Using NLN NCLEX Readiness Exams

The End of Program Exam (EPE) and the RN Comprehensive exam are available in the NLN’s new testing system.

The reports for these new exams will reflect the average percent correct by the norm group and the students’ percent correct. This will give students a comparison for their performance overall; by the individual NCLEX test plan areas; and for Nursing Process, Clinical Areas, and Systems.

NLN Testing Services has both secure and practice versions for the RN End of Program Exam (EPE) and RN Comprehensive Exam – four total exams available for students.

The recommended process for using these exams is for students to:

1. Take the practice EPE.
2. Utilize a question review bank, such as WKH PassPoint, for 30 days.
3. Take the practice RN Comprehensive Exam.
4. Continue working through a question review bank for 30 days.
5. Take the secure versions of the RN EPE and RN Comprehensive Exam.

The school would follow up with the students’ results on the secure RN Comprehensive Exam.

The NLN offers one-, two-, or three-day Live Review for purchase. The facilitator will customize the content based on the group performance on the secure RN EPE.

The NLN does not recommend the setting of a “cut” score on any exam, especially one that would determine progression or graduation. Please read the NLN’s discussion of high stakes testing* with special attention to the section on considerations.

NLN Testing Services recognizes that this may be a change in practice for your faculty and students. We welcome the opportunity to speak with you and your faculty in person or via a web meeting. We look forward to working together to ensure the continued success of your students. Customer Service may be reached at 800-732-8656 or email us at mailto:customerhelp@nln.org.

*Additional Suggested Reading
An NLN Vision Statement: The Fair Testing Imperative in Nursing Education
Fair Testing Guidelines