NLN Nursing Acceleration Challenge Exams

The NLN Nursing Acceleration Challenge Exams (ACE) are national validation tests designed to evaluate previous learning in order to assist with placement of nurses who are seeking educational mobility. They are designed for two pathways: ACE I for LPN/ LVN to RN and ACE II for RN to BSN. Nursing ACE I and II are administered to students by an official representative of the school of nursing at which they are seeking advanced placement. Bulletins for both exams, which contain detailed information about the content, scoring, and administration are available from NLN customer service. ACE products are ordered by faculty, not students.

The NLN NACE I Challenge Exams for PN to RN are used by Western Oklahoma State College Department of Nursing to allow LPN/LVN graduates to challenge out of Nursing II of the WOSC nursing program. Each test may be taken a maximum of two times no sooner than six months apart. Test information is listed below. You can obtain more information at the NLN website:

http://www.nln.org/testing-services/overview

NURSING ACCELERATION CHALLENGE EXAM (ACE) I - PN to RN: NURSING CARE DURING CHILDBEARING

Purpose: Assesses understanding of nursing care during the antepartal, intrapartal, postpartal, and neonatal periods.

Format: 100-item, four-option, multiple-choice.

Administration: Can be administered in one and one-half hours.

Scoring: A total score is provided as a basic to use in the decision to award credit for advanced placement in an RN program. Score reports also include diagnostic scores for each area of nursing content and all areas of the nursing process. These diagnostic scores are intended to supplement faculty evaluation of students and to enhance the student’s self-assessment of strengths and weaknesses.

Scores are normed on nursing students in associate and diploma programs.

This Nursing Acceleration Challenge Exam contains two separate parts: Nursing Care During Childbearing (100 items) and Nursing Care of the Child (98 items). Separate score reports are provided for each part. Administer one or both parts for a comprehensive assessment of a student's performance.

Passing Score: 70%

Cost: $34.00 per exam

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NURSING ACCELERATION CHALLENGE EXAM (ACE) I - PN to RN: NURSING CARE OF THE CHILD

Purpose: Assesses understanding of nursing care of hospitalized children and adolescents.

Format: 98-item, four-option, multiple-choice.

Administration: Can be administered in one and one-half hours.

Scoring: A total score is provided as a basic to use in the decision to award credit for advanced placement in an RN program. Score reports also include diagnostic scores for each area of nursing content and all areas of the nursing process. These diagnostic scores are intended to supplement faculty evaluation of students and to enhance the student’s self-assessment of strengths and weaknesses.

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