

Preparing for The Kaplan Nursing Admission Test (KNAT)

Know What Is on The Test

Kaplan's Nursing Entrance Exam is a proctored, 91-question, timed, online, multiple-choice test. There are four sections to the test:

Reading: 22 questions (45 min)

In the reading section, you will be given four passages to read and will then be required to answer a total of 22 questions. The questions are designed to demonstrate your reading skills in determining logic, comprehending details, drawing basic inferences, identifying purpose.

Math: 28 questions (45-min)

The math section will challenge your abilities in basic arithmetic and algebra. The questions are written as basic equations or word problems. You will need to apply mathematical principles in four main areas:

Unit Conversions – imperial and metric units, temperature (Celsius and Fahrenheit) length, weight, volume, etc.

Basic Operations – Addition, subtraction, multiplication, division with whole numbers, fractions and decimals.

Advanced Operations – Percents and ratios.

Basic Algebra – Exponents, solving equations, simple polynomials, word problems.

Writing: 21 questions (45-min)

You will be asked to read 9 passages – The sentences in each passage will be numbered, and the questions refer to the numbered sentences. You will be assessing passage development, paragraph logic, and the mechanics of writing (grammar, syntax, punctuation, etc.).

Science: 20 questions (30-min)

The science section focuses on your knowledge of physiology. These questions will pertain to the following systems of the human body: Cardiovascular, electrolytes, gastrointestinal, immune, neurology, renal, hematological, homeostasis, respiratory, and sensory.

Don't Procrastinate- Start Studying Early

The Kellogg Community College Nursing Department, and current Nursing Students have recommended the following resource for studying:

Kaplan Nursing School Entrance Exams Prep: Your All-In-One Guide to Getting into Nursing School. (Tenth Edition) ISBN-10: 1506290361 [Amazon: Kaplan Nursing School Entrance Exams Prep](#) (Roughly \$22)

Know Your Basic Test-Taking Strategies

1. READ, READ, READ – this cannot be overstated. You must read all questions AND answers carefully. Do not rush. Test makers commonly give you two answers that are both plausible, and partially correct – you must determine which is the best rather than what is simply acceptable.
2. Once you have read the questions and answers carefully, start by eliminating wrong answers first. Next, you got it, reread the remaining answers carefully – note the differences between the answers.
3. KEEP IN MIND – on the Kaplan **you cannot go back to questions**. Therefore, after eliminating answers that you know are wrong, if you still have no idea what the answer is, make a best-guess and move on. * TRUST YOUR GUT * This is a timed test, don't waste time on questions you know you don't know and jeopardize running out of time on later questions you might know.

Frequently Asked Questions:

How do I sign-up?

- You must register in advance of the application deadline on the [Nursing Admissions webpage](#). Students are not permitted to take the Kaplan test until they are in their last semester of admission requirements. The test MUST be taken before the deadline to apply.

What score do I need?

- You must earn a minimum overall score of 54% to be eligible to apply for the program. As soon as the test is finished you will receive your score.

Can I retake it if I don't get the minimum overall score needed to apply?

- Not for 365 days – only one test attempt is permitted per year.

Where do I go for the test?

- [KCC North Avenue Campus](#) (Battle Creek), Roll 211. *NOT the Testing office in the Student Services Building!*

How much does it cost?

- There is no cost or fee to take the test – KCC Nursing Department pays the fee for you!

Can I use accommodations on the test?

- Yes, contact the [Center for Student Success](#) for review and verification.

Can I use a calculator on the math portion?

- The KNAT has a built-in calculator that you can use. You may not use your own calculator or any other electronic device.

Who can I contact if I have more questions?

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