All students who apply to the **Associate Degree Nursing Program**, the **Practical Nursing Studies Diploma Program**, or the **LPN Advanced Placement Program** must take the NLN Pre-Admission Exam (PAX), which is a standardized entrance exam for potential nursing students who seek admittance into nursing schools nationwide. The test consists of 160 total questions in the following categories: Verbal (60 questions), Math (40 questions), and Science (60 questions). **The same test is used for all programs and will provide both RN and PN scores.**

Below is information for the NLN PAX which includes:

- PAX registration instructions
- A link to the Campus map indicating the location of the Testing Center in the Jason Technology Center:
  - [https://www.dtcc.edu/sites/default/files/delaware-tech-georgetown-campus-map.pdf](https://www.dtcc.edu/sites/default/files/delaware-tech-georgetown-campus-map.pdf)
- Sample questions of the test
- Instructions for interpreting your test results

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**Schedule Appointment:** **Allow 2½ hours** *(the PAX is a computer-based, timed two hour exam.)*

Contact the Testing Center ahead of time to schedule your appointment.

- E-mail owens-test@dtcc.edu or
- Visit the Testing Center in the Jason Technology Center, Room 176

**TESTING TIMES:**
- MON-TUE starting between 12:30pm and 4:00pm
- WED-FRI starting between 9:00am and 12:30pm

**Registration:** *Course Number NLN PAX TNZ 203 201*

- **✓** Pay the $60.00 non-refundable testing fee.*
- **✓** Payment Methods: Cash (in-person only), Credit/Debit card, or Check payable to Delaware Tech
  - **a. In Person:** You may register at the Workforce Development and Community Education office: Carter Partnership Center, Room 500 (front lobby), Monday - Friday, 8:00am - 4:30pm
  - **b. By Phone:** You may register by phone 302-259-6329 when paying by VISA, MasterCard, or Discover.

*Note: *The test fee is valid only for the semester in which it is paid. Failure to schedule a testing appointment within this time period will cause forfeiture of this fee. Students should take the test on their scheduled date. A candidate must wait at least six (6) months between testing attempts. The $60 testing fee must be paid each time a candidate takes the exam.

**Day of Test:** At the time of testing, the student must show to the Testing Center staff:

- **a. DTCC school ID**
- **b. Proof of payment**

Calculators ARE allowed during the test. Scrap paper is provided by the Testing Center.
Sample NLN PAX Questions – (*indicates correct answer)

1. The staff inferred from the manager’s remarks that their work was performed satisfactorily. Infer means to make
   A) an allusion  B) an error  C) a proposal  D) a deduction*

2. An equal-arm balance is leveled when 20 washers are on one side and 10 bolts are on the other. Four bolts are added to one side. How many washers must be added to the other side to maintain balance?
   A) 2  B) 8*  C) 4  D) 14

3. Solve this problem: 2.76 x 1.04 =
   A) 2.67  B) 2.78  C) 2.87*  D) 3.04

4. What type of immunity is present when the body develops antibodies after illness?
   A) Natural*  B) Inborn  C) Passive  D) Artificial


NLN PAX scores must be no more than three years old at the time of application to the nursing program.

Understanding Your NLN PAX Score

Currently you will NOT receive a score report at the time you complete the test. That score, called a Composite Percentile, is provided to the Testing Center as part of a group report. The Composite Percentile is what is used in the ranking process for applicants. The Campus admissions office will enter this score into the Banner Web system.

About a week after you have taken the NLN PAX, you can login to My DTCC and under the 'Student Records' tab/page there is a direct link that will let you view the Composite Percentile score. There is also a link to this score from your Student Educational Plan.

If you need assistance in finding or interpreting your score, please contact Mary Bailey at 302-259-6635 or Pam Zickafoose at 302-259-6620.