

NURSING ENTRANCE EXAM

Students wishing to enter the Nursing Program at Highland Community College will be required to take our Nursing Entrance Exam. This exam is a 91-question, online, multiple-choice test that evaluates the basic reading, math, writing, and science skills of students seeking entry into a health care program.

Cost of the exam is \$45.00 (non-refundable fee). Students will need to make a check or money order payable to Highland Community College in the amount of \$45.00. This fee must be paid in order to register for the exam. Please remember that you are only allowed two opportunities to take the entrance exam per application cycle and not more than three times in a 12 month period. Failure to show for the exam on the day you registered will be counted against you and payment will be forfeited. Students must pay for each attempt at taking the Kaplan exam.

Students will need to pay for the exam with Alicia Kepner by calling 815-599-3657 or coming to her office located in Building N – 164. 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.

Scheduling for the exam will be completed through the testing center. Once you have completed payment and received your receipt please contact the testing center at **815-599-3680** for an appointment. Appointments will be made according to the testing center schedule. Please have your student ID number ready when calling to schedule your exam.

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/allied health 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.

On the day of the exam students will need to show up 15 minutes prior to the start time. Students will not be allowed cell phone access during the exam, use of cell phone while taking exam will void your results. Students must provide a photo ID to take the exam along with their receipt that they have paid.

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.

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

Kaplan Entrance Exam Grading Rubric:

	Overall Score	Reading	Writing	Math	Science
0 Points	60-64	60-67	50-55	50-62	25-35
1 Point	65-70	68-76	56-68	63-70	36-50
2 Points	71 & up	77 & up	69 & up	71 & up	50 & up

*Students who receive a 0 in any of the categories are still encouraged to submit their application as we will review and consider the applicant based on all of our admission criteria and not just the Kaplan scores.