

Admissions Test

The Kaplan Nursing School Admissions Test is a pre-admission assessment to determine whether a student has the necessary academic skills to perform effectively in a school of nursing. Designed for students with a high-school education (or equivalent), the 91-question, multiple-choice test provides an overall percentage score and subscores for basic reading, writing, math, science and critical thinking. The Kaplan Nursing School Admissions Test is unique in that it is nursing-content focused. The math section focuses on math skills foundational to clinical competence: decimal to fraction conversions, ratios and proportions. The science section has a focus on anatomy and physiology at a level appropriate for a high school graduate.

Test results provide scores for:

1. Reading Comprehension
2. Writing
3. Math
4. Science
5. Critical Thinking

The reading section contains 22 questions to be answered in 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

The math section contains 28 questions to be answered in 45 minutes. The test measures the candidate's ability to apply mathematical principles in the following areas:

- Conversions
- Operations
- Ratios
- Word problems

The writing section contains 21 questions to be answered in 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

The science section contains 20 questions to be answered in 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

The exam is nationally-normed for benchmarking and also includes an overall composite score.

Note: The Kaplan Nursing Admissions Test is provided to partner schools and housed on a website separate from the rest of the Integrated Testing assets.

An optional study guide, "Nursing School Entrance Exams," is available for purchase.

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