

University of New Mexico
College of Nursing RN-BSN Program

Nursing Acceleration Challenge Exam (ACE) II RN-BSN – Information Sheet
(Mobility Exam)

ACE II Exams

The ACE II is a standardized test to facilitate educational mobility of RN to BSN students. It is a means of diagnostic evaluation of previous learning and experience for awarding 34 credits towards the University of New Mexico College of Nursing RN to BSN Degree completion program.

The exam is given 4 times per year: November, January, June and July. There are 3 sections or Books to this exam and it is given over 2 consecutive days. **PLEASE NOTE: This exam is to be completed at or before 3 terms of RN/BSN courses have been completed by the student.** Each student needs to think about when they will take this exam. For example: if a student is taking 9 credit hours in a term it might be highly unlikely for this student to also take the NLN ACE II Exam during the same term. However, the NLN ACE II Exam could be completed during a term while taking 1 course or perhaps 2 courses depending on the student.

The ACE II was normed on students in baccalaureate nursing programs. There are four content areas, each with its own exam, which are printed in three separate exam books. Integrated throughout each of the four tests are questions about nutrition, pharmacology, patient teaching and interpersonal relations. Questions are presented in case situations and are written in the framework of the nursing process.

SCORING: For each main content area of the ACE II, you will receive a score. The passing score is 45 or above in the NORMALIZED PERCENTILE. If any of the four content areas are failed, you may retake the section for the failed area three times.

BOOK ONE: (3.5 Hours)

- **Care of the Adult Client:** Includes questions which focus on the nursing care of clients in a variety of settings and at various stages of the wellness-illness continuum. Book One includes 214 questions and requires 3.5 hours for administration. (Any current medical-surgical nursing textbook can be used for preparation.)

BOOK TWO has 2 sections: (3.5 hours total)

- **Care of the Client during Childbearing:** Focuses on nursing care during the antepartal, intrapartal, and neonatal periods. Emphasis is on the normal, although some common complications are included. (Any current maternity text can be used for preparation.)
- **Care of the Child:** Concerned with nursing care of children of all ages and at various stages of health and illness. (Any current pediatric text can be used for preparation.)

BOOK THREE: (2.5 hours)

- **Care of the Client with Mental Disorder:** Consists of questions which reflect the broad spectrum of psychosocial assessment and intervention strategies to support the client strengths. Book three includes 131 questions and requires 2.5 hours for administration. (Any current Psychiatric nursing textbook can be used for preparation.)

The fee to take the ACE II Exam in Albuquerque is \$175.00. This exam is scheduled in November, January, June and July for UNM College of Nursing Students.