NLN Testing for the LPN to RN Completion Program
Academic Year 2019-2020

Students applying for the LPN to RN Completion Option at NHTI, Concord’s Community College are required to complete the National League for Nursing (NLN) Nursing Acceleration Challenge Exam—Book I: Foundations of Nursing exam (NACE I). This exam will be computer-based and administered in a 3 ½ (three and one half) hour session.

Students will need to obtain a minimum decision score of 74 or higher to be considered for admission to the program. Test scores will be valid for one year only. The exam can be retaken in six (6) weeks.

The NACE I includes content related to nursing care to meet basic physiological and psychosocial needs. NACE I questions are written in the framework of the nursing process. This reflects the current approach for providing care to clients. For purposes of the NACE I, the steps of the nursing process are defined as follows:

1. **Assessing** – includes collecting physical, emotional and cultural data; and recognizing signs, symptoms and behaviors.
2. **Analyzing** – includes interpreting data, identifying clients’ needs and making nursing diagnoses.
3. **Planning** - includes setting goals, selecting measures for care and identifying correct techniques for giving care.
4. **Implementing** – includes responding appropriately to clients’ needs for nursing care and using effective communication when giving information and/or teaching.
5. **Evaluating** – includes recognizing intended and unintended effects of measures and treatments, determining evidence of clients’ compliance with treatment plans and determining evidence of clients’ response to measure and treatment.

**How to Prepare for the exam:**

The NLN does not publish a review guide for this exam; however, the Nursing Department recommends that students utilize their LPN course books and NCLEX-PN study guides to prepare for taking the exam. In addition, the NLN has supplied the following outline of exam content for examinee’s reference.

The NACE I has individual questions involving clients who have common health problems. The nursing process – assessing, analyzing, planning, implementing and evaluating – is applied in items throughout the test. Questions include a sample of situations involving clients in health care settings with one or more of the following conditions:

- Pain
- Fluid and electrolyte imbalance
- Incontinence
- Infectious disease
- Loss of consciousness
- Chronic illness
- Death and dying
- Preoperative care
- Postoperative care
- Stress

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The Content areas are divided into the following general headings:

I. Basic Health Needs
   A. Physiologic Needs
      1. Hygiene
      2. Comfort
      3. Safety
      4. Body Alignment
      5. Exercise and ambulation
      6. Rest and sleep
      7. Nutrition
      8. Elimination
      9. Respiration and circulation
     10. Fluids and electrolyte balance
     11. Growth and development
   B. Psychosocial
      1. Sexuality
      2. Spiritual preference, cultural
      3. Self-esteem
      4. Belonging
      5. Stimulation
      6. Loss and death
      7. Self-actualization
      8. Security
      9. Defense mechanisms
     10. Growth and development

II. Communication
   A. Documentation
   B. Verbal Communication
   C. Non-Verbal Communication

III. General Principles of Medication Administration

IV. Moral/Ethical/Legal Issues

Fees:
Examinees will be required to pay a $90 exam registration fee to NHTI when registering for the exam; this fee must accompany the registration form. **Please note: the $90 exam fee is non-refundable.**

Examinees that register for an exam but then wish to reschedule to a later test date within the current academic year may do so prior to the initial exam’s registration deadline without penalty.

Examinees who wish to retake the exam must wait 6 weeks between testing sessions, and would need to submit a new registration form and $90 registration fee prior to the registration deadline.

How to Register:
The Academic Center for Excellence (ACE) at NHTI will administer this examination on three Fridays in the 2019-2020 Academic Year:
Examination Date | Registration Deadline
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Friday, November 15, 2019 | November 1, 2019
Friday, January 3, 2020 | December 19, 2019
Friday, February 21, 2020 | February 7, 2020

The NLN NACE I exam registration form and registration fee must be received in the Admissions Office no later than the registration deadline listed for each exam. Registration for each date will be limited to the first 20 students. Please note that if you have an outstanding financial obligation at any of the CCSNH colleges, your registration will not be processed until it is resolved.

Students with disabilities who are requesting special accommodations for testing must contact Stefanie Howe, Coordinator of Disabilities Services, at 603-230-4000 ext. 4117 or smhowe@ccsnh.edu to learn about the process for requesting accommodations and providing the required documentation to support the request. Students must allow at least two weeks to complete the approval process and should plan accordingly.

Students will receive a registration confirmation email approx. 1 week prior to the exam date outlining what to expect on exam day, including where to report for their exam on campus and what items to bring with you on the day of the exam. The exam will begin promptly at 9:30 am; you must arrive no later than 9:00 am for check-in. Per rules of the NLN, once the exam has begun, no one can be admitted, so it important that you arrive on time.
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For compliance purposes, the community college system of New Hampshire and its colleges collect names and social security numbers from all students attending the college. For example, the Internal Revenue Code requires the college to produce a 1098-T tax form. The college’s use of social security numbers will be limited to legitimate educational purposes. The college will exercise due diligence to protect the student’s social security number and will not disclose it to anyone outside the college, except as authorized by federal or state laws or applicable policies.

Mailing Address

City __________________________ State ________ Zip Code ________________

Home phone ____________________ Cell Phone ________________________

E-mail address*

* All exam confirmations will be sent via email; current CCSNH students will be sent confirmation with their CCSNH student email even if a different address is listed on this form.

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The exam will begin promptly at 9:30 am; you must arrive no later than 9:00 am for check-in. Test takers are allowed 3 1/2 hours to complete the exam. Testing will take place on the NHTI campus. Directions to the specific location of the exam will be sent in an email confirming your registration, approx. 1 week prior to the exam date.

FEE: $90.00 – Make check payable to “NHTI-Concord’s Community College” or complete the credit card information section below. The fee is non-refundable. The exam administration fee MUST accompany the registration form. Please submit this form to:

NHTI – Admissions Office
NLN NACE I Registration
31 College Drive
Concord, NH 03301-7412

Please note a 2.75% processing fee will be charged for all payments made via credit/debit card.

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