

**SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE
ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING PROGRAM
LPN-TO-ADN OPTION**

**NURSING ACCELERATION CHALLENGE EXAME (NACE-I): FOUNDATIONS OF NURSING
INFORMATION & STEPS TO COMPLETE**

INFORMATION

Southeast Community College, Associate Degree Nursing Program LPN-to-ADN Option guideline requires that students who have graduated from a nationally accredited or state-approved practice nursing program more than three (3) years prior to date of application requires the applicant to take the Nursing Acceleration Challenge Exam (NACE-I): Foundations of Nursing. This exam is a direct cost to the student of \$60. A decision score at or above the national mean is required to pass. If the applicant is not successful on the first-attempt, the test can be retaken one time, at additional cost.

The NACE provides educators an instrument for evaluation of applicant's nursing knowledge to assist with educational mobility for individuals seeking advanced placement into a nursing program. The exam evaluates prior knowledge and experience. ([NLN Testing Services Student Bulletin: NACE Exams](#))

"The NACE-I: Foundations of Nursing includes content related to the basic physiological and psychosocial needs of individuals (200 items / 4 hours administration). The test items are multiple-choice and alternative item format used in the NCLEX exam. Each section of the exam consists of operational items that have undergone content and sensitivity reviews." (National League for Nursing Testing Services Student Bulletin: NACE Exams, p. 2)

The Content Outline for the Foundations of Nursing (NACE-I) is on page 5 of the Student Bulletin. Applicants are encouraged to study and prepare for the exam using a NCLEX test preparation resource.

Students who successfully complete the NACE-I receive credit by examination for the following Associate Degree Nursing Program core "NURS" courses:

COURSE NO.	NURSING COURSE	QUARTER CREDIT
NURS 1206	Intro to Professional Nursing	2.0
NURS 1207	Basic Nursing Pharmacology	2.0
NURS 1305	Nursing Concepts I	6.0
NURS 1307	Nursing Concepts II	3.0
NURS 2403	Gerontology	3.5
	TOTAL	16.5

STEPS TO COMPLETE

1. Contact your associate degree nursing program faculty advisor to schedule a date/time to complete the exam 15 business days prior to the exam date. This ensures adequate time to process the order and time for the student to create an account and register for the exam.
2. Make an appointment with the Southeast Community College Testing Center for the date/time scheduled. The Testing Center is located on the Lincoln Campus in room L-3 and can be reached by phone at 402-437-2715.
3. Meet with your faculty advisor to obtain the exam invoice. The invoice is presented and paid for on campus in Student Services.
4. Create an account with the NLN. Refer to the [Student Guide to NLN Testing Portal](#) for creating a new account. Create an account 7 business days prior to the exam date and allow three to five days for student registration to be processed.
5. Review the Student Guide to NLN Testing Portal information about “registering for an exam session, exam day, exam protocol, and navigation prompts.”
6. Your faculty advisor will contact you after the exam is complete to notify you of the results.