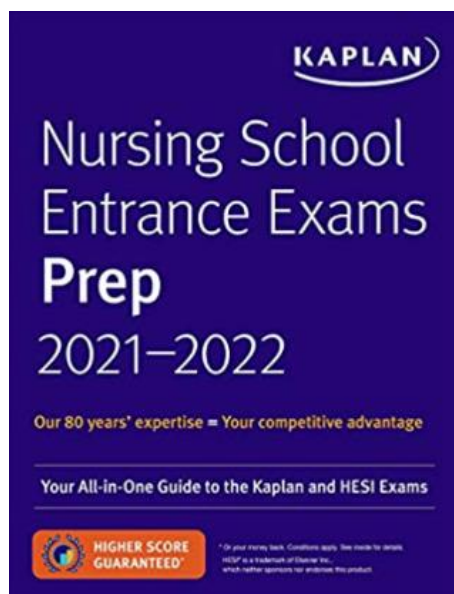


Kaplan Entrance Exam Preparation

*Preparation
Textbook:
Less than \$20
(We have texts you can
borrow at the Nursing
Building)*



About the Kaplan Admissions Test:

- ~60 questions/2 hrs., 45 min
- High school graduate level questions
- NOTE: some practice books and tests contain sections on physics and chemistry (physical sciences). The Kaplan Admissions Test does NOT, so start with studying these core areas:

Question Areas for the Kaplan Admissions Test:

Reading: Candidates read passages and answer questions that measure the essential skills required for reading. Question types include main idea; detail; inference; vocabulary-in-context.

Writing: Candidates read passages and answer questions that measure the essential skills required for writing.

Vocabulary, spelling, grammar: questions assess vocabulary, spelling and understanding of correct grammar.

Math: The test measures the candidate's ability to apply mathematical principles in the following areas: conversions, operations, ratios, and word problems.

Science: The test measures the candidate's knowledge of anatomy and physiology and cell biology.

TEST-PREPARATION STRATEGIES:

- Prepare by studying your "weaker" areas.
- Make a list of your greatest sources of test anxiety, work on those areas first

IF YOU HAVE ONE MONTH TO PREPARE FOR THE TEST:

4 weeks before:

- Take a **diagnostic test** (book or website) to assess strengths and weaknesses. Study reading, vocab, spelling, and grammar reviews in prep book. Repeat practice test(s).

3 weeks before:

- Study biology, A&P review
- Take this practice test and study answers and explanations.
- Review and repeat practice test(s).

2 weeks before:

- Study math review
- Study “Math in a Nutshell” and learning resources.
- Take math section of practice test and study answers and explanations.
- Review math section and repeat practice test(s).

3-10 days before: Take another practice test – actively study weaker areas again.

2 days before: review some of your harder questions and strategize how you might approach those on the actual test.

The day before: don’t study, let your brain rest.

DURING THE TEST:

- Pace yourself. Don’t spend more than ~2 minutes on any question.
- Read the question carefully BEFORE looking at the answers. “Distracters” look right but
- Don’t leave any answers blank, even if you must guess—guess after narrowing the answer down to the two best options.
- As you move through each section, note time remaining.

AFTER THE TEST:

- You will see your score immediately.
- If you achieve 60% correct (composite) score, congratulations;
- If you achieve 59% or below, review how you did in each area, so that you can study those areas more closely prior to taking the exam again.

The overall “% Correct” for the test is the score we use for admission to the nursing program, which is an average of how students did on each section of the test (math, reading, science, writing). You must achieve **60% or higher to be admitted to the nursing program.**

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ACCESSING ONLINE PREP RESOURCES AND E-BOOK

Our best advice to you: please prepare for the Kaplan Entrance Exam.

Take at least one practice test in the areas of math, science, reading/grammar/writing. When you have completed tests and identified your weak areas, review those in the eBook provided on the website. You may also borrow a review book from the OLC Nursing Department (605-867-5856).

Below are instructions on how to access nursing school entrance exam practice tests and eBook. The same information and practice tests are also available in the hard copy of the prep book you can borrow from the nursing department.

Go to www.OLC.edu

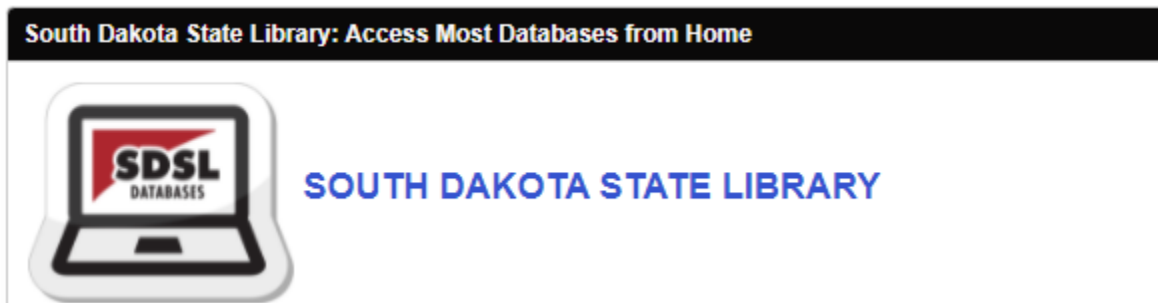
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>Select “Woksape Tipi (Library)”

IF YOU DO NOT have an OLC library card, there is an online app link on the library’s home page. Or, you can call them and they will grant you quicker access. Or, go to a college center (once you are on a college center wifi network, you can log in without a card).

Once you have a library card or are at a college center, and are on the OLC library’s page:

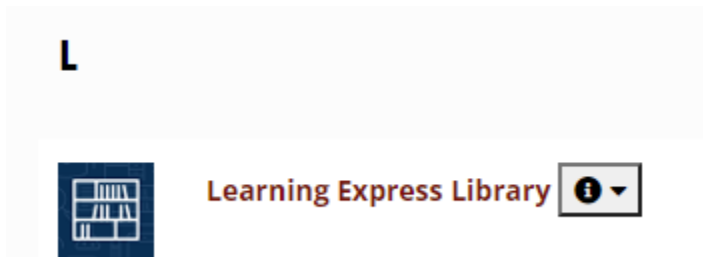
Scroll down and click on the following link:



Then click on the following link:

[Electronic Resources A-Z List](#)

>>Scroll down to the letter “L”; click the “**Learning Express Library**” link:



*IN ORDER TO PROGRESS, you will need to select “Oglala Lakota College” for the library menu, and enter your username and password. If you have difficulty with this section, **call the OLC library.***

Login to access databases and request interlibrary loans

Select your library:

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Username:

Password:

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Next, Click “**Career Preparation**” tab:



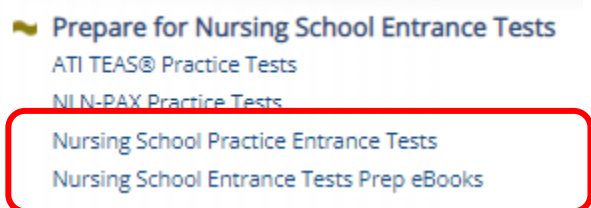
Career Preparation

Make your work goals a reality—
start a new career or advance in
your current field.

Then scroll down to:

Prepare for Nursing Exams

Open “Prepare for Nursing Exams” link and select “Nursing School Practice Entrance Tests”, and the “Nursing School Entrance Tests Prep eBooks”:



Create user name and password as prompted. Begin taking sample tests.

NOTE: Physical sciences like chemistry and physics are not part of the Kaplan exam. Based on your performance on practice tests, focus on weak areas. Generally, this will be science and writing sections.

Admissions Test

The Kaplan Nursing School Admissions Test is a pre-admission assessment to determine whether a student has the necessary academic skills to perform effectively in a school of nursing. Designed for students with a high-school education (or equivalent), the 91-question, multiple-choice test provides an overall percentage score and subscores for basic reading, writing, math, science and critical thinking. The Kaplan Nursing School Admissions Test is unique in that it is nursing-content focused. The math section focuses on math skills foundational to clinical competence: decimal to fraction conversions, ratios and proportions. The science section has a focus on anatomy and physiology at a level appropriate for a high school graduate.

Test results provide scores for:

1. Reading Comprehension
2. Writing
3. Math
4. Science
5. Critical Thinking

The reading section contains 22 questions to be answered in 45 minutes. Candidates read four passages and answer questions that measure the essential skills required for reading:

- Determining the logic of a passage
- Comprehending details
- Drawing basic inferences
- Identifying the purpose of a passage

The math section contains 28 questions to be answered in 45 minutes. The test measures the candidate's ability to apply mathematical principles in the following areas:

- Conversions
- Operations
- Ratios
- Word problems

The writing section contains 21 questions to be answered in 45 minutes. Candidates read nine passages and answer questions that measure the essential skills required for writing:

- Assessing passage development
- Assessing paragraph logic
- Assessing mechanics of writing

The science section contains 20 questions to be answered in 30 minutes. The test measures the candidate's knowledge of physiology in the following areas:

- Cardiovascular system
- Electrolytes
- Gastrointestinal system
- Immune system
- Neurology
- Renal system
- Hematological system
- Homeostasis
- Respiratory system
- Sensory system

The exam is nationally-normed for benchmarking and also includes an overall composite score.

Note: The Kaplan Nursing Admissions Test is provided to partner schools and housed on a website separate from the rest of the Integrated Testing assets.

An optional study guide, "Nursing School Entrance Exams," is available for purchase.

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