

Preparing for the Kaplan Entrance Test Nursing Applicants

Kaplan's Admissions Test is a 91-question, online, multiple-choice test that evaluates the basic reading, writing, math, and science skills of students seeking entry into a nursing program. Candidates who have met preliminary application requirements will be scheduled to take this 3-hour **mandatory** exam. It will be scheduled by the Selective Admissions office after the application deadline **via LCC email**. A minimum overall score of 65 is required. Students taking the admission exam will be evaluated in 5 subjects: Math, Reading, Science, Writing, and Critical Thinking. More information on the Kaplan Entrance Test is available on page 10 of the [Nursing Advising Guides](#).

TIPS FROM ADMITTED APPLICANTS

Here are tips admitted Nursing applicants had about preparing for the Kaplan Entrance Test.

GENERAL TIPS

- Several students commented that a TEAS prep book was useful.
- Many agreed that prep videos found on YouTube were "EXTREMELY helpful."
- One student said, "I would tell future test takers to be sure to pace themselves on each portion. It is easy to go too fast or too slow during the test. I would also tell them to re-read the question and their answer twice before hitting next. I missed a point because I hit 'next' too fast and realized I selected the wrong answer as soon as I moved on." You cannot go back to questions once you submit an answer.

KAPLAN BOOK (*Kaplan Nursing School Entrance Exam: Your Complete Guide to Getting Into Nursing School*)

- A majority of students believed the *Kaplan Nursing School Entrance Exam: Your Complete Guide to Getting Into Nursing School* book was helpful in preparing for the reading and writing sections of the exam.
 - Student's said:
 - "The Kaplan book was most helpful in learning how the questions would likely be worded on the actual exam."
 - "The reading portion was the most helpful section of the book because it used the same type of phrasing and questioning the test did."
 - "Read the customer book reviews on Amazon and other sites for helpful test insights."

- Almost all students agreed that the Kaplan book was not useful in preparing for Science and Math.

PREPARING FOR READING & WRITING:

- “I found that for the writing portion, the SAT prep materials were the most helpful.” Other students who used this resource agreed.

PREPARING FOR MATH:

- All students recommended brushing up on percentages, fractions, and decimals.

PREPARING FOR SCIENCE:

- Most students felt their Physiology course textbook and class notes was the best way to prepare for the science section of the exam.
- One student said, “Anatomy and Physiology flash cards were very beneficial. I bought mine on Amazon, and it had them divided up in all the different body systems etc. They were great.”
- Another said, “I used the Audio Book series from Audible called *Vango Notes for Anatomy & Physiology Vol 2* and listened in the car. This series helped to connect the different body systems which helped immensely with the type of questions on the test. In addition, I used the video series Crash Course A&P which was extremely helpful.”
- Many suggested watching YouTube videos on the major anatomy systems and physiology concepts.
- “I read anatomy and physiology for dummies, and I think that did a good job on reviewing basic physiology principles which were on the test.”

TEST SPECIFICS

General Test specifics for the Kaplan Entrance Test are available on page 10 of the [Nursing Advising Guides](#). Below is other helpful information:

- You must present a picture ID to complete the test.
- You must earn a minimum **Overall score of 65** to be eligible for the program.
 - **Your scores will immediately be revealed upon completion of the test. Students can keep their exam login to review and print their scores at a later time.**
- Basic scientific calculators and scrap paper will be provided.
- Cell phones are not allowed in the testing facility.
- Students have 3 hours total to complete the test.
 - Each subject has its own time limit (see page 10 of [Nursing Advising Guides](#)).
 - Short breaks are allowed in between subjects.