Introduction

As an LPN, Paramedic or military medic unable to enter the Nursing Science Program by direct articulation, you are eligible to challenge out of HSNS 1112, 1117 (5 credits), 1124 and 1125, Nursing Fundamentals and Beginning Med-Surg Nursing, by taking an examination. You must pass the challenge examination with a probability score of 850 or higher. If you do not pass, you may challenge the exam again at a later date. The challenge exam must be completed no more than five (5) years prior to admission to the program. The exam can be taken a maximum of three (3) times. If a student has not earned a passing score after the third attempt, the student will not be eligible for admission to the Nursing Science Program as a Career Ladder student but may apply for admission as a Beginning Track student.

Exam Dates/Deadlines

The exam is typically offered on the last Friday of February and the last Friday of September. Pre-registration is required to be eligible to take the exam.

**February Exam** – pre-registration deadline is January 31. If this date falls on a weekend, the deadline will be the last working day preceding the deadline date.

**September Exam** – pre-registration deadline is August 31. If this date falls on a weekend, the deadline will be the last working day preceding the deadline date.

Procedure for Pre-Registration

To ensure you have successfully pre-registered, please make sure you complete each of the five (5) steps below.

Complete the steps below in sequence. **Check each step after you have completed it:**

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<td>Go to the Office of Admissions in the Administration Building and apply for admission to Rose State College. According to Rose State College policy, a student must be enrolled in Rose State College classes to challenge coursework.</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Go to the Office of Admissions in the Administration Building and request a form called &quot;Application for Credit by Examination.&quot; Complete two (2) application forms, indicating the names of the courses as &quot;HSNS 1112, 1117 Fundamentals of Nursing&quot; on one (1) form, and &quot;HSNS 1124 and 1125, Beginning Medical Surgical Nursing&quot; on the second form.</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>Take the forms to the Nursing Program Office in the Health Sciences Center (room 152) or to the Health Sciences Division Office (room 100) and obtain the necessary permission signature from either the Nursing Program Director or the Assistant Director, or from the Health Sciences Division Dean or Associate Dean.</td>
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Take the signed forms to the Cashier’s window in the Administration Building and pay the $110.00 fee. If you have previously taken the exam, you will only be obligated to pay the $40.00 exam fee to repeat the exam.

Return the completed forms, **on or before the deadline date**, to the Nursing Program Office in the Health Sciences Center (room 152) or the Health Sciences Division Office (room 100). The Administrative Assistant will separate the forms and give you the gold copy to keep. The other copies will be retained on file. **If these forms are not returned, an exam will not be available for you to take.** Once you are admitted and enrolled in the Nursing Science Program, the forms will be completed indicating satisfactory completion of the exam and forwarded to the Office of Admissions so that credit can be applied to your transcript.

Additional steps to be completed prior to the exam date

The exam is a computerized exam and will be administered in a computer lab on the Rose State College campus. In order to log in to the computer and to the exam, you will need to complete the following steps **prior to coming for the exam:**

1. In order to be able to log in to the computers on campus, you must set up your user ID and password. You may contact the RSC Admissions office if you need assistance with this process.

2. Set up your Evolve account by completing the following steps:
   a) Log on to the Evolve website at [www.hesiinet.com](http://www.hesiinet.com)
   b) Under “Students” click on “Take My Exam”
   c) Click on “I do not have an Evolve user name” and complete the registration process.

   **Be sure that you select a user name and password that you will have no difficulty remembering as you will use this same username and password to log in to the Evolve system every time you take an exam through Evolve. If you have previously set up an account as a student in another program, you should be able to use the same username and password for logging in to take this exam.**

What You Will Need To Know

This test verifies the currency of your knowledge from LPN or Paramedic school. You are responsible for the information from your curriculum. This content includes, but is not limited to, Fundamentals, Surgery, Medicine, Psychiatry, and dosage calculation. To study, purchase an NCLEX LPN review book. The format of the computer-based questions will be similar to the questions in a current NCLEX-PN review book.

What The Test Is Like

The Challenge exam is a 75-question, computerized multiple-choice exam. The exam is a custom exam with questions based on the content covered in the first two (2) courses in the Nursing Science Program. Exam questions are LPN level questions. The exam is given in a room with multiple computers, so you will be taking the exam with other applicants. The exam takes no more than two (2) hours. You will know if you passed the exam before you leave the testing area.