



**Waubonsee Medical Assistant Program
MLA Admission Information**

- **PAX Exam (Option A)**
- **Completion of BIO260 Human Structure and Function and HIT110 Medical Terminology with a C or better. (Option B)**

Option A:

Purchasing and taking the PAX exam:

- The PAX tests are administered remotely online via the HyFlex Proctorio option of the NLN PAX test platform.
- Create a login at www.nlntest.org. Once you are logged in, choose “buy exam” at the top of the page and purchase **H-PAX_1, Pre-admission Exam for Hyflex** in your cart.
- After you purchase your exam, you will receive an email confirmation with instructions for taking the exam and accessing your score report.
- You will need a strong internet connection and a quiet, distraction-free test location. The test can be completed at the testing center if needed. Call 630-466-5700 to set up an appointment.
- For testing accommodations for disabilities or any other question regarding the exam, contact NLN Student Customer Experience at 1-800-732-8656, ext 2.

The components of the PAX exam:

Verbal (Vocabulary and Reading Comprehension)	40 minutes / 60 questions
Math	40 minutes / 40 questions
Science	40 minutes / 60 questions

Preparation options for the PAX exam:

- PAX preparation guides can be purchased through your NLN account: After you create an account, you can search “PAX” in the online bookstore. The cost ranges \$20 to \$75.
- A **free** online review (PLATO study) is available through Waubonsee Community College. Submit a request for access to PLATO at www.waubonsee.edu/plato .

Accessing the results for the PAX:

- You can log back in to your NLN account approximately **four hours** after you test to access your PAX scores.
- Test scores are valid for 24 months from the date of testing.
- Official transcripts can be sent to WCC by logging into www.nlntest.org, Student Forms: Request Score Report

Retest options:

- You are allowed to retest **one time only** for admission to the MLA program. You must **wait 8 weeks** from your initial test date before you retest.
- You will take the **entire** PAX test during your scheduled retest.



Medical Assistant Program Admission Testing PAX Score Interpretation Guide

What scores do I need to meet the program requirements?

*Only use the RN Percentile Rank for all four of your required scores.

	Minimum <u>Required</u> RN Percentile Rank
Total/Composite	60
Verbal	50
Math	50
Science	50

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SECTION	SCORES	RECOMMENDATION
Verbal/Math/Science	50 – 99	Passing RN Percentile scores – no retest necessary
	47 – 49	Self-review of skills in the PAX study guide* or register for PLATO study modules, www.waubonsee.edu/plato
	46 or below	Contact the Academic Support office for tutoring information 630-466-5706.
Composite	60 and above	Passing Composite score – no retest necessary
	59 or below	See above to improve each section's minimum score requirements

* PAX Online study guide – log into your NLN student account to purchase. This is the most current version.

Understanding the PAX Test Score Report

- 1) **What is the composite score?** This score reflects how you did on the exam as a whole, but not how many questions you got answered correctly.
- 2) **What is the % correct score?** It is the percentage of items that you answered correctly. It is **NOT** the score that is required for admission into your program. See above PAX score ranges.
- 3) **What is a Percentile Rank score?**
 - A percentile rank score is a ranking of how well you did on the same test in comparison with other test takers across the nation. For example, a 50 percentile in Math means that 50% of other test takers scored **lower** than you.
 - It is not the same as your % correct score.
- 4) **Why do I have to retake the entire test if I only failed one section?** The PAX test can only be administered in full (all three sections) in one sitting.