Nursing Pre-Entrance Examination Review Materials

The College of DuPage LPN and ADN Nursing Programs require prospective students to complete standardized entrance exams. The LPN program requires the PAX-PN exam (National League for Nursing Pre-Admission Examination). The ADN program requires the HESI Admission Assessment Exam.

The C.O.D. Library contains a variety of print and electronic resources that will assist with examination preparation. The Library’s College and Career Information Center (CCIC) can assist you in locating the most recent editions of the following resources as well as suggest additional exam prep materials.

1.) The latest “Official” Study Guides for the PN and ADN programs are available at the Circulation Desk under Nursing Course Reserves:

- Review Guide for LPN LVN Pre-entrance Exam (also called the PAX-PN)
- Review Guide for ADN Pre-entrance Exam (also called the HESI Admission Assessment Exam)

2.) Nursing pre-entrance exams test the same content: math, science, and verbal skills. In addition to the “official” entrance study guides, these more generic nursing exam prep books may be useful:

- Barron's Nursing School Entrance Exams (CCIC) RT79 .B377
- CliffsTestPrep Nursing School Entrance Exams (CCIC) RT79 .G73
- Nursing School And Allied Health Entrance Examinations (CCIC) RT79 .N86
- NSEE: Nursing School Entrance Exams (CCIC) RT79 .N74
- PAX-RN (National League for Nursing) (CCIC) RT55 .R48
- Study Guide For Three Entrance Tests: NET, Nurse Entrance Test; HOBET, Health Occupations Basic Entrance Test; HELP, Higher Education Learning Profile (CCIC) RT79 .F76

3.) **Electronic Resources** Learning Express Library & Testing and Education Reference Center databases


- To access these resources, use the link above, or visit the Library's Databases page. **If you are accessing this database from a non-C.O.D. network computer, you will be asked to enter your last name and Library Card barcode number to gain access.**
- Take practice tests for college, graduate school and professional school entrance exams such as ACT, SAT, GRE, health science and nursing. Prepare for post-graduation health professional licensure exams such as the NCLEX.

4.) ACT and SAT preparation resources may also be beneficial because they focus on English, verbal, reading, math and science components. Check with the CCIC staff or the Library catalog for the most recent editions of these SAT or ACT review titles:

- Barron's ACT (CCIC) LB2353.48 .B37
- Cracking the ACT (CCIC) LB2353.48 .C73
- Cracking the SAT / the Princeton Review (CCIC) LB2353.57 .C73
- Master the SAT (CCIC) LB2353.57 .M378
- Peterson's Ultimate ACT Assessment Tool Kit (CCIC) LB2353.48 .P42
- SAT/ by the Staff of Kaplan Educational Centers (CCIC) LB2353.57 .S263
- The Official SAT Study Guide (CCIC) LB2353.57 .O444