

Indiana State University
School of Nursing
Baccalaureate Nursing Program

Kaplan Admission Test (KAT) - Pre-admission Examination Benchmarks

Note: Benchmarks are reviewed at least annually.

1. Registration

Traditional track KAT registrations must meet the following guidelines:

- All students must complete the KAT on campus.
- All registrations must be completed within no less than 1 business day of the scheduled exam, or the student will not be allowed to test.
- A change of registration to a later date outside the given testing window must have prior authorization from the Testing Assistant.
- Any student who fails to attend a scheduled KAT exam must provide acceptable [documentation of good and proper reasons for the absence](#) in order to have their test rescheduled.

LPN-BSN and Accelerated Second-Degree track registrations must meet the following guidelines:

- All students must complete the KAT remotely using the online proctoring service Examity and are responsible for associated fees.
- A change of registration to a later date outside the given testing window must have prior authorization from the Testing Assistant.

2. Benchmarks:

- Traditional and Accelerated Second-Degree students should *strive for* an overall score of 70%. Admission is competitive and dependent on applicant pool. Achieving an overall score of 70% does not guarantee admission. The section scores for reading, writing, math, and science will be used in the selection process.
- LPN-BSN students **must** achieve a minimum overall score of 70%. Admission is competitive and dependent on applicant pool. Achieving an overall score of 70% does not guarantee admission.

3. The first proctored examination should be taken early enough to allow time for remediation and retesting as required to meet the deadline for application for admission to the major.

4. The KAT may only be taken twice per application cycle.

5. The highest score of the last two attempts of the current version of the KAT taken through Indiana State will be used.

6. KAT scores may be used for two years provided no additional attempts have been made and the exam has not changed.

7. Students become ineligible for consideration for admission during the current application cycle when one or more of the following apply:

- Any established benchmarks are not met on the second attempt.
- Testing (first or second attempt) occurs after the deadline for application for admission.
- The student has taken more than two attempts to achieve any established benchmarks in one admission cycle. A third attempt, regardless of score, will result in ineligibility for the application cycle.

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