

NLN NACE I Testing for the LPN to RN Completion Program

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 proctored remotely by the NLN using Proctorio.

Students are responsible for reviewing the [Student Guide for NLN HyFlex Proctorio Exams PDF](#) and following the directions to create their NLN Student Account and register for the exam.

Students will need to obtain a **minimum decision score of 74 or higher** to be considered for admission to the program.

The NACE I exam 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 Register:

This exam will be administered on-line by the NLN utilizing Proctorio, an internet based remote proctoring software. Examinees will be required to create a new NLN Student Account and register for their NLN NACE Foundations I exam with the NLN directly.

Examinees must create an NLN Student Account at www.nlnstest.org. Please note: the NLN created a new examination portal in September of 2020; if you have tested via the NLN after September 2020, then you can log in using that username and password; otherwise, you will need to create a new account.

Once you have created your account, you will login to nlnstest.org and select "Buy Exam." When you are looking to select your exam, select "Proctorio/HyFlex" under Proctor Options, then type "H-N" under the SKU contains field to view NACE exams. It would be listed as the "H-NRF_1 Foundations of Nursing" exam. You would then purchase by adding it to your cart and pay using a credit card, PayPal, or Wire transfer. NHTI does not provide vouchers to pay for the exam.

The exam can be taken up to three (3) times per year, but examinees must wait a minimum of six (6) weeks between exam sessions. Examinees may select their own exam date, however it the

responsibility of the student to schedule their exam prior to the application deadline and following these retake guidelines. Please note that test scores will be valid for one (1) year only.

Students with disabilities requesting special accommodations for testing must contact Joana Willis, Coordinator of Disabilities Services, at 603-230-4027 or jwillis@ccsnh.edu to learn about the process for requesting accommodations and providing the required documentation to support the request. Students should NOT purchase their exam until the accommodation request has been evaluated. Allow at least two weeks to complete the approval process and plan accordingly.

Examinee Expectations:

Examinees MUST review the “Student Guide for NLN HyFlex Proctorio Exams” PDF. The Student Guide will outline technical and system requirements for completing the exam using Proctorio, as well as the process of creating an account, purchasing and registering for an exam, and what examinees need to do before they begin their test.

Examinees must follow the testing guidelines set forth by the NLN when completing their NLN exam remotely from home. Failure to do so is grounds to stop the exam and/or invalidate your exam scores. Be sure to review the testing requirements outlined in the NLN Student Guide prior to your exam.

Examinees must:

- Have a desktop or laptop computer with reliable Internet access, a microphone and webcam; cell phones, tablets, chrome books and other devices will not work properly.
- Download the Proctorio software (and Chrome if not installed).
- Test in a quiet, private room where you will not be interrupted.
- Not talk or leave your seat for the duration of the exam.

Examinees with questions may contact the NLN by contacting NLN Customer Service Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm at 800 732-8656 ext. 2 or custhelp@nlm.org.

How to Prepare:

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

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