NURSING ENTRANCE EXAM

Students wishing to enter the ADN (Associate Degree of Nursing) or the LPN-RN program at Highland Community College will be required to take the Nursing Entrance Exam. This Admissions Test is a 91-question, online, multiple-choice test that evaluates the basic reading, math, writing, and science skills of students seeking entry into a nursing program leading to RN licensure.

Cost of the exam is $35.00. Students will need to make a check payable to Highland Community College in the amount of $35.00 and can be paid the day of the exam. Please remember that you are only allowed two opportunities to take the entrance exam and failure to show for the exam on the day you registered will be counted against you.

Students will need to register for the exam by calling 815-599-3679 or online at www.highland.edu. The registration will close one week prior to the exam so make sure to register early. Those students who require testing accommodations please notify us of these accommodations at the time of registration so that we can make every attempt to provide these accommodations.

Resources for the Nursing Entrance Exam: We suggest the following preparatory text- (available at local bookstores or through Amazon.com) Kaplan Nursing School Entrance Exams: Your Complete Guide to Getting Into Nursing School (Kaplan Nursing School Entrance Exam) by Kaplan “Please note the text is for all nursing entrance exams and includes more information than is on this specific Admissions Test.” Since admissions tests vary in content and focus, we recommend to students that they use the areas listed in the overview of the Kaplan/LWW Admissions Test.

Once you have completed the exam you will receive your results. It is your responsibility to turn in these results as part of the application process. If you have any questions regarding your test results please call Alicia Kepner at 815-599-3679.
The Admissions Test consists of 4 sections with a total of 91 questions. The total testing time is up to 165 minutes.

**READING**- 22 questions; time allotted- 45 minutes. Candidates read four passages and answer questions that measure the essential skills required for reading:

- Determining the logic of a passage
- Comprehending details
- Drawing basic inferences
- Identifying the purpose of a passage

**MATH**- 28 questions; time allotted- 45 minutes. The test measures the candidate’s ability to apply mathematical principles in the following areas:

- Conversions
- Operations
- Ratios
- Word problems

**WRITING**- 21 questions; time allotted- 45 minutes. Candidates read nine passages and answer questions that measure the essential skills required for writing:

- Assessing passage development
- Assessing paragraph logic
- Assessing mechanics of writing

**SCIENCE**- 20 questions; time allotted- 30 minutes. The test measures the candidate’s knowledge of physiology in the following areas:

- Cardiovascular system
- Electrolytes
- Gastrointestinal system
- Immune system
- Neurology
- Renal system
- Hematological system
- Homeostasis
- Respiratory system
- Sensory system