What is LPN Step Assessment Test?
LPN Step assessment is a pre-admission tool that assesses the knowledge of a PN nurse prior to beginning an RN nursing program. The test assesses student comprehension and mastery of basic principles including adult medical-surgical nursing, nursing care of children, management, fundamentals, pharmacology, nutrition, mental health, maternal newborn nursing, priority setting, and the nursing process.

How to prepare to pass the LPN Step Assessment Test:
- Use the Assessment Technologies Institute (ATI) LPN Step Online Practice Assessment available for purchase on the ATI website. Cost is $28.00.

STEP 1: Create an Account with ATI prior to your test date
2. In the Secure Sign On area click on "Create an account".
3. When a new screen opens, fill in all the blue fields. Blue fields are required to create your account. In the "Institution" field select IA Central ADN and your campus. Leave the Student ID number blank. You must create an account before you can register or test.
4. Write down your User Name and Password and SAVE in a safe place. You will not be able to take the LPN Step Assessment test without them and you will use them throughout the Nursing Program.
5. Click the "Register" button. You will then be directed to your home page.
6. If you already have an ATI username and password, you will not need to recreate an account. But you will need to change the profile to Iowa Central Community College ADN if you had previously set up your account under a different college.

STEP 2: Secure a Credit card or Debit card
- You must have either a Credit card or Debit card to pay for the LPN Step on the day you register. Cash or checks will not be accepted.
- Cost of the Test is $33.

STEP 3: Call ahead to register for the test
- Fort Dodge Student Success/Testing Center: Only after you have selected a date and have registered for the LPN Step, contact the Student Testing Center to inform them of the date you have registered for and what time you are expecting to be present. Phone number: 515-574-1045.
- For the Storm Lake and Webster City centers only: Specific testing dates with times will be scheduled for groups of students to attend. If you register for a specific date and time, you will be expected to be there at the scheduled date and time you had registered for.
STEP 4 The Day of the test
- A valid photo ID, ATI User name and password, credit or debit card are required.
- Calculators of any kind are NOT permitted.
- The test is timed and you will have up to 3 hours to complete.

After the test
- At the end of the test you will print a copy of the score report. This copy will need to be submitted with your Advance Standing Nursing Application Packet.
- Scores will be entered in your student record and communicated to the Nursing Program Admission Associate.
- Interpreting your scores
  On page 1 of your Individual Performance Profile see your Adjusted Individual Total Score expressed as a percent at the top of the right hand corner. A score of 65% or greater will need to be obtained.
  See page 2 of your report for a list of Topics to Review. You need to review over information in the areas you missed.
  See page 3 of your report for further explanation of scores.

When can I re-test?
- You may re-test after a 30 day remediation period. Please do not attempt to register for a date to re-test before the 30 day remediation period. If you would register before this date, you will not be allowed to take the test and you will still be responsible for the costs.

How do I prepare to re-test?
- Refer to your Individual Performance Profile page 2, Topics to Review for guidance on what to review.
- If you had not purchased the LPN Step online practice test, we strongly suggest that you purchase at www.atitesting.com.
- For additional assistance, contact:
  Academic Resource Center 515-574-1045
  Webster City 515-832-1632 (ask for Nancy Irving)
  Storm Lake 712-732-2991 (ask for Gretchen Miller)

How many times can I attempt the LPN Step?
- You may take the test up to 2 times with a 30 day remediation period between each test. After the second unsuccessful attempt, the admission associate will advise you of other programs to enroll.
- The cost to re-test is $33, the same as the initial test cost regardless of how many times you re-test.

Will Iowa Central accept LPN Step scores taken at another location?
- If your Adjusted Individual Total LPN Step score is equal to or higher than the required score, you can request that ATI send an official transcript to the Nursing Program Associate Advisors. The LPN Step score sheet submitted must contain all areas in order to be considered for entry into the nursing program. The Nursing Program Associate will determine if your score satisfies the requirement for entry into the Nursing Program.