Nursing’s Guide to the Kaplan Admission Test

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General Information

The Nursing program is Selective Admissions, which means admission into the program is on a competitive basis and does have program-specific entrance requirements. To be eligible for admission, candidates must successfully complete course requirements and take the Kaplan Admission Test. A point system is used to rank applicants and determine who is accepted into the program. Candidates earn points based on course grades, GPA, and their scores on the Kaplan Admission Test. Applicants can take the Kaplan Entrance Test once per a Selection year and may have two attempts at LCC within a 5-year timespan. The highest score within two attempts will be used for point calculation.

Applicants who have met preliminary admission requirements will be contacted by the Selective Admissions office after the application deadline to schedule a testing date. There is no cost to complete the 3-hour exam. For detailed information on the application process, admission requirements, and point system, check out the Nursing Advising Guide (https://internal.lcc.edu/hhs/advising_guides/) for your desired track.

Test Overview

Kaplan’s Admission Test is a 3-hour exam that evaluates the basic reading, writing, math, and science skills of students seeking entry into a nursing program. It is delivered electronically and has 91 multiple-choice-questions. Applicants may have one 15-minute break during the exam. Personal calculators are not allowed, but a basic calculator is available within the test. Below is general information on the five areas candidates will be scored on:
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<th>SUBJECT</th>
<th>NUMBER OF QUESTIONS</th>
<th>TIME LIMIT</th>
<th>OVERVIEW</th>
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<tr>
<td>Reading</td>
<td>22</td>
<td>45 minutes</td>
<td>Candidates read four passages and answer questions that measure the essential skills required for reading: Determine the logic of a passage, comprehend details, draw basic inferences, and identify the purpose of a passage.</td>
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<td>Writing</td>
<td>21</td>
<td>45 minutes</td>
<td>Test takers will read nine passages and answer questions that measure the essential skills required for writing: Assess passage development, assess paragraph logic, and assess mechanics of writing.</td>
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<td>Science</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>30 minutes</td>
<td>This section 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</td>
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<tr>
<td>Math</td>
<td>28</td>
<td>45 minutes</td>
<td>The subject-area measures the candidate’s ability to apply mathematical principles in the following areas: conversions, operations, ratios, and word problems.</td>
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<td>Critical Thinking</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>Critical thinking questions are embedded in each subject area throughout the test. Candidates will receive a score in this subject, but will not have a dedicated testing section.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Overall</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>The overall score is a composite of the five subject-areas above.</td>
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**Accommodations**

Candidates who have been granted testing accommodations by LCC’s Center for Student Access (CSA) can complete the Kaplan test in accordance with CSA’s recommendations. Applicants will be emailed instructions on how to set this up after the application deadline.

Students with documented disabilities who have not met with CSA to receive an Instructor Memo for testing and classroom accommodations should contact CSA to arrange an Intake Meeting.

[LCC’s Center for Student Access](https://lcc.edu/services/access/)  
Gannon Building, Star Zone   |   (517) 483-1924   |   TTY (517) 483-1207
How to Calculate Your Kaplan Points

Students taking the admission exam will be evaluated in 5 subjects: Math, Reading, Science, Writing, and Critical Thinking. Both individual scores for each category and the student’s overall score will earn points towards their application. Up to 60 points can be awarded for the Kaplan Admission Test. For more information on the point system used to determine admission, check out the Nursing Advising Guide (https://internal.lcc.edu/hhs/advising_guides/).

To calculate your Kaplan points, use the worksheet below:

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<th>SUBJECT AREA</th>
<th>SAMPLE SCORE</th>
<th>YOUR SCORES</th>
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<tr>
<td>Overall Score</td>
<td>84</td>
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<tr>
<td>Math</td>
<td>96</td>
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<tr>
<td>Reading</td>
<td>90</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Science</td>
<td>60</td>
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<tr>
<td>Writing</td>
<td>80</td>
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<tr>
<td>Critical Thinking</td>
<td>87</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>SUM OF SCORES:</strong></td>
<td><strong>497</strong></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>TOTAL POINTS EARNED:</strong></td>
<td><strong>49.7</strong></td>
<td>(sum of scores divided by 10)</td>
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Preparing for the Exam (Study Tips)

Student’s looking to prepare for the Kaplan Admission Test can also use the following textbook. Please know this text covers a variety of nursing entrance exams and includes more information than what is on the Kaplan Admission Test. The science and math section of this book should not be used to prepare for the exam. Your Physiology course textbook is the best resource for this subject-area.

*Kaplan Nursing School Entrance Exam: Your Complete Guide to Getting Into Nursing School (any edition)*

Below are study tips from applicants who were admitted to the Nursing program.

**GENERAL TIPS**

- Several students commented that a TEAS prep book was useful.
- Many agreed that prep videos found on YouTube were “EXTREMELY helpful.”
- One student said, “I would tell future test takers to be sure to pace themselves on each portion. It is easy to go too fast or too slow during the test. I would also tell them to re-read the question and their answer twice before hitting next. I missed a point because I hit ‘next’ too fast and realized I selected the wrong answer as soon as I moved on.” You
cannot go back to questions once you submit an answer.

KAPLAN BOOK
- A majority of students believed the Kaplan Nursing School Entrance Exam: Your Complete Guide to Getting Into Nursing School book was helpful in preparing for the reading and writing sections of the exam.
- “The Kaplan book was most helpful in learning how the questions would likely be worded on the actual exam.”
- Almost all students agreed that the Kaplan book was not useful in preparing for Science and Math.

PREPARING FOR READING & WRITING:
- Most students found that ACT and SAT prep materials were the most helpful in preparing for this section.
- “The reading portion [of the book, Kaplan Nursing School Entrance Exam: Your Complete Guide to Getting Into Nursing School] was the most helpful section of the book because it used the same type of phrasing and questioning the test did.”

PREPARING FOR MATH:
- All students recommended brushing up on percentages, fractions, and decimals.
- Most applicants agreed this is the section that requires the least amount of studying.
- This is the subject candidates score the highest in.

PREPARING FOR SCIENCE:
- Most students felt their Physiology course textbook and class notes was the best way to prepare for the science section of the exam.
- One student said, “Anatomy and Physiology flash cards were very beneficial. I bought mine on Amazon, and it had them divided up in all the different body systems etc. They were great.”
- Another said, “I used the Audio Book series from Audible called Vango Notes for Anatomy & Physiology Vol 2 and listened in the car. This series helped to connect the different body systems which helped immensely with the type of questions on the test. In addition, I used the video series Crash Course A&P which was extremely helpful.”
- Many suggested watching YouTube videos on the major anatomy systems and physiology concepts.
- “I read anatomy and physiology for dummies, and I think that did a good job on reviewing basic physiology principles which were on the test.”

Practice Tests
The following pages include practice tests provided by Kaplan.
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