

TAP

Total Assessment Program for NCLEX® - RN Success



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- Pre-Admission Examination
Online Registration System
- Achievement Examinations
Practice Tests
Online Remediation
- Pre-NCLEX Readiness Examinations
- Live Review
- Question Review Bank with
Comprehensive Rationales

Developed in partnership with



NLN Test Development: History and Philosophy

Helping Nurse Educators Improve Retention and Student Outcomes

The National League for Nursing adheres to a long-standing philosophy of developing examinations in consultation with nursing educators like you. This approach ensures that our final products are aligned to your education needs.

For more than 60 years, the NLN has developed construct-valid and reliable standardized, norm-referenced tests for use by schools of nursing. Historically when the League developed the national licensure examination (NCLEX), those test objectives were mapped to the achievement examinations. Today, our standardized examinations are used for admission, achievement, and pre-NCLEX readiness testing at nursing schools nationally.

Our test developers take their responsibility to the nurse educator very seriously. They know that construct validity (the meaning of the measure) and reliability – the criteria that define high-quality information – must always be pursued, to support both test interpretation and the use of our examinations. Because we want to help you produce the best and brightest nurses, the NLN conducts ongoing validation and reliability studies to determine the usefulness of these tests as predictors of student performance in schools of nursing.

What is TAP?

TAP is the NLN's **T**otal **A**ssessment **P**rogram for NCLEX-RN Success – the most complete preparation package available that allows students to accelerate their ability to learn content and increase critical thinking skills for passing NCLEX-RN. The Total Assessment Program for NCLEX-RN Success features:

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Pre-Admission Examination (PAX)-RN

A Measure to Improve Retention and Academic Success

As faculty, you want students who can excel in your nursing program. Performance on the PAX-RN qualifies students for admission to nursing schools, but mastering the material prepares them for future success in their academic careers – and beyond. Empirical evidence shows that PAX-RN helps improve retention rates and is a valid predictor of academic performance for all types of RN programs.

The PAX-RN measures three academic proficiencies: verbal ability, mathematics, and science. One hour is allowed for each subtest; approximately 3½ hours are needed for administering this computer-based or paper-based examination.

Be confident that your students who have taken the test are better equipped for the rigors of the nursing curriculum. Know how admitted students stack up against the competition.

- High performance on this standardized instrument facilitates admission decisions by providing a common basis for evaluating applicants' academic ability.
- Test results show how applicants' scores compare with those of other nursing school applicants in the normative sample.





PAX Online Registration System

Simplify Your PAX-RN Registration

The PAX Online Registration System saves time.

It registers eligible students and schedules their examinations through the Internet.

The PAX Online Registration System saves money.

It manages your test administration schedule automatically including registration, seat availability, requests for special accommodations, student inquiries, and technical support.

The PAX Online Registration System tracks eligible students who retest.

It keeps track of the test form administered to each student to ensure a new test form will be administered.

NLN Pre-Admission Examinations — Now Offering Easy, Convenient Online Registration!



Step 1: Select Test Site

Log onto the NLN's registration system: www.nlnonlinetesting.org/PAX/.

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Step 4. Select Payment Information, Confirmation

- Type in your credit card information and your billing address for a secure online payment.
- Confirm your selections and entries before finalizing the transaction.

Step 5. Print Examination Permit

- Download and print a permit verifying your purchase and granting you access to the exam on test day!



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RN Achievement Examinations with Corresponding Practice Examinations and Online Remediation

Guide Your Students' Success with Comprehensive Access to Performance Results

Faculty have a crucial responsibility – to help students flourish and become productive RN members of the health care community. Achievement examinations help accomplish these objectives by:

- Rendering immediate score reports to faculty
- Enabling faculty to compare students' scores in their program with national norms by program type
- Allowing faculty members to evaluate specific course or program objectives in order to validate your curriculum
- Providing access to online remediation
- Furnishing practice tests to students

All achievement examination blueprints are linked to the NCLEX-RN test objectives. Historic validation studies show that schools that have integrated the achievement tests into their curricula have improved student performance on the licensure examination. Convenient practice tests with comprehensive rationales are made available to students.

All examination items are written at the application and analysis levels. The average item difficulty level is 0.5; the average item discrimination index is 0.4. The former means that each student has a 50 percent chance of getting the item correct, yielding the most information on the student's ability. The latter means that all of the options look equally likely to be selected by a lower-ability student.

RN Achievement Examinations with Practice Tests and Remediation

The examinations consist of 125 four-option, multiple-choice questions. Twenty-five of these questions are for experimental purposes and are not included in the scoring. All achievement tests are available in computer-based and paper-based formats.

Practice tests with comprehensive rationales consist of 50 four-option, multiple-choice questions and are available only in computer-based test format.

Convenient online remediation is provided to ensure that your students are thoroughly mastering important course content. The primary instructional benefit of remediation is that it allows learners to focus on specific content areas rather than dilute their efforts by studying topics they have already mastered. This online remediation is searchable by key words and phrases that are provided to students from their areas of weakness on the achievement exams. The goal is to help you ensure that your students have a successful learning experience.



RN Achievement Examination Descriptors

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Basic Nursing Care I

Assesses understanding of the fundamentals of nursing care, with an emphasis on the nursing process, nursing diagnosis, and the nursing care plan. Addresses basic client needs for nutrition, safety, comfort, activity, and rest.

Basic Nursing Care II

Assesses understanding of the fundamentals of nursing care, with an emphasis on setting priorities and critical thinking. Includes physiological needs (oxygenation and maintenance of fluid and electrolyte balance), special needs (preparation for surgery and diagnostic testing), and principles of medication administration.

Nursing Care of Children

Assesses understanding of concepts related to the delivery of culturally competent nursing care for children and their families in a variety of settings, including items on nutrition, pharmacology, and interpersonal relationships during growth and development.

Maternity and Child Health Nursing

Assesses understanding of nursing care measures, with an emphasis on normal and abnormal physiological and psychosocial changes occurring during pregnancy and in childhood.

Nursing and the Childbearing Family

Assesses understanding of concepts basic to culturally competent nursing care of the childbearing family, including normal events of the childbearing experience, common health problems of mothers and infants, and intrapartal complications.

Nursing Care of Adults I & II

Assesses understanding of concepts basic to the care of adult clients and their families, including prevention and health promotion, early detection, care management, health maintenance and restoration, and psychosocial aspects of health care. Part I emphasizes the nurse's role in providing care to adults experiencing alterations in fluid and gas transport; metabolic, gastrointestinal, musculoskeletal, and renal function; fluid and electrolyte imbalances; and pre- and postoperative care. Part II targets the nurse's role in providing care to adults experiencing acute trauma; and cardiovascular, immune, neuron/sensory, and respiratory alterations.

Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing

Assesses understanding of concepts related to mental health nursing, including principles of therapeutic communication and psychopharmacology.

Pharmacology in Clinical Nursing

Assesses understanding of pharmacological properties of medication administration, including dosage calculation, principles of medication administration, pharmacological actions, and therapeutic and adverse effects of medications.

Baccalaureate Achievement

Measures ability to utilize critical thinking skills and the nursing process in addressing health care needs of clients, families, communities, and aggregates, including community focus, health promotion and care strategies, resource management, leadership skills, and research applications.

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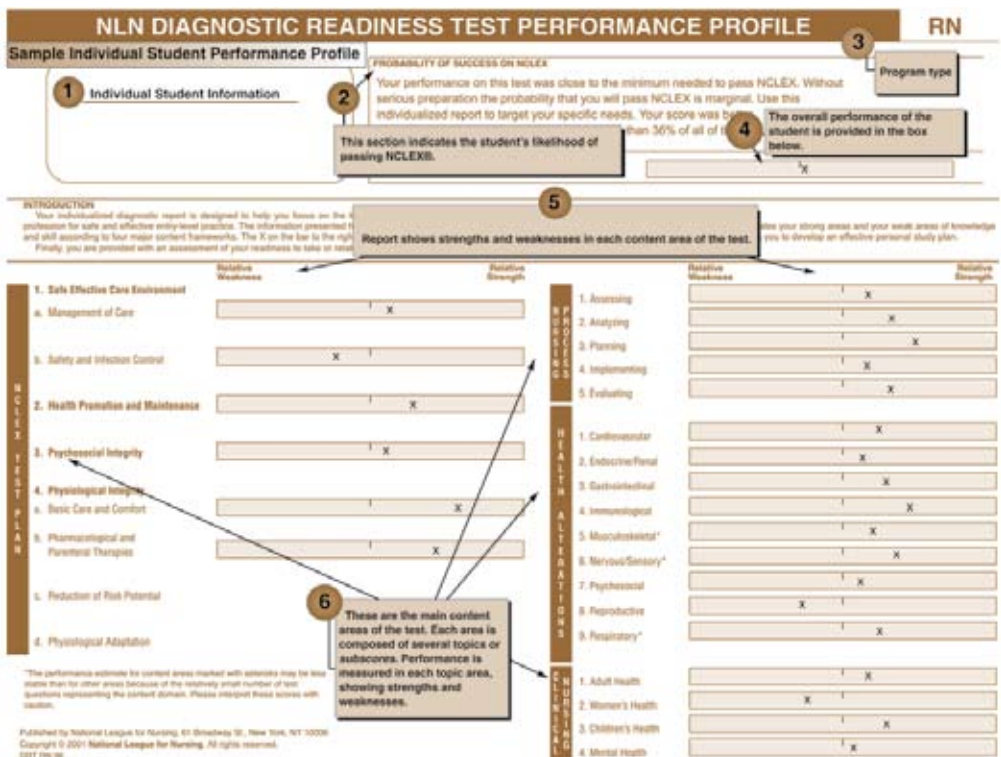
Pre-NCLEX-RN Readiness Examinations

Ready...Set...Pass!

Diagnostic Readiness Test (DRT)

How ready are your students for the rigors of the NCLEX-RN examination? The 172-question NCLEX-RN Diagnostic Readiness Test lets you and your students know. The DRT both predicts test outcomes and identifies the areas that need more attention. Studying becomes more effective — and the odds of NCLEX success increase — when learners know where their strengths and weaknesses lie.

- DRT score reports are generated instantly and include a statement of the candidate's probability of passing the NCLEX-RN examination.
- DRT score reports help you formulate effective study plans for your NCLEX-RN review efforts.
- Score reports are available for download and can be retrieved for up to two weeks after the DRT has been scored.
- The DRT is based on the NCLEX-RN blueprint.
- DRT score reports are displayed in an easy-to-read graphical format to indicate strengths and weaknesses across 26 subscales. (See below.)



The Alternate-Item RN Readiness Exam is offered as a supplement to the DRT- RN (computer based format only).



The Comprehensive Nursing Achievement – RN Examination

- Provides a cut-score with the probability of success
- Serves as an end-of-program examination for the NCLEX-RN
- Evaluates student competencies
- Includes institutional and individual performance reports (based on the current NCLEX-RN test plan) including the performance of the normative sample (graduating students in associate, baccalaureate, and diploma programs)

The Critical Thinking in Clinical Nursing Practice – RN Examination

- Is the only critical thinking test specific to nursing based on Facione's theoretical framework
- Evaluates students on 19 critical thinking behaviors
- Measures the five critical thinking skills of interpretation, analysis, evaluation, inference, and explanation
- Addresses nine nursing content areas including research, legal/ethical, leadership, health promotion/risk management, and therapeutic communication

2-Day Live Review

The Most Innovative Review Course Available to Your Students

With creative teaching and assessment strategies, the Live Review:

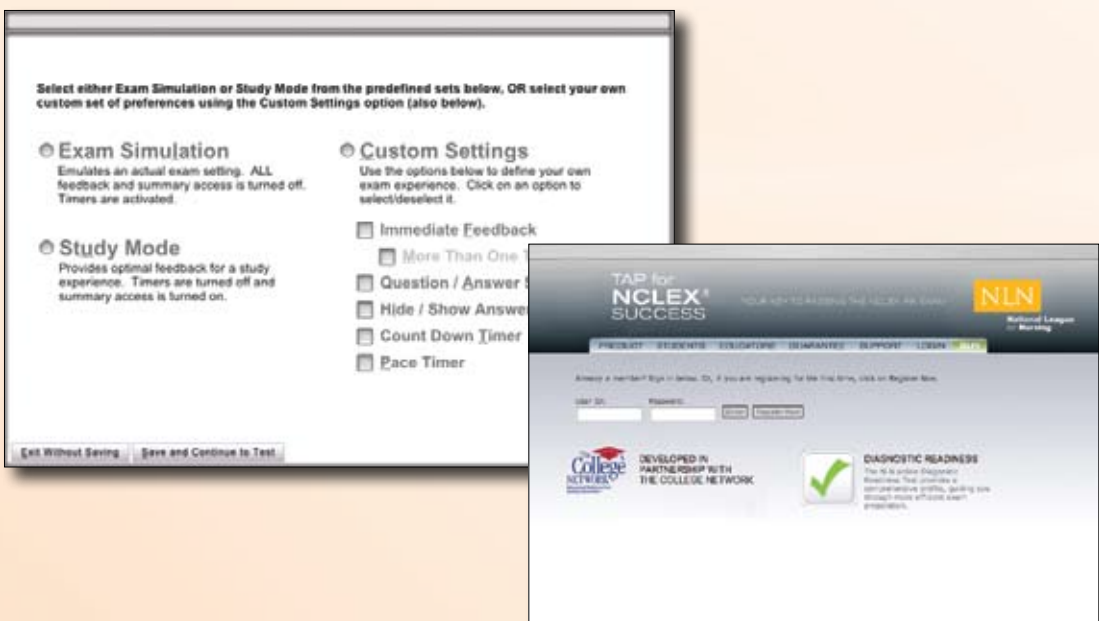
- Employs an exemplar nurse educator to facilitate the course
- Incorporates evidence-based nursing practice
- Uses comprehensive learning scenarios with content based on current evidence-based nursing practice
- Maps to the current NCLEX-RN test plan
- Evaluates your students' relative standing through standardized assessments (i.e., DRT, Question Review Bank, Alternate-Item Examination) allowing each student to evaluate, understand, and improve his or her individual strengths and weaknesses

There is a minimum and maximum class size.

Question Review Bank (QRB) with Comprehensive Rationale and Multiple Examination Modes

Developed by Nursing Faculty for Nursing Students

More than 4,200 practice questions with comprehensive rationales are contained in this online QRB. Your students will encounter proven strategies to accelerate their ability to learn content and increase their critical thinking skills.



Students create a personalized experience by choosing from the following:

- **Practice Examination Mode.** The student can truly focus on identified areas of weakness through self-selected customization of practice exams arranged by topic, subject, or question difficulty level, with an option for immediate feedback. In addition, reports are generated for every practice exam to help the student track their progress so they eliminate any guesswork for NCLEX exam readiness.

Customization choices include:

- Immediate feedback
- Question/answer summary
- Hide/show answers
- Countdown timer and pace timer
- Item difficulty level
- Test topic/subject
- Print performance report

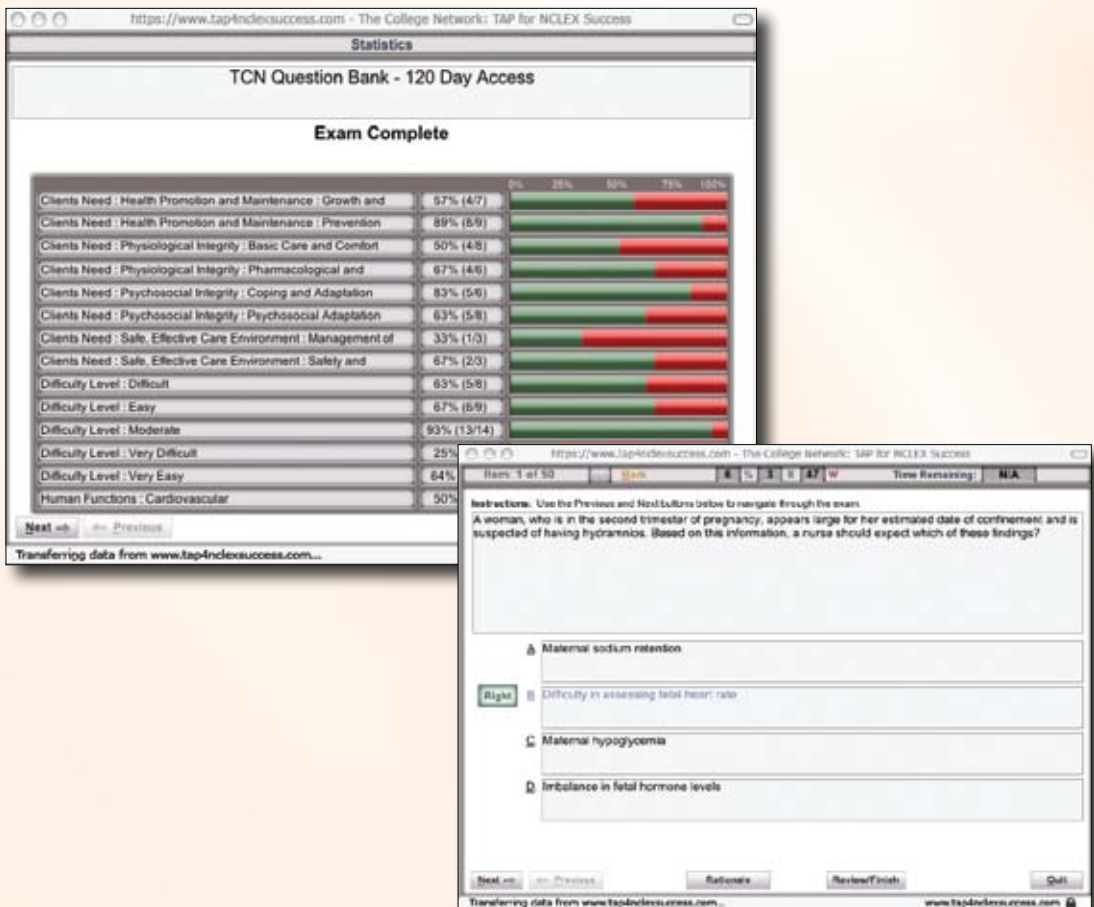
A Message for Students

The NLN helps you succeed!

If you need to take the NCLEX-RN more than once, we will provide you with access to the QRB for an additional 60 days - FREE!

- **Examination Simulation Mode.** The student has the opportunity to practice needed exam-taking skills such as pacing, smooth application of exam question strategies, timing, and others to know they are fluent, confident, and emotionally ready to take the NCLEX exam.

Students have access to the QRB 24 hours-a-day, 7 days-a-week for four months.



Exclusive Offer!

TAP Rewards for NLN Benefits



The voice for nursing education, the National League for Nursing is the premier organization for nurse faculty and leaders in nursing education offering faculty development, networking opportunities, and preeminent testing services. Through the TAP Rewards* for NLN Benefits program, you can reap additional educational benefits offered by the NLN. Five percent of your school's total TAP contract amount will be credited to costs of other NLN programs including:

- Annual Education Summit
- Academy of Nursing Education
- Certified Nurse Educator Examination
- Faculty Development Activities
- Membership

This program is automatically activated with the start date stated on your TAP contract for a 12-month period. Any rebated monies not used after 12 months will be contributed to the NLN Foundation Scholarship Fund in the name of your nursing school.

The College Network's National League for Nursing Scholarship Program

The College Network has a history of supporting nursing education. Now as part of the TAP Rewards*, TCN has established a National League for Nursing scholarship program. Colleges and universities – partnered with the NLN and TCN through TAP for NCLEX Success – may award these scholarships at their discretion to students who pursue excellence in nursing.

The scholarship will pay for TCN's Comprehensive Learning Modules used to fulfill the general education and prerequisites of an RN to BS in nursing, an RN to MS in nursing with an emphasis on education, or a BS in nursing to MS in nursing with an emphasis on education. Through educational partnerships on a national scale, TCN's programs, in conjunction with its partner universities, help the industry improve patient outcomes.

The College Network is pleased to be an associate member of the NLN and to have partnered with the NLN to develop TAP.

*Minimum contract required. Certain restrictions apply.

Dynamic TAP Offerings

TAP for the Nursing Candidate

TAP for **NCLEX** Success' Pre-Admission Examination (PAX)-RN

- Qualify students for admission

TAP Packages for Schools of Nursing

Select the One That's Right for You

A

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C

TAP for **NCLEX** Success C

Featuring:

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D

TAP for **NCLEX** Success D

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