November 16, 2012

Dear Applicant:

I am writing to ask for your assistance.

The BYU-Idaho Department of Nursing partners with Kaplan Testing Services. Kaplan’s products are of great value to our students as they begin preparing for the NCLEX-RN (National Licensure Exam) from their first semester in the Nursing Program.

We are gathering data on a Nursing Pre-Admission Exam. It is similar to the TEAS Test you may have heard of. We are asking that you take the Kaplan Pre-Admission Exam. It will:

1. Cost you nothing.
2. Be administered in the BYU-Idaho Testing Center at specified times.
3. Not impact your admission Scorecard

Your score will be included in the Pilot data and used to assess the test. Data will be gathered for at least 3 years before a decision on using the test as part of the BYU-Idaho Nursing Scorecard.

Thank you for doing your best on the exam. Attached is a Test Blueprint to cue you into what will be on the test. Please do not spend money on books for preparation, or worry excessively about this exam.

Just :

1. Make an appointment for your test date (16 November 2012 to 15 June 2013) at the Testing Center by contacting Bro. Borsella by phone at 208-496-1758 or email at testscheduler@byui.edu.
   a. Keep your appointment and be on time. Failure to do so will postpone your test scores

2. Plan 3 hours for the exam. Please be aware that the test is administered in the back office. This means that you will need to schedule your exams on the weekdays between the hours of 8:00 am and 2:00 pm so you can complete your test by 5:00 pm when the office closes.

3. Have your BYU-Idaho Email address, I-Number, and personal contact information ready either in email or by phone.

Thank you for helping us with this research,

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Kaplan/LWW Admissions Testing:

This document will serve as a preparation guide for candidates to your program taking the performance-based assessment of basic skills.

Mathematics: (Focus is math skills required for a dosage and calculation)
- Ratios and Proportions
- Fractions and Decimals
- The 4 Mathematical Functions
- Word problems

Reading:
- Reading passages for Comprehension
- Extraction of Main Idea
- Reading for Details
- Vocabulary in Context
- Inference

Writing:
- Writing mechanics such as:
  - Error Correction within the Context of the Sentence
  - Syntax
  - Word or Punctuation Misuse
- Logical development of passages

Science:
- Physiology (systems)

The Admission Test contains 91 questions divided into 4 sections:
- Reading section – 22 questions to be answered in 45 minutes
- Writing section – 21 questions to be answered in 45 minutes
- Math section – 28 questions to be answered in 45 minutes
- Science section – 20 questions to be answered in 30 minutes

Scores are shown by section and cumulatively, using the administrator access. Instructions for tech, academic and students are available.

Suggested Text for Preparation: (available at local bookstores or through Amazon.com for $13-$15.)
Kaplan Nursing School Entrance Exams: Your Complete Guide to Getting Into Nursing School (Kaplan Nursing School Entrance Exam) by Kaplan

Since admissions tests vary in content and focus please use the areas listed above to target your preparation for the Kaplan/LWW Admissions Test.