.

Where will I take the NACE Foundations of Nursing Exam?

- All testing will be completed remotely using your own computer.
- Students take the exam at home and are proctored remotely via webcam and microphone through an NLN proctoring company.

How do I register for the NLN Exam?

- Use this link, [NLN account for PTC students](#), to create a new account (even if you had one previously).
 - You may create your own username.
 - Enter the P# in the Detail section when creating the account.
- After creating the new account, an email from NLN will be sent with a link to create a password and log in to purchase the exam.
- **Purchase the [NACE Foundations of Nursing v1.2 exam](#) (the cost is \$86 plus tax).**
- Tests are available 24/7/365. Students take the exam at home and are being proctored remotely via webcam and microphone through Examity.
- For immediate assistance see the [NLN Exam Guide](#). You may also complete this [form](#) to receive assistance from the NLN.

What do I need to know prior to taking the NLN exam?

- Because this is a remote proctored exam, there are important requirements and rules that you need to be aware of.

- For information about computer system requirements, identification requirements, testing environment requirements, standard rules, log in procedures, and assessment navigation, see the [NLN Exam Guide](#).

What is the minimum score required by PTC?

- To be eligible to apply to the Transition Nursing program, students must earn a minimum score of 65% or higher on the NLN Foundations of Nursing Exam.

Can I retake the exam to get a better score?

- Students may attempt the NLN annually.
- The most recent score will be used for the program application.

What if my score is below the minimum requirement?

- Students who do not reach 65% on the NLN Foundations of Nursing Exam are not eligible for the Transition Nursing program.
- However, they may be eligible to pursue their Associate Degree in Nursing through the regular, full ADN program. To understand the requirements for the regular, full ADN program and the application process, see the [Nursing A.A.S.](#) program information.

How do I confirm that my test scores have been added to my PTC Student Record?

- Test scores can be viewed in PTC Pathway. Click on the Student tab and then on Student Profile/Tools. Uploaded scores will appear under Prior Education and Testing.
- Please allow a reasonable period for your test scores to be posted in the PTC system. If your test scores do not appear in Pathway or there is an error, please contact the Testing Center at 864-941-8748.

How long are my NLN scores valid at PTC?

- NLN scores are valid for three years from the date of testing.
- Only scores still valid on the date the program application period closes will be considered.

Can I submit NLN scores I took through a different school?

- Yes, if you took the NLN test through another school, you may email your NLN Student Score Report to the PTC Testing Center at testingcenter@ptc.edu
- Be sure to include your name and P# so that the scores can be added to your student record.

What if I need accommodations?

- For NLN accommodations policies and forms, see the [NLN Accommodations Handbook](#).