

Nursing Program: HESI Admissions Assessment (A2) Exam

The HESI A2 Exam consists of seven academic exams and a personality profile that identifies the applicant's learning style. All applicants are required to complete the HESI A2 Exam prior to admission.

English Language

Exam 1 – Reading Comprehension

Reading scenarios to measure reading comprehension, identifying the main idea, finding meaning of words in context, passage comprehension, making logical inferences, etc. 55 items

Exam 2 – Vocabulary & General Knowledge

Vocabulary terms used commonly in both general English speaking and in the healthcare fields. 55 items

Exam 3 – Grammar

Basic grammar, including parts of speech, important terms and their uses in grammar, commonly occurring grammatical errors, etc. 55 items

Math

Exam 4 – Basic Math Skills

Math skills needed for healthcare fields, including basic addition, subtraction, multiplication, fractions, decimals, ratio and proportion, household measures, general math facts, etc. 55 items

Science

Exam 5 – Biology

Biology basics, water, biological molecules, metabolism, cells, cellular respiration, photosynthesis, etc. 30 items

Exam 6 – Chemistry

Covers matter, chemical equations and reactions, the periodic table, atomic structure, nuclear chemistry, chemical bonding, etc. 30 items

Exam 7 – Anatomy & Physiology

General terminology, anatomical structures and systems. 30 items

About You

Personality Profile

Identifies the individual's dominant personality type, strengths, weaknesses, and suggested learning techniques. 15 items.

Learning Style

Assesses the preferred learning style of the prospective applicant and offers test-taking and study tips suited for that learning style. 14 items

Critical Thinking

Assess critical thinking in 4 areas: problem solving, biases and ethical dilemmas, argument analysis, and analysis of data. 25 items

HESI: Frequently Asked Questions

How do I register for the HESI?

Applicants must use the HESI Registration Form on CMConnect, which includes the test fee, to schedule their exam.

How much time do I have to complete the HESI?

Total time allotted to complete the exam is 5.25 hours.

How should I prepare?

A study booklet, HESI Admission Assessment Exam Review 4th Edition is available on Amazon.com. Physics will not be included in testing. Go to hesia2practicetest.com for additional help with preparation.

What should I bring with me?

Bring only photo identification to testing. Testing supplies will be issued, including paper, pencil, etc. Do not bring any personal items to testing.

What if I don't pass the HESI the first time?

Students have the option to retake the test one time for the academic year the have applied for. Students will retest with a different version of the exam— no student will have the same exam items twice.

Students may retake the HESI Admission Assessment (A2) Exam only after a three- day waiting period. A new HESI Registration Form and payment must be submitted.

Nursing Program: General Studies Coursework Point System

HESI exam prerequisites are listed at bottom of page.

The courses below are not required to be accepted into the Nursing program, however the more of them you have completed the more points you can earn:

Course #	Course Title	Semester	Grade
*BIO 115	Anatomy & Physiology I (Lec)	_____	_____
*BIO 116	Anatomy & Physiology I (Lab)	_____	_____
*BIO 117	Anatomy & Physiology II (Lec)	_____	_____
*BIO 118	Anatomy & Physiology II (Lab)	_____	_____
*BIO 211	Microbiology (Lec)	_____	_____
*BIO 212	Microbiology (Lab)	_____	_____

The following courses are worth 1 point each as long as you receive a grade of C or higher:

Course #	Course Title	Semester	Grade
ENG 101	College Writing	_____	_____
PSY 101	Introduction to Psychology	_____	_____
*PSY 111	Developmental Psychology	_____	_____
COM 100	Public Speaking	_____	_____
HUM XXX	Humanities Elective (Advisor Approved)	_____	_____
*MAT 1XX	Math/Algebra Elective 100, 122, 135	_____	_____

Sciences are heavily weighted in the point system utilized to accept candidates.

- A = 4 points
- B = 3 Points
- C = 1 point (C- not considered)

HESI points are earned for each section (reading**, grammar**, vocabulary**, math**, biology, chemistry, anatomy & physiology) under the following scale:

- 90-100% = 4 points
- 80-89% = 3 points
- 75-79% = 1 point
- Below 75% = 0 points

HESI Exam by Elsevier is required for all applicants to be considered.

* Course must be current within the last 10 (ten) years

** Applicants must score 75% in reading, grammar, vocabulary and math to be considered for acceptance.