Associate Degree Nursing Program - Admission Criteria

1. Complete a Beal College Application (cost $30)

2. Submit official high school transcript or GED Scores

3. Submit official college transcripts (if the applicant wishes to transfer general education credits from other institutes of higher learning)

4. Immunizations

   Maine Law requires all degree-seeking students and full-time, non-degree students born after December 31, 1956 to provide the following proof of immunization:

   • One (1) dose of Tetanus/Diphtheria (Td or Tdap) received within the last ten (10) years. It is recommended that applicants receive a one-time dose of Tdap as soon as possible if Tdap was not previously received (regardless of when previous dose of Td was received). Td boosters are required every 10 years thereafter.

   • Provide Proof of immunization against Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) received after (not on) the applicant’s 1st birthday. If the vaccine was administered prior to 1968, the applicant must present laboratory results (titer). If non-immune, the applicant must receive 2 doses of the measles, mumps, rubella vaccine.

5. Successful Completion of the Entrance Exam - Kaplan Admission Test

   The Kaplan Nursing School Admissions Test is a pre-admission assessment to determine whether a student has the necessary academic skills to perform effectively in a school of nursing. Designed for students with a high-school education (or equivalent), the 91-question, multiple-choice test provides an overall percentage score and sub-scores for basic reading, writing, math, science and critical thinking. The Kaplan Nursing School Admissions Test is unique in that it is nursing-content focused. The math section focuses on math skills foundational to clinical competence: decimal to fraction conversions, ratios and proportions. The science section has a focus on anatomy and physiology at a level appropriate for a high school graduate. The exam is nationally-normed for benchmarking and also includes an overall composite score.

   Test results provide scores for:

   1. Reading Comprehension
   2. Writing
   3. Math
   4. Science
   5. Critical Thinking

   The reading section contains 22 questions to be answered in 45 minutes. Candidates read four passages and answer questions that measure the essential skills required for reading:

   • Determining the logic of a passage
   • Comprehending details
   • Drawing basic inferences
   • Identifying the purpose of a passage
The math section contains 28 questions to be answered in 45 minutes. The test measures the candidate’s ability to apply mathematical principles in the following areas:

- Conversions
- Operations
- Ratios
- Word problems

The writing section contains 21 questions to be answered in 45 minutes. Candidates read nine passages and answer questions that measure the essential skills required for writing:

- Assessing passage development
- Assessing paragraph logic
- Assessing mechanics of writing

The science section contains 20 questions to be answered in 30 minutes. The test measures the candidate’s knowledge of physiology in the following areas:

- Cardiovascular system
- Electrolytes
- Gastrointestinal system
- Immune system
- Neurology
- Renal system
- Hematological system
- Homeostasis
- Respiratory system
- Sensory system

Priority consideration will be given to applicants who earn a score of 70% or higher on the exam. The exam may be taken 3 times only, with a waiting period of 45 days between exam attempts. Performance results are valid for 2 years.

Please contact the Admission Staff for further information about the Kaplan test, such as test dates, cost, etc. It is highly recommended that applicants prepare for the exam. Kaplan recommends using the resource:

Kaplan Nursing School Entrance Exams: Your Complete Guide to Getting Into Nursing School