

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW BEFORE YOU TAKE THE KAPLAN NURSING ADMISSION TEST

Students applying to the Nursing Program are required to take the Kaplan Nursing Admission Test as part of the application process.

Before taking the Kaplan Admissions Test, candidates must have college level reading, English, and mathematics placements. For more information on placements click [here](#).

The Kaplan Admissions Test is required for Parkland College Nursing Program applicants to assess skills in four academic areas: reading, math, writing, and science.

The Kaplan Admissions Test is offered most Mondays - Thursdays in the Parkland College Assessment Center (Room U 203) during the months of August, September, January, and February.

All test-takers are required to show a valid photo ID that includes a signature and are required to make an appointment.

Call 217/351-2432 or email the Assessment Center at assessmentcenter@parkland.edu for more information or to make an appointment. [For online information on the Kaplan Admissions Test click here and select Nursing Academic Skills Test.](#)

Do not bring a calculator to the Assessment Center. If one is allowed, it will be available in the test.

A study guide “Kaplan Nursing School Entrance Exam Prep 2024-2025: 1,285 Practice Questions and Study Guide [4th Edition]” is available on Amazon. Also, an online Kaplan Nursing Admissions Exam prep class (ALR 135) is held in August and January through Health Professions. Contact Health Professions at 217-353-2240.

The Kaplan Admissions Test is a 91-question, multiple choice test 91 questions in the areas of reading comprehension, writing, math, science, and critical thinking. The total testing time is 165 minutes. Your score report will be generated immediately upon completion of the test. It will indicate your score in each of the four areas and give you a composite (“average”) score.

Kaplan test scores are good for 2 years. Students can test twice a semester. Students will be scored using the highest Total Score.

If you believe you qualify for testing accommodations, please visit our [Office of Accessibility Services](#).

Questions? Please contact Dr. Jennifer Durst, L120, jdurst@parkland.edu

HOW YOUR KAPLAN ADMISSION TEST SCORES WILL BE USED

Taking the Kaplan does not guarantee acceptance into the nursing program. Acceptance is based on several factors, and your Kaplan score is only one of them. The minimum Admissions Score is 2.75. Any applicant with an Admissions Score below 2.75 will not be considered for the Parkland College Nursing Program.

$$\text{Admissions Score} = 50\% \text{ GPA} + 50\% \text{ Science GPA}$$

For example: If your GPA is 3.25 and your Science GPA is 3.0 your admission score would be:

$$3.25 + 3.0 = 6.25 \text{ divided by } 2 = 3.125$$

Your scores on each of the five sections of the Kaplan Test along with the overall percentile are converted to decimals. For example, a reading score with a 76% is converted to .76 and these decimal scores are then added to your Admissions Score to generate your total score as follows:

$$\text{Admissions score} + \text{math} + \text{reading} + \text{science} + \text{writing} + \text{critical thinking} + \text{overall} = \text{Total Score}$$

Students are then ranked according to their total score. The highest possible total score is 10.00. For example:

Score from Admissions	Math	Reading	Science	Writing	Critical Thinking	Overall	Total Score	Rank
4	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	1
3.15	0.9	0.756	0.733	0.764	0.788	0.76	7.851	2
2.75	0.95	0.837	0.825	0.792	0.851	0.8	7.805	3

Applicants are also separated into two groups: in-district and out-of-district. Parkland College in-district residents are given first priority. If applicants live out-of-state or are international, the out-of-district category is further divided. Thus, applications are ranked from the highest total score in-district to the lowest, followed by the highest total score out-of-district (but in-state) to the lowest, then the highest total score out-of-state to the lowest, and finally the highest total score out-of-country to the lowest.

Students who are **NOT** admitted will maintain their rank order and be placed on an alternate list. If an opening becomes available before the first day of class, the next highest ranked student on the alternate list will be notified. Once classes begin the alternate list is destroyed. Applicants not accepted would need to re-apply for the next application deadline.

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