NLN Assessment Services Division

Nursing Entrance Exam: NEX

Technical Guide: Blueprint, Norms and Reports

This technical brief provides a high-level overview, blueprint information, and report descriptions for the **National League for Nursing (NLN) Nursing Entrance Exam (NEX)**. For comprehensive technical details, please request the *NEX Technical Manual* from the NLN or schedule a demonstration of the exam.

Test Overview

The **Nursing Entrance Exam (NEX)** is a battery of three computer-based subject tests administered in a single testing session under live proctoring, either in person at an approved institutional testing center or virtually with active monitoring. All items are in multiple-choice format with four response options. The test is delivered as a Linear-On-The-Fly Test (LOFT) which creates unique comparable forms that meet the blueprint specifications and pre-defined test statistical parameters. Items are scored as correct or incorrect, with no penalty for guessing; unanswered items are counted as incorrect. Each subject test is timed at 60 minutes, and all tests must be completed to produce a score report.

In 2024, the NLN added a pretest survey to the NEX to collect data for validity studies. Participation is voluntary and allows examinees to identify the program to which they intend to apply and provide other educational information for research purposes. Analysis of the 2024 survey and test data confirmed that Registered Nurse (RN) and Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse (LPN/VN) applicants represent distinct subpopulations.

As a norm-referenced test appropriate for more than one reference population, an examinee's score should be interpreted using the appropriate group[1]. Beginning November 1, 2025, examinees receive the **NEX Student Score Report** which presents subject test and composite scores reported as percentile ranks based on two national reference groups (RN and LPN/VN) derived from 2024 operational testing[2]. Examinees who tested prior to November 1, 2025, may receive both the **Historical NEX Student Score Report**, which uses a single reference group, and the **NEX Student Score Report**, which uses two reference groups. Institutions are encouraged to use the two-group **NEX Student Score Report** for all applicants.

Norming results for LPN/VN and RN groups are provided in Appendix A. Table A1 reports NEX composite scores and corresponding percentile ranks. Tables A2-A4 report NEX Subject Test percent scores with corresponding percentile ranks. Table 1 presents NEX composite scores at commonly used percentile ranks. Schools determine how they will use the 2024 normed scores.

Table 1. Select Percentile Ranks for NEX Composite Scores

Percentile Rank	LPN/VN Composite Score	RN Composite Score
40	119	121
50	143	145
60	165	166
70	188	189

Note. This table is included solely to illustrate the relationship between composite scores and selected percentile ranks and should not be interpreted as an NLN-recommended standard or decision threshold.

[1] *Standards for Educational and Psychological Testing* (APA, AERA, & NCME, 2014), pp. 97,104.
[2] Percentile ranks are based on the 2024 operational group of examinees who completed the test between February 11, 2024 (the date of exam release), and December 31, 2024. The dataset includes first-time test takers who answered at least one item correctly in each of the three subject tests and who self-reported the program type to which they intended to apply (RN or LPN/VN).

Test Objectives and Blueprint

The general objectives of the NEX:

1. Measure examinees' foundational academic competencies in verbal, mathematics, and science knowledge and skills.
2. Report logic and reasoning skills within each subject exam.
3. Provide nursing programs valid, reliable data as one measure to guide admission decisions.
4. Provide nursing programs valid, reliable data as one measure to inform student support and success efforts.

The **NEX Blueprint** for all subject tests is shown in Table 1. Each test includes both operational (scored) and pilot (unscored) items that have undergone thorough content and sensitivity reviews. Only operational items contribute to examinee scores and are used to assess student performance.

Table 2. NEX Blueprint

		Number Scored Items	Percent of Total Test	Number Unscored Items
Verbal		**50**	**34%**	**8**
	Word Knowledge	25	17%	
	Reading Comprehension	25	17%	
Math		**40**	**28%**	**5**
	Numbers and Operations	12	8%	
	Measurement	14	10%	
	Algebra	7	5%	
	Data and Information	7	5%	
Science		**55**	**38%**	**5**
	Biology	20	14%	
	Human Anatomy	11	8%	
	Human Physiology	11	8%	
	Chemistry	5	3%	
	Health	8	6%	
Total		**145**	**100%**	**18**

Note. Numbers may not equal 100% due to rounding.

Verbal Skills and Knowledge Subject Test

The **Verbal Subject Test** consists of two sections—**Word Knowledge** (25 scored and 3 unscored items) and **Reading Comprehension** (25 scored and 5 unscored items). The test

measures skill levels typically expected of high school or first-year college students.

Objectives of the Verbal Subject Test:

1. Determine word meanings by applying vocabulary development and word analysis strategies.
2. Comprehend, interpret, and analyze informational passages in areas such as social sciences, health, natural sciences, and technology using close reading, reasoning, and inference skills.
3. Apply logic and reasoning to a) infer word meaning from context clues and affixes, and b) draw text-based inferences and conclusions.

Table 2. NEX Verbal Subject Test Blueprint by Content Area and Dimension

Content Area	**Dimension**					**Content Area Totals**	
	Vocabulary Development	*Word Analysis*[1]	*Reading for Information*	*Application*	*Inference*[1]	Items	%
Work Knowledge	10	15				25	50%
Reading Comprehension			10	10	5	25	50%
Dimension Subtotals	10	15	10	10	5	50	100%
Dimension %	20%	30%	20%	20%	10%		

[1] *An additional Logic and Reasoning dimension is derived from items classified as Word Analysis and Reading Inference.*

Word Knowledge

The **Word Knowledge** section measures examinees' ability to determine word meaning through **word analysis** by using contextual clues and knowledge of Greek and Latin word parts (prefixes, suffixes, and roots). Examinees demonstrate their **vocabulary development** to identify correct word usage, recognize antonyms and synonyms, and distinguish among frequently confused words.

Reading Comprehension

The **Reading Comprehension** section includes five scored passages and one unscored (pilot) passage. Passages present informational content drawn from natural and social sciences, health, technology, history, and general topics appropriate for assessing comprehension at a ninth-grade level or higher. Items measure three key dimensions of reading comprehension: **reading for information**, **application** (applying information and analyzing ideas), and **inference** (making inferences or drawing conclusions).

Mathematics Subject Test

The **Mathematics Subject Test** consists of 40 scored items and 5 unscored (pilot) items. It is designed to measure applicants' competency in solving basic arithmetic and quantitative problems across four content areas: **numbers and operations, measurement, algebra, and data and information**. The test includes both computation and word problems (quantitative logic and reasoning), providing examinees with the opportunity to demonstrate fundamental mathematical operations and problem-solving skills essential for success in nursing coursework. Content is drawn from material typically taught from Grade 8 through Grade 10 Algebra I.

Objectives of the Mathematics Test:

1. Perform basic operations—addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division—on integers, decimals, fractions, and percentages in computational and problem-solving contexts.
2. Convert among measurement units, maintain proportional relationships, and apply basic formulas in computational and problem-solving contexts.
3. Perform basic algebraic manipulations in computational and problem-solving contexts.
4. Compute descriptive values and interpret summarized graphical information in computational and problem-solving contexts.

Table 3. NEX Mathematics Subject Test Blueprint by Content Area and Dimension

Content Area	Dimension		Content Area Totals	
	Computation	*Problem Solving*[1]	Items	%
Numbers and Operations	4	8	12	30.0%
Measurement	5	9	14	35.0%
Algebra	3	4	7	17.5%
Data & Information	3	4	7	17.5%
Dimension Subtotals	15	25	40	100.0%
Dimension Total %	38%	63%		

[1] *An additional Logic and Reasoning dimension is derived from items classified as Problem Solving. Numbers may not equal 100% due to rounding.*

Science Subject Test

The **Science Subject Test** consists of 55 scored items and 5 unscored (pilot) items. It is designed to measure applicants' competency in general science knowledge and principles that provide the foundation for success in the nursing curriculum. The content is primarily at the high school level, with some material reflecting introductory college coursework (100–200 level). Content areas include **biology, human anatomy and physiology, chemistry, and health**. The test

measures several cognitive dimensions, including knowledge, application of principles, basic research and measurement, and interpretation of charts, graphs, and diagrams.

Objectives of the Science Test:

1. Identify facts, terms, processes, and principles.
2. Apply scientific principles to specific situations.
3. Apply basic research and measurement techniques.
4. Interpret charts, graphs, and diagrams.
5. Apply logic and reasoning to solve application-level problems and draw valid interpretations from scientific information.

Table 4. NEX Science Subject Test Blueprint by Content Area and Dimension

Content Area	Dimension			Content Area Totals	
	Knowledge	*Application*[1]	*Interpretation*[1]	Items	Percentage
Biology	10	7	3	20	36%
Human Anatomy	5	3	3	11	20%
Human Physiology	4	4	3	11	20%
Chemistry	3	1	1	5	9%
Health	3	3	2	8	15%
Dimension Subtotals	25	18	12	55	
Dimension Total %	46%	33%	22%		100%

[1] *An additional Logic and Reasoning dimension is derived from items classified as Application and Interpretation. Numbers may not equal 100% due to rounding.*

Assessment Reports

There are two primary scoring reports available for use and interpretation of results from the NEX exam:

1. The **NEX Student Score Report**, available to the examinee and school administrator to review a single examinee's NEX composite score and percentile rank plus subject test performance.

2. The **Coaching Report**, available to the examinee and school administrator to review a single examinee's raw (% correct) and comparative scores for each subject test and the associated content areas and cognitive dimensions.

NEX Score Report

The NEX Student Score Report is the official record of an examinee's composite score and

percentile rank based on national norm-referenced comparisons. During the transition to the current test delivery platform and updated norming groups, institutions may encounter both legacy reports based on 2022 norms and current reports based on 2024 norms.

There are two meaningful differences across active and legacy reports:

1. **Which norming population was used**
2. **Reporting Percentile Ranks for two national norming groups vs. single norming group**

To ensure fair and consistent comparison of applicants, schools should renorm scores for examinees who tested prior to November 1, 2025. This can be done by retrieving the **NLN NEX Student Score Report** from the Assess dashboard, which uses each examinee's subject test raw scores to calculate updated composite scores and percentile ranks under the 2024 norms. Table 5 summarizes the available reports and their key differences. Samples of each report format are provided in Appendix B. Figure 1 provides the current report.

Table 5. NEX Student Report Comparison

	Active Reports		Legacy Reports
Report Titles	**Nursing Entrance Exam (NEX) Student Score Report**	**Nursing Entrance Exam (NEX) Student Score Report**	**Nursing Entrance Exam (NEX) Student Score Report Students Testing Before Nov. 1, 2025**
Examinee Dates	Nov 1, 2025, and later	Feb 11, 2024 – Oct 31, 2025	Feb 11, 2024 – Oct 31, 2025
Test Delivery	Assess.ai	Questionmark	Questionmark
Report Status	Current	Current	Historic
Report on Dashboard*	NLN NEX Student Score Report	NLN NEX Student Score Report	NLN NEX Historical Student Score Report
Norming Group Data Collection	Feb 11, 2024 – Dec 31, 2024		Jan 1, 2022 – Dec 31, 2022
Norming Group Methodology	First time examinees only, all subject tests submitted, each subject test required one correct response		Includes repeat examinees, additional data cleaning methodology unknown
National Norming Population(s)	Two norm groups: • LPN/VN applicants • RN applicants		Single norm group: • All examinees regardless of program
Application	Percentile ranks and composites reflect the correct program-specific national comparison group.		Save as Historical Record.
Sample Report	Figure 1		Figure 2

*To access student reports from the dashboard, visit the NLN website training modules or contact your Account Manager.

Nursing Entrance Exam (NEX) Student Score Report

Name: [redacted] **Username:** [redacted] com **School/Agency:** NLN - STAFF ONLY	**Exam Date:** 10-21-2025	National League for Nursing

YOUR COMPOSITE SCORE AND PERCENTILE RANKS

Your LPN/VN Composite Score	Your LPN/VN Percentile Rank	Your RN Composite Score	Your RN Percentile Rank
151	53	**110**	36

The 50th percentile corresponds to a composite score of 143 for LPN/VN and 145 for RN.

YOUR SUBJECT TESTS SCORES AND PERCENTILE RANKS

Subject Test	Your Percent Correct	Your LPN/VN Percentile Rank	Your RN Percentile Rank
Verbal (50 scored questions)	52.00%	30	13
Math (40 scored questions)	95.00%	99	91
Science (55 scored questions)	43.64%	22	6

Figure 1. The NLN's ***Nursing Entrance Exam (NEX) Student Score Report*** which uses two distinct norming groups (RN and LPN/VN) from 2024 examinees.

Nursing Entrance Exam (NEX) Student Score Report
Students testing before November 1, 2025

Name: [redacted] **Username:** [redacted] com **School/Agency:** [redacted]	**Exam Date:** 03-01-2024	National League for Nursing

YOUR COMPOSITE SCORE AND PERCENTILE RANKS

Your LPN/VN Composite Score	Your LPN/VN Percentile Rank	Your RN Composite Score	Your RN Percentile Rank
65	24	**65**	24

The 50th percentile corresponds to a composite score of 138. If you tested between February 16, 2024, and October 31, 2025, your percentile ranks are the same across programs because they were based on aggregate data from the 2022 norming group. See explanations at the bottom of this report for more details.

YOUR SUBJECT TESTS SCORES AND PERCENTILE RANKS

Subject Test	Your Percent Correct	Your LPN/VN Percentile Rank	Your RN Percentile Rank
Verbal (50 scored questions)	54.00%	23	23
Math (40 scored questions)	55.00%	40	40
Science (55 scored questions)	34.55%	2	2

Figure 2. The **Historical Nursing Entrance Exam (NEX) Student Score Report** for examinees who tested before November 1, 2025. This historical report is generated in Assess.ai to mirror the current report format. Because scoring is based on a single 2022 norming group, LPN/VN and RN percentile ranks and composite scores are identical.

Explanations and Examples for Using the NEX Student Score Report

Composite Score. This score ranges from 0 - 300. It is the sum of the three subject test percentile ranks and is computed for RN and LPN/VN norming groups separately.

A **Norming Group** is the group of students scores the examinee's score is compared to. In 2024, this national group included students who took the exam for the first time and filled out the NEX pre-test survey. There are two norming groups:

- Students applying to **LPN/VN (Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse)** programs (N = 1,020)
- Students applying to **RN (Registered Nurse)** programs (N = 2,499)

Percentile Rank shows how an examinee's score compares to the norming group. It tells the percentage of students who scored the same as or lower than the examinee.

- The **higher the percentile rank, the better the examinee did compared to others.**
- A common comparison point is the **median (50th percentile)**, which is the middle score in the group.

Starting November 1, 2025, the 50th percentile corresponds to a composite score of **145** for RN applicants and **143** for LPN/VN applicants.

Subject Test Scores show how an examinee did in each subject (Verbal, Math, and Science). These are based only on scored questions (pilot test questions are not counted).
The report includes:

- **Percent Correct** – the number answered correctly divided by the number of questions.
- **Percentile Rank** – how the examinee's score compares to other students based on comparative norming group.

For each subject test, the percent correct score needed to meet the 50th Percentile based on the national comparative group is shown in Table 6.

Table 6. NEX Subject Test % Correct Scores Needed to Meet the National 50th Percentile Rank for LPN/VN and RN Comparison Groups

Subject	LPN/VN	RN
Verbal Score	62.0%	70.0%
Math Score	55.0%	72.5%
Science Score	56.4%	69.1%

Example 1- Figure 1: LPN/VN Composite Score.

The LPN/VN composite score is computed from the LPN/VN subject percentile ranks of Verbal (30), Math (99), and Science (22). The LPN/VN composite score is: 30 + 99 + 22 = 151. The LPN/VN percentile rank for that composite score is 53, or the student would have performed at or better than 53% of the students in the LPN/VN norming group.

Example 2 – Figure 1: RN Composite Score.

The RN composite score is computed from the RN subject percentile ranks of Verbal (13), Math (91), and Science (6). The RN composite score is: 13 + 91 + 6 = 110. The RN percentile rank for that composite score is 36, or the student would have performed at or better than 36% of the students in the RN norming group.

If an LPN/VN program determined that meeting the 50th percentile rank on the NEX was one of the admissions criteria for their program, the examinee in the Figure 3 sample report would sufficiently meet that criteria. Alternatively, if an RN program made the same admissions determination, the applicant would not meet the criteria. The same percent correct for each subject test produces two unique composite scores and associated percentile ranks providing Programs of Nursing meaningful results based on the program offered.

Analysis of 2024 operational norming results indicated that applicants to RN programs performed better than those applying to LPN/VN programs. Therefore, percentile ranks for the RN comparative group will be lower than for the LPN/VN norming group. An RN examinee will need to achieve a higher raw score than an LPN/VN examinee would in order to meet the same percentile rank. Percentile Rank Tables for each subject test and the composite score from the 2024 Operational Norming Groups are provided in Appendix A.

Coaching Report

The **Coaching Report** is a multi-dimensional, diagnostic report available for each subject test. It presents student performance for the total test, as well as for the **content areas and cognitive dimensions** outlined in the blueprints (Tables 1–4). Examinees' percent correct scores are compared to national averages. Comparisons are based on raw scores, not percentile ranks, and are currently available only in aggregate, not by RN or LPN/PN reference group. Table 7 shows each of the NEX subject tests and the content area and dimensions for which examinees' percent scores and the affiliated national averages are reported.

Table 7. NEX Subject Tests with Content Area and Dimensions Displayed in Coaching Reports

Test	Content Area	Dimensions
Verbal	Word Knowledge Reading Comprehension	Vocabulary Development Word Analysis Reading for Information Application Inference Logic and Reasoning
Math	Numbers and Operations Measurement Algebra Data & Information	Computation Problem Solving Logic and Reasoning
Science	Biology Human Anatomy Human Physiology Chemistry Health	Knowledge Application Interpretation Logic and Reasoning

The Coaching Report can guide applicants and admitted students in recognizing areas for improvement, preparing for coursework, or supporting remediation for those who choose to retake the exam to achieve a higher score. Nursing program faculty can use this information to coach individual students or to evaluate cohort-level strengths and weaknesses in content areas and cognitive dimensions. Figure 2 shows a sample Coaching Report with the inclusion of Content Areas and Dimensions. Sample Coaching Reports for each subject are provided in **Appendix B**.

NLN Coaching Report

Participant first name	[redacted]	**Date finished**	Oct 27 2025
Participant last name	[redacted]	**Status**	Completed
Username	[redacted]	**Total score**	20
School/Agency	NLN - STAFF ONLY	**Percentage score**	40.00%
Assessment name	NEX Verbal	**Time taken**	13

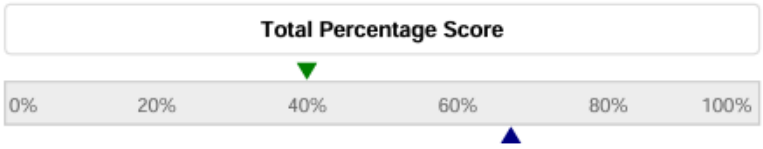
Comparisons

Description

This report shows how you performed on the exam compared to other students who took the same test. You can see both your overall score and how you did in a specific subject or other test category.

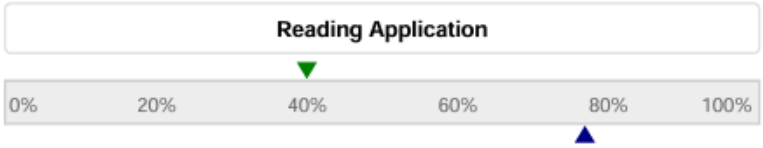
Number of results in comparison set: 5395

Student score **40.00%** ▼
National average **67.1%** ▲

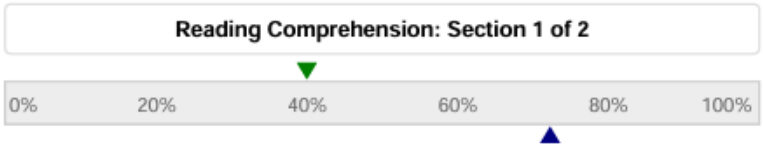


Additional Comparative Scores

Student score **40.00%** ▼
National average **76.93%** ▲



Student score **40.00%** ▼
National average **72.31%** ▲



Student score **0.00%** ▼
National average **62.67%** ▲

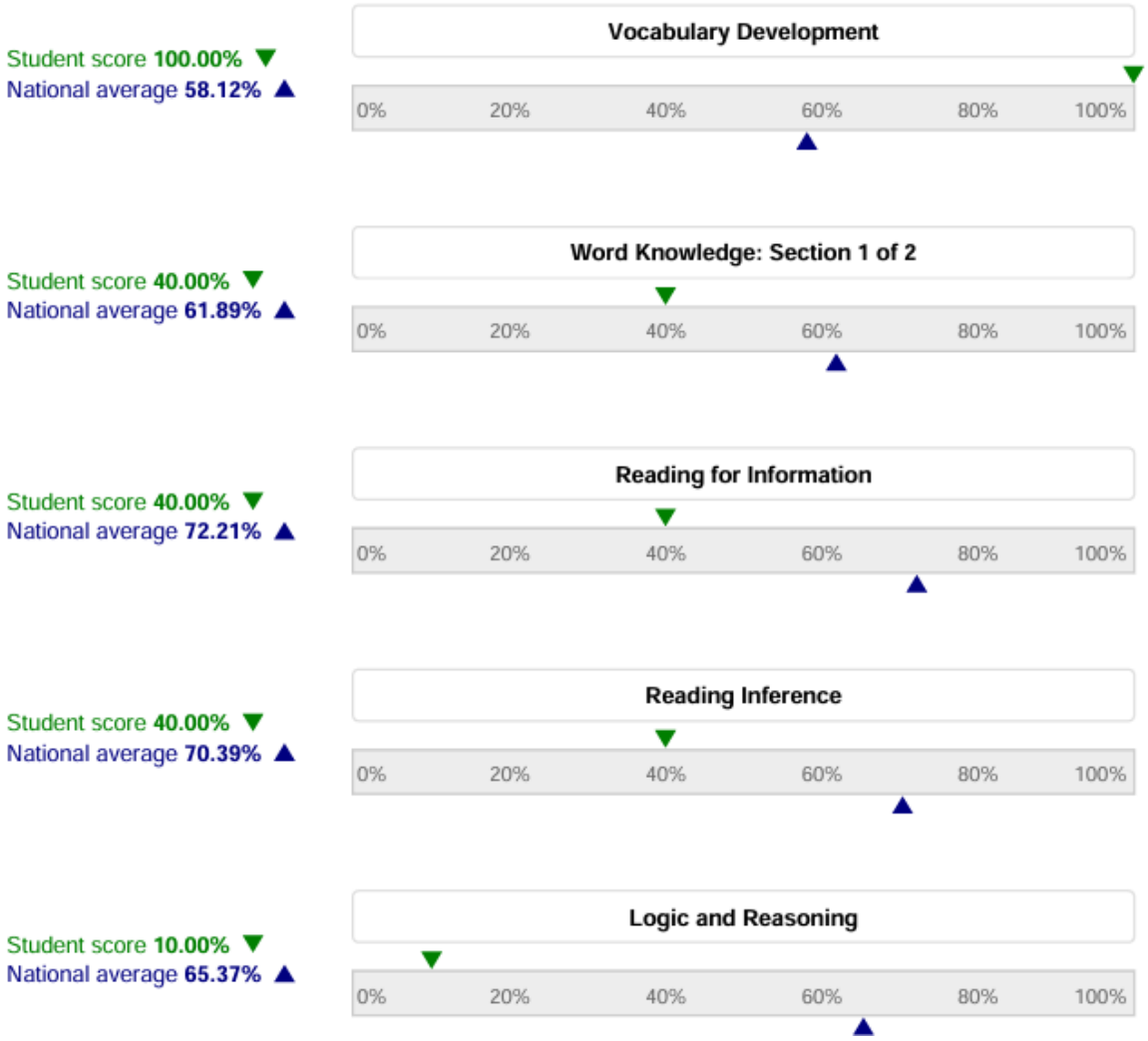


Figure 2. Sample of NEX Verbal Subject Test Coaching Report

Interpreting and Using Scores

Each nursing program is encouraged to use the scores from the NEX exam as one method in an overall evaluation process of a potential applicant's preparedness for the academic rigors of a nursing program. Each program considers the acceptable level of performance on the exam based on their student population and available resources to support student success. The NLN does not establish a "passing" or "failing" mark on this exam, nor is it involved in any benchmark settings that an institution might conduct. Additional information and evidence on the valid use and interpretation of test scores, provided in the technical manual, is intended to help programs make informed decisions about how scores from the exam can be used as one factor in admissions decisions.

Appendix A

LPN/VN and RN Composite and Subject Test Scores and Percentile Ranks[3]

Table A1. NEX Composite Score and Percentile Rank

Composite Score[4]	2024 RN Percentile Rank	2024 PN Percentile Rank
0	1	1
1	1	1
2	1	1
3	1	1
4	1	1
5	1	1
6	1	1
7	1	1
8	1	1
9	1	1
10	1	1
11	1	1
12	1	1
13	2	1
14	2	1
15	2	1
16	2	1
17	3	1
18	3	2
19	3	2
20	3	2
21	4	2
22	4	2
23	4	3
24	4	3
25	5	3
26	5	3
27	5	3
28	5	4
29	6	4
30	6	4
31	7	5
32	7	5

[3] Percentile ranks are based on the 2024 operational norming group. The 2024 dataset includes first-time test takers who completed the exam between February 11, 2024 (launch date), and December 31, 2024, and who answered at least one scored item correctly in each of the three subject tests and self-reported the program type (RN or LPN/VN).
[4] Composite score is computed by program as the sum of percentile ranks for each subject test

Composite Score[4]	2024 RN Percentile Rank	2024 PN Percentile Rank
33	7	5
34	8	6
35	8	6
36	8	6
37	8	7
38	9	7
39	9	7
40	9	7
41	9	8
42	9	9
43	10	9
44	10	9
45	11	10
46	11	10
47	11	10
48	12	11
49	12	11
50	12	12
51	13	12
52	13	12
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61	16	15
62	16	16
63	16	16
64	17	16
65	17	17
66	18	17
67	18	17
68	18	18
69	19	18
70	19	19
71	20	19
72	20	20
73	20	20
74	21	21

Composite Score[4]	2024 RN Percentile Rank	2024 PN Percentile Rank
75	21	21
76	22	21
77	22	22
78	22	22
79	22	22
80	23	23
81	23	23
82	24	23
83	24	23
84	25	24
85	25	24
86	25	24
87	26	25
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102	32	31
103	32	32
104	33	32
105	33	33
106	34	33
107	34	34
108	35	34
109	35	34
110	36	35
111	36	36
112	36	36
113	37	36
114	37	37
115	38	37
116	38	38

Composite Score[4]	2024 RN Percentile Rank	2024 PN Percentile Rank
117	38	39
118	38	39
119	39	40
120	39	40
121	40	40
122	40	41
123	41	41
124	41	42
125	42	42
126	42	42
127	42	43
128	43	43
129	43	44
130	44	44
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132	44	45
133	45	45
134	45	46
135	45	46
136	46	46
137	46	46
138	47	47
139	47	47
140	47	48
141	48	48
142	48	49
143	49	**50**
144	49	**50**
145	**50**	**50**
146	**50**	51
147	51	51
148	51	52
149	52	52
150	52	53
151	53	53
152	53	54
153	54	54
154	54	55
155	55	55
156	55	56
157	55	56
158	56	57

Composite Score[4]	2024 RN Percentile Rank	2024 PN Percentile Rank
159	56	57
160	57	58
161	57	59
162	57	59
163	58	59
164	58	59
165	59	60
166	60	60
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190	70	71
191	70	72
192	71	72
193	71	72
194	71	73
195	72	73
196	72	73
197	72	74
198	73	74
199	73	74
200	74	75

Composite Score[4]	2024 RN Percentile Rank	2024 PN Percentile Rank
201	74	75
202	75	75
203	75	76
204	76	76
205	76	76
206	76	77
207	76	77
208	77	77
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214	79	80
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235	86	86
236	87	87
237	87	87
238	87	87
239	88	88
240	88	88
241	88	88
242	88	88

Composite Score[4]	2024 RN Percentile Rank	2024 PN Percentile Rank
243	89	88
244	89	89
245	90	89
246	90	89
247	90	90
248	90	90
249	91	91
250	91	91
251	91	91
252	92	92
253	92	92
254	92	92
255	92	92
256	93	92
257	93	93
258	93	93
259	93	93
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261	94	94
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266	95	95
267	95	96
268	96	96
269	96	96
270	96	96
271	96	96
272	97	96
273	97	97
274	97	97
275	97	97
276	97	97
277	98	97
278	98	97
279	98	97
280	98	98
281	98	98
282	98	98
283	99	99
284	99	99

Composite Score[4]	2024 RN Percentile Rank	2024 PN Percentile Rank
285	99	99
286	99	99
287	99	99
288	99	99
289	99	99
290	99	99
291	99	99
292	99	99
293	99	99
294	99	99
295	99	99
296	99	99
297	99	99
298	99	99
299	99	99
300	99	99

Table A2. NEX Verbal Subject Test Scores and Percentile Ranks by Program

Verbal Score	Verbal Percent Correct	2024 RN Verbal Percentile Rank	2024 PN Verbal Percentile Rank
0	0.0%	1	1
1	2.0%	1	1
2	4.0%	1	1
3	6.0%	1	1
4	8.0%	1	1
5	10.0%	1	1
6	12.0%	1	1
7	14.0%	1	1
8	16.0%	1	1
9	18.0%	1	1
10	20.0%	1	1
11	22.0%	1	1
12	24.0%	1	1
13	26.0%	1	2
14	28.0%	1	2
15	30.0%	1	3
16	32.0%	1	4
17	34.0%	1	5
18	36.0%	2	7
19	38.0%	2	8

Verbal Score	Verbal Percent Correct	2024 RN Verbal Percentile Rank	2024 PN Verbal Percentile Rank
20	40.0%	3	10
21	42.0%	4	13
22	44.0%	6	16
23	46.0%	7	20
24	48.0%	8	23
25	50.0%	10	26
26	52.0%	13	30
27	54.0%	15	34
28	56.0%	18	38
29	58.0%	21	43
30	60.0%	24	47
31	62.0%	28	51
32	64.0%	32	56
33	66.0%	36	60
34	68.0%	41	64
35	70.0%	46	69
36	72.0%	51	72
37	74.0%	55	76
38	76.0%	61	79
39	78.0%	66	82
40	80.0%	71	85
41	82.0%	76	89
42	84.0%	80	91
43	86.0%	85	93
44	88.0%	88	95
45	90.0%	91	97
46	92.0%	94	98
47	94.0%	96	98
48	96.0%	97	99
49	98.0%	99	99
50	100.0%	99	99

Table A3. NEX Math Subject Test Scores and Percentile Ranks by Program

Math Score	Math Percent Correct	2024 RN Math Percentile Rank	2024 PN Math Percentile Rank
0	0%	1	1
1	3%	1	1
2	5%	1	1
3	8%	1	1
4	10%	1	1
5	13%	1	1
6	15%	1	1
7	18%	1	1
8	20%	1	1
9	23%	1	1
10	25%	1	3
11	28%	1	6
12	30%	3	9
13	33%	4	11
14	35%	6	16
15	38%	8	20
16	40%	11	25
17	43%	14	30
18	45%	16	35
19	48%	19	39
20	50%	22	45
21	53%	25	49
22	55%	29	53
23	58%	32	57
24	60%	35	62
25	63%	39	66
26	65%	43	70
27	68%	46	74
28	70%	49	77
29	73%	52	80
30	75%	56	82
31	78%	60	85
32	80%	63	87
33	83%	67	89
34	85%	72	91
35	88%	77	93
36	90%	81	95
37	93%	86	97
38	95%	91	99

Math Score	Math Percent Correct	2024 RN Math Percentile Rank	2024 PN Math Percentile Rank
39	98%	95	99
40	100%	99	99

Table A4. NEX Science Subject Test Scores and Percentile Ranks by Program

Science Score	Science Percent Correct	2024 RN Science Percentile Rank	2024 PN Science Percentile Rank
0	0	1	1
1	2%	1	1
2	4%	1	1
3	5%	1	1
4	7%	1	1
5	9%	1	1
6	11%	1	1
7	13%	1	1
8	15%	1	1
9	16%	1	1
10	18%	1	1
11	20%	1	1
12	22%	1	1
13	24%	1	1
14	25%	1	2
15	27%	1	3
16	29%	1	4
17	31%	1	5
18	33%	1	6
19	35%	1	8
20	36%	2	10
21	38%	3	13
22	40%	4	15
23	42%	5	19
24	44%	6	22
25	45%	7	27
26	47%	9	31
27	49%	11	34
28	51%	13	38
29	53%	16	43
30	55%	19	48
31	56%	22	52
32	58%	26	57

Science Score	Science Percent Correct	2024 RN Science Percentile Rank	2024 PN Science Percentile Rank
33	60%	30	62
34	62%	34	66
35	64%	38	70
36	65%	42	74
37	67%	46	78
38	69%	50	80
39	71%	55	83
40	73%	60	86
41	75%	64	88
42	76%	69	90
43	78%	73	92
44	80%	78	93
45	82%	82	94
46	84%	85	96
47	85%	88	97
48	87%	91	98
49	89%	93	98
50	91%	95	99
51	93%	97	99
52	95%	98	99
53	96%	99	99
54	98%	99	99
55	100%	99	99

Appendix B

Sample Coaching Reports

National League for Nursing

NLN Coaching Report

Participant first name	[redacted]	**Date finished**	Oct 27 2025
Participant last name	[redacted]	**Status**	Completed
Username	[redacted]	**Total score**	20
School/Agency	NLN - STAFF ONLY	**Percentage score**	40.00%
Assessment name	NEX Verbal	**Time taken**	13

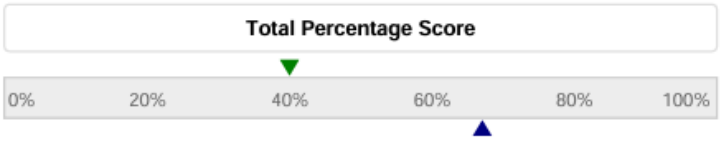
Comparisons

Description

This report shows how you performed on the exam compared to other students who took the same test. You can see both your overall score and how you did in a specific subject or other test category.

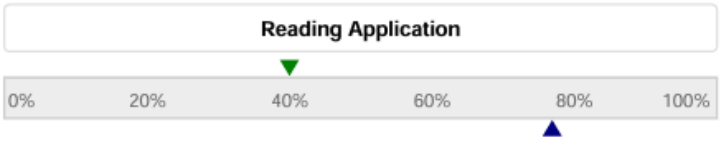
Number of results in comparison set: 5395

Student score **40.00%** ▼
National average **67.1%** ▲

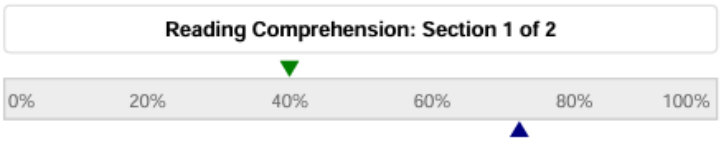


Additional Comparative Scores

Student score **40.00%** ▼
National average **76.93%** ▲



Student score **40.00%** ▼
National average **72.31%** ▲



Student score **0.00%** ▼
National average **62.67%** ▲

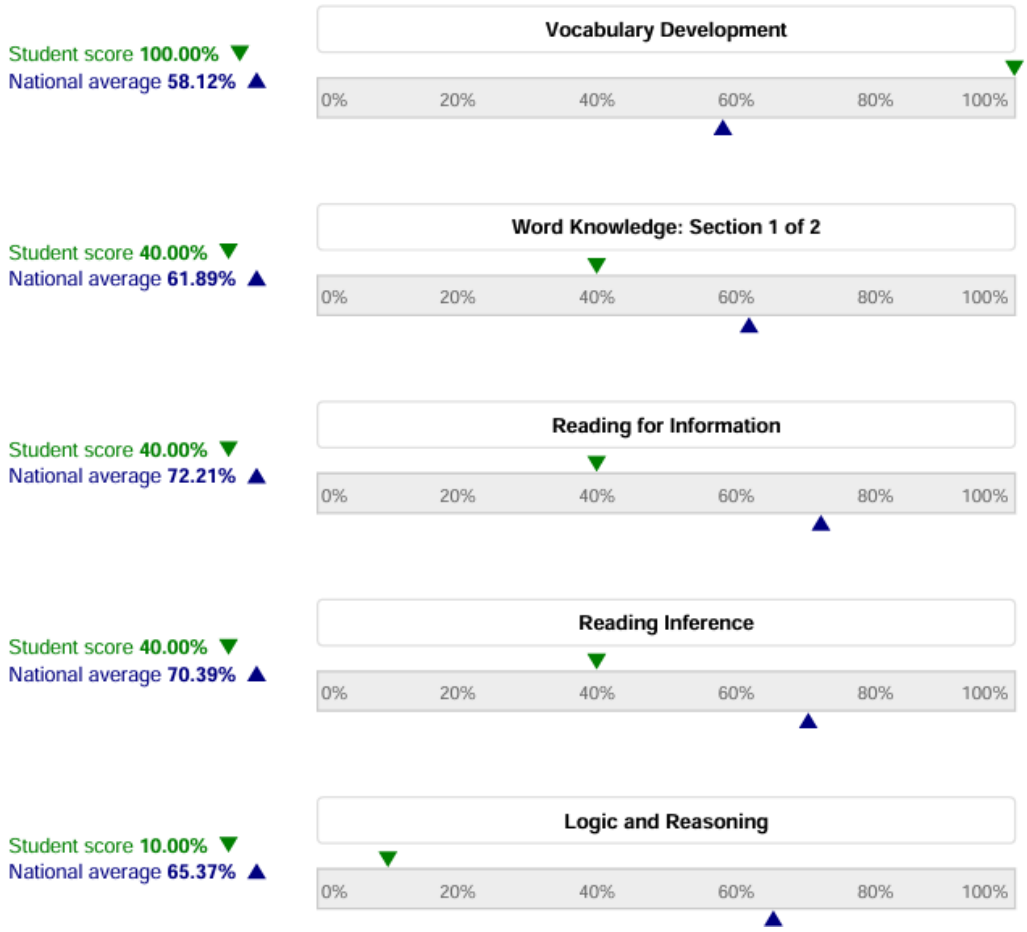


Figure B1. NEX Verbal Subject Test Coaching Report

National League for Nursing

NLN Coaching Report

Participant first name	[redacted]	**Date finished**	Oct 27 2025
Participant last name	[redacted]	**Status**	Completed
Username	[redacted]	**Total score**	20
School/Agency	NLN - STAFF ONLY	**Percentage score**	50.00%
Assessment name	NEX Math	**Time taken**	13

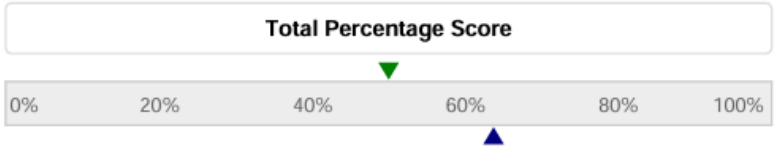
Comparisons

Description

This report shows how you performed on the exam compared to other students who took the same test. You can see both your overall score and how you did in a specific subject or other test category.

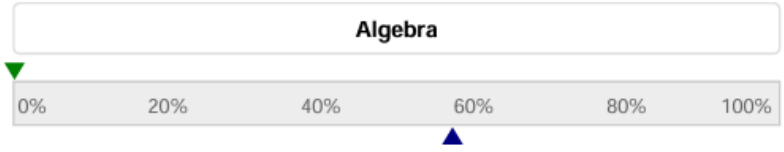
Number of results in comparison set: 5395

Student score **50.00%** ▼
National average **63.73%** ▲

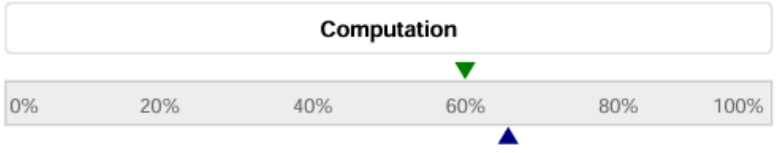


Additional Comparative Scores

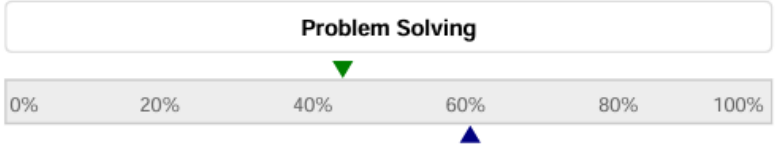
Student score **0.00%** ▼
National average **57.31%** ▲



Student score **60.00%** ▼
National average **65.64%** ▲



Student score **44.00%** ▼
National average **60.67%** ▲



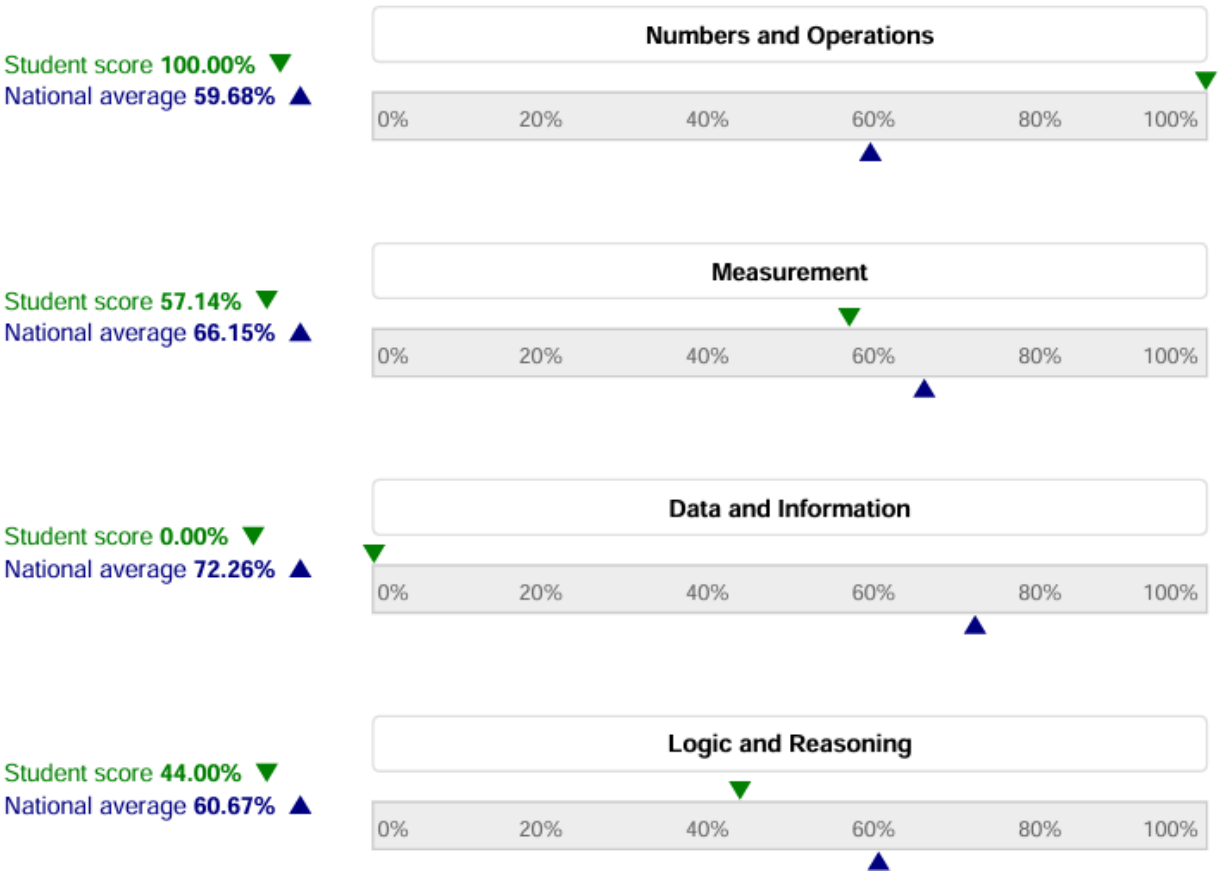


Figure B2. NEX Math Subject Test Coaching Report

National League for Nursing

NLN Coaching Report

Participant first name	[redacted]	**Date finished**	Oct 27 2025
Participant last name	[redacted]	**Status**	Completed
Username	[redacted]	**Total score**	29
School/Agency	NLN - STAFF ONLY	**Percentage score**	52.73%
Assessment name	NEX Science	**Time taken**	12

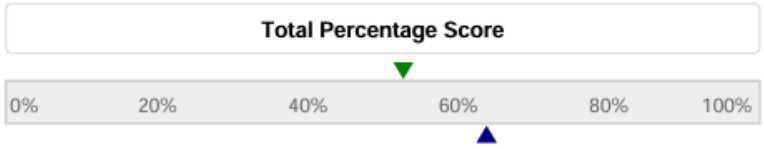
Comparisons

Description

This report shows how you performed on the exam compared to other students who took the same test. You can see both your overall score and how you did in a specific subject or other test category.

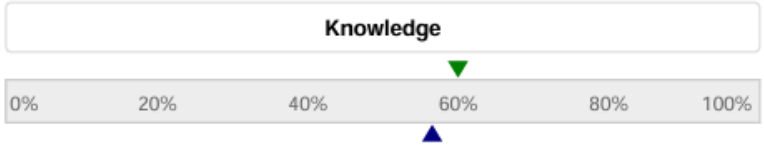
Number of results in comparison set: 5395

Student score **52.73%** ▼
National average **63.8%** ▲

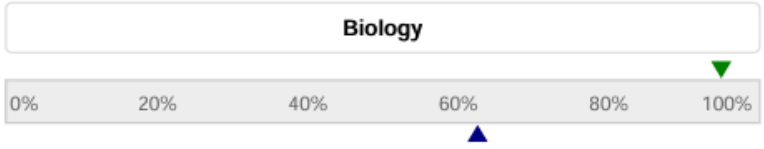


Additional Comparative Scores

Student score **60.00%** ▼
National average **56.57%** ▲



Student score **95.00%** ▼
National average **62.61%** ▲



Student score **0.00%** ▼
National average **70.1%** ▲

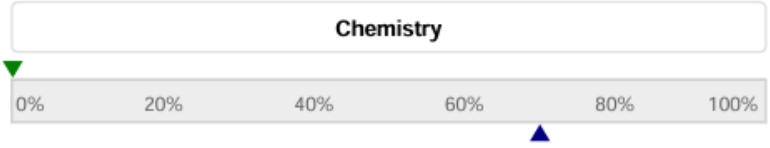


Figure B3. NEX Science Subject Test Coaching Report

EXPLANATIONS

Total Score – The number of questions you answered correctly. You can find this in the informational section of the report.

Percentage Score – The percent of questions you answered correctly. This appears in the informational section and in the first row of the graphical results labeled **"Student"**.

Number of results in comparison set – The number of students whose scores were used to calculate the **National Average**. This number may change when the data are updated.

Student Score - Shows the percent of questions you answered correctly on the total test and in each reported test category.

National Average - Shows the percent of questions students in the comparison group answered correctly on the total test and in each reported category.

How to Use This Report - Use it to identify your strengths and areas to improve. Focus on categories where your score is below the National Average to guide your studying. Categories where your score is above the average show your progress.

For additional details of the exam visit **NLN Assessments.**

Figure B4. Coaching Report Explanations. Explanatory content appears below the results on each Subject Test Coaching Report.