

NURSE ENTRANCE TEST (NET) - NELSON DENNY EXAM

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR TAKING THE NET EXAM?

All applicants applying to the Associate Degree Nursing (R.N.) Program at Kilgore College for Fall 2003 and beyond must take the Nurse Entrance Test (NET) as part of the admission requirements. ONLY APPLICANTS TO THE KC NURSING PROGRAM WILL BE TESTED. **Testing Requirement:**

1. The students may test **twice per Calendar Year.**
2. The student must test **at Kilgore College** or **at a Pearson/VUE Center**
3. The student must test on a computerized version, no paper and pencil

WHEN AND WHERE DO I TAKE THE NET?

The test will be administered through the Testing Center, located on the second floor of the Devall Student Center. Please visit the Testing Center Website (www.kilgore.edu/testing.asp) for a schedule of testing dates. Candidates MUST schedule an appointment at least two weeks prior to the test date by calling (903) 983-8215.

Students can go to any Pearson/VUE Center location* to take the test. To register for the NET test at a Pearson/VUE site, the student must call ERI 1-800-292-2273 and pay \$100. A confirmation letter will be sent the next day and an ERI ID number. Then the student will call the Pearson/VUE toll-free number to schedule a test at their local test center. Once a student has taken the NET, Pearson/VUE releases the results to ERI and ERI sends the scores to Kilgore College.

* Locations: <http://www.pearsonvue.com/net/>

WHAT IS ON THE NET?

The NET consists of six parts, but only essential math skills and reading comprehension will be used for acceptance into the nursing program. The other components are a social interaction profile, stress level profile and learning style profile. The additional information will be used to enhance a candidate's success in the nursing program. Calculators are not permitted on the math skills section, which consists of whole numbers, decimals, fractions, percentages, number system conversions and algebra questions. Scratch paper, however, will be provided. The reading comprehension test evaluates critical reading ability of college level material.

HOW LONG DOES THE EXAM LAST?

The NET exam lasts 2 ½ hours and is administered on the computer.

HOW MUCH DOES THE TEST COST?

The fee for the NET exam is \$50.00. This fee must be paid in the Business Office, located in the Devall Student Center in Kilgore, by cash, credit card or money order only. No personal checks.

IS A STUDY GUIDE AVAILABLE?

The Nurse Entrance Test Study Guide is available in the Kilgore College Bookstore, at www.eriworld.com or by calling Educational Resources Inc. at 1-800- 292-2273. Excellent preparation for the NET is: <http://www.eriproduct.com/SearchResult.aspx?CategoryID=88>; <http://www.mo-media.com/net/>; Evelyn Woods Reading Dynamics Tapes located in the Kilgore College library and the Longview Public library.

HOW SOON WILL I GET MY TEST RESULTS?

The results of the NET will appear as soon as you finish the computer version of the test. Printed copies of scores will be available from the Testing Center offices. Candidates should keep up with copies of scores.

WHAT ARE THE PASSING STANDARDS FOR THE EXAM?

Passing scores for math skills and reading comprehension is a score of 60% in the essential math skills and 60% in the reading comprehension sections of the test. Candidates scoring below the 60% in either the composite math or the composite reading are encouraged to retake the test

WHAT ARE THE RETESTING GUIDELINES?

Thorough review of the study guide material is suggested before attempting to retest. There will be a 10 day rest period between test dates. Students may test two times per calendar year. We recommend that students test within 6 months of the application deadline. Please avoid last minute "cram" testing to meet a deadline. Once a portion of the test is 60% or higher (passing), a student only needs to take the portion they earned a below 60% mark. However, you will need to pay for the full test. Just take the portion needed.

CAN THE TEST BE RETAKEN TO OBTAIN HIGHER SCORES?

The highest score of the two tests taken will be accepted. There is no admissions priority given to students exceeding the required 60% in the math and 60% in the reading.

HOW LONG ARE SCORES VALID?

There is no time limit on the validity of NET scores.

WHO SHOULD BE CONTACTED FOR ADDITIONAL TESTING INFORMATION?

For more information call (903) 983-8215 or email the Testing Center at testing@kilgore.edu

Additional Testing By Invitation After NET :

All qualified students will take the Nelson Denny Reading Exam for final admission consideration. The Nelson Denny Reading Exam score must be at the 13 grade level or above.