***\*Note: PSB is now utilizing Pearson Vue to deliver remote PSB testing. MCC Testing Services is not authorized to administer remote PSB tests through Zoom. Therefore, both the price of testing and the testing process have changed for remote testing. Please see information below.***

The PSB Health Occupations Aptitude Examination is selectively normed for admission to all of the various health care career choices and can predict an individual’s readiness and capability for successful completion of the educational program designed to prepare qualified health care personnel. The examination addresses required pre-requisite and acquired educational achievements commensurate with the objectives of the preparation program. It comprises five separate tests that measure abilities, skills, knowledge, and attitudes important for success in the program and career choice.

**The Health Occupations Aptitude Examination Consists of 5 Sections**

**PART I – ACADEMIC APTITUDE**

Academic aptitude, as measured by the total (combined subtests), might be thought of as a type of ability to learn. The test content is specifically adapted for appraising the combination of innate and acquired abilities and concepts while requiring careful reasoning and the capacity to comprehend and draw conclusions.

**Verbal:** The Verbal aspect consists of vocabulary-related test questions. Empirical evidence has shown this type of test to be highly related to academic success. Arithmetic: The numerical aspect consists of items drawing largely from arithmetic. To some degree, it involves skill with arithmetical concepts along with computational speed. The content of the numerical items is that to which practically all eighth grade students have been exposed to.

**Nonverbal:** The nonverbal aspect consists of items calling for a comprehension of form relationships. Measurement is in terms of the ability to manipulate “things” mentally, to reason out differences in pictured objects, and to deal with concrete materials through visualization. Recognition of relationships and of differences has been shown by research to be basic to learning aptitude.

**Arithmetic:** The numerical aspect consists of items drawing largely from arithmetic. To some degree, it involves skill with arithmetical concepts along with computational speed. The content of the numerical items is that to which practically all eighth grade students have been exposed to.

**PART II – SPELLING**

The spelling test measures skill with a tool essential to written expression or communication. It also reflects educational achievement in basic tools of learning.

**PART III – READING COMPREHENSION**

This test measures the ability to understand direct statements, interpret written content, see the author’s intent, observe organization of ideas, and to extract information from written material with respect to ideas and purpose: thus to read and comprehend what is read.

**PART IV – INFORMATION IN THE NATURAL SCIENCES**

Measurement with this test concerns accumulation of information of in the natural sciences, i.e., biology, chemistry, health, safety, etc., at a fundamental level. The relationship of knowledge in the area of natural sciences to the course of study of the allied health educational program is an obvious one.

**PART V – VOCATIONAL ADJUSTMENT INDEX**

The person’s characteristic life style is reflected in his or her distinctive educational and occupational adjustment. Feelings, attitudes, opinions, and other personality characteristics and behavioral traits, which may be quite acceptable in many situations, may not be those desirable for the prospective healthcare professional either as a student or as a practitioner.

**MAKING A RESERVATION TO TAKE THE PSB TEST**

You must schedule your testing date 24 hours or earlier in advance by contacting any of the listed Testing Centers below.

**Elkhorn Valley Testing Center** **testingcenterevc@mccneb.edu** **Room 158 531-622-1278**

**Fort Omaha Testing Center** **testingcenterfoc@mccneb.edu** **Building 23, Room 311 531-622-2204**

**Sarpy Center Testing Center** **testingcentersrp@mccneb.edu** **Room 116 531-622-3803**

**South Omaha Testing Center** **testingcentersoc@mccneb.edu** **Connector Bldg, Room 102 531-622-4613**

**Cost of Remote Testing: $85 (Home Proctored)** - **Retake Policy: $85 per retest (Home Proctored)**

**Cost of On-Campus Testing: $60 (Client Proctored) - Retake Policy: $60 per retest (Client Proctored)**

**PSB Retesting may be done with no waiting period between attempts, but there may be program limits.**

* **Dental Assisting: Can be taken a maximum of 3 times from September 1 of Fall Quarter to August 31 of the following Summer Quarter.**
* **Respiratory, Medical Assisting, and Paramedicine: Can only be taken 3 times in a 2-year period.**

**REGISTRATION: You must initially register/schedule your test through MCC Testing Services. After registering through MCC Testing Services, you will complete the rest of your pre-testing tasks individually through Pearson Vue. After your initial registration through MCC Testing Services, you will receive the following email from Pearson Vue. Please look for this email. (Be sure to check junk/spam folders.) Then complete all the steps listed in the email. Payment is made through the Pearson Vue site by PayPal or with a credit card through PayPal’s guest checkout.**

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**Dear Metropolitan Community College-NE Candidate,**

**We are pleased to inform you that Metropolitan Community College-NE has started the process of providing the PSB Health Occupations Aptitude Examination in consideration for your admission to their program.**

**To ensure that your exam is ready for you on the test date you have requested, follow the steps listed below.**

* **Please do not initiate this process unless you are absolutely sure you will be able to take the exam as requested. Thepayment of $85.00 (remote) or $60.00 (on-campus) USD is required in the pre-registration process and these FEES ARE NOT REFUNDABLE. Your school will monitor your progress through exam completion.**

**Complete the following steps promptly to assure that your examination will be available on the test date.**

1. **Pre-Register: Please complete the PSB pre-registration form within the next 24 hours. You will be asked to confirm/provide your name, email, cell phone number, and the program applied for at Metropolitan Community College-NE. Make sure that your name matches exactly with the name on the form of ID you will use. This information is used to set up your test and, if needed, to alert you of any change. Select this link to complete the form.**
2. **Check Your PC for usability (*mobile devices, tablets and notebooks do not have the resources built in to take the exam*).** **NOTE: This step does not apply to On-Campus Testing.**
* **Windows 10 or Windows Server 2016 - Go to Start, enter “About” your PC, and then select “About your PC”. Look under PC for Edition to find out your version and edition of Windows.**
* **OS X (Mac OS X) - Click the Apple menu at the top of your screen then click “About this Mac”. To get information that is more detailed after that, click More Info -> Software. Note: Apple has changed the name of its OS to OS X from Mac OS X.**

**Once there, do a screenshot of the results at the top of the page. To take a screenshot with a Windows OS, press and hold the CTRL and PRT SCR keys together. For MAC OS systems, press and hold these three keys together: Shift, Command, and 3 (three). Once you have attained your screenshot, send it via email to** **support@psbtests.com** **as soon as possible.**

1. **PSB can assist you through the registration and scheduling process once they receive a screenshot of your computer. DO NOT CALL PSB FOR HELP, their phone number is connected to a Telework Mandate Operator, so an outside Answering Service will take messages and forward them to PSB for processing (expect a long wait for an operator to contact you). If you email** **support@psbtests.com****, with questions, PSB will help you in a shorter time span. NOTE: This step does not apply to On-Campus Testing.**
2. **You must WAIT for an email from** **pearsonvueconfirmation@pearson.com****. This email will contain information that you MUST have before moving to the next registration step. Registration begins with the email you receive from** **pearsonvueconfirmation@pearson.com****. You should receive this email within one business day (*if you don’t see it in your regular email, check your Spam or Junk Files*). The email will contain your PSB ID, instructions, other information needed to create a “test-taker” account, and a link to the PSB website. If you attempt to register before receiving this email, you may need to register a second time.**
3. **You will need to use the computer you will use when testing to complete registration for all Home Proctored PSB (remote) Exams. Cell Phones Cannot Be Used To Register To Take PSB Exams. As part of registration you will be asked, “Do you have a private access code?” Please click on that and enter your private access code no earlier than 7 days from the date that you want to take your PSB Home Proctored test. Continue through the steps of “Ordering your exam. When you reach the “You are booked!” screen, you can logout. At that time, you will be all set to take your exam.**
4. **PSB (Home Proctored) offsite exams are proctored by PearsonVUE personnel therefore PearsonVUE (PV) must be aware of your intent to complete the PSB exam as scheduled. All On-Campus (Client Proctored) PSB Exams will be proctored by MCC Campus Staff will and will need to have a Date and Time (not later than 24 hours) that you wish to take the test.**

**Psychological Services Bureau (PSB) is deeply committed to transparency and to protecting student privacy. Therefore, we encourage you to create a Student Testing Account so that you can utilize services, manage your privacy, and sign in more easily should you take a PSB test again. Your school expects your test results to be available to them for at least three years from the date taken. It is to your advantage and benefit that your school is allowed this information to be available to them for up to a year after you graduate. However, you do have the right to request your personally identifiable data (name, email, and phone) be removed from the test results. Please consider this when making a request to remove your name from the test records. If you have any questions, please email us at** **support@psbtests.com****. Please be aware that keeping your contact information updated will allow PSB to notify you should there ever be a data breach.**

**Sincerely, Support Team Psychological Services Bureau (PSB)**

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**TESTING TIME LIMIT: 2.5 hours**

**After taking your exam, be sure to save a copy of your scores to print and submit with your Health Occupations application.**

**QUESTIONS MAY BE DIRECTED TO:**

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**MCC Study Guide Resources**

***TEAS/PSB/PN PREDICTOR STUDY RESOURCES:*** Please check with the Library or the Learning and Tutoring Center (LTC) of your choice to see if they have printed study material available to “Check-out” for take home study or if it is “Reserved” for in-house use only.  **NOTE:** ***Library study materials that can be checked-out are for a maximum of 28 days only. Learning and Tutoring Center materials are available on a first come, first serve basis for in house use only.***

***PRINT RESOURCES***

**TEAS Study Guides** - <https://tinyurl.com/qsbq5ht> (ATI TEAS VI Study Manual (2016) is the most current)

**PN Study Guides** - <https://tinyurl.com/tsb6ktj> (NCLEX-PN prep (2019)is the most current)

**PSB Study Guides** - <https://tinyurl.com/squzu9y> (PSB Practical Nursing Exam (2019) is the most current)

***ONLINE RESOURCES***

**LearningExpress Library:** You will need to create a free account for access. Then type “teas” or “pn” in the search box (unable to find anything for PSB).

**Mometrix eLibrary:** Type “teas” or “psb” in the search box, (unable to find anything for PN).

***Both databases are available on the following websites & can be accessed off-campus with an MCC username/password:***

**Library -** <https://www.mccneb.edu/Current-Students/Student-Tools/Library/Databases/Databases-Study-Guides.aspx>

**LTC -** <https://www.mccneb.edu/Current-Students/Student-Tools-Resources/Learning-and-Tutoring-Centers/Resource-Links.aspx>

***ONLY THE MOST RECENT SCORES ARE USED FOR SELECTION PURPOSES.***