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STEP-BY-STEP PROSPECTIVE STUDENT GUIDE
LVN or EMS Paramedic Transition Track
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PREFACE

Step-By-Step Student Guide for Applying to Associate Degree Nursing Programs

The Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) Program will prepare students with the basic competencies to become safe practitioners in the healthcare field. Upon completing the Associate of Applied Science major in Associate Degree in Nursing, the graduate can sit for the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN). After completing this exam, the individual will be a registered nurse and can work in hospitals, day surgery centers, rehabilitation centers, physicians' offices, and home healthcare agencies, among other areas. The Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) Program at South Texas College is approved with commendations by the Texas Board of Nursing (TBON) and is accredited by the Accreditation Commission of Education in Nursing (ACEN).

This **Guide** has been developed to provide prospective ADN students with general information about the ADN program and application process. Please follow the steps.

Selective Program

The ADN Program is a selective program with application requirements. Students must meet all program application requirements before being eligible to apply. To be considered for program admission, applications must be submitted during the application periods, as published on the Associate Degree Nursing Program webpage. Due to limited resources, some applicants who meet all program application requirements may not be admitted to the program for the current application period.

Program Selection Process

The ADN Program selection process is **Competitive Entry** and is **based on a Competitive Point System**. Points are awarded based on a Point System, including ADN pre-requisite courses, HESI A2 exam scores, STC Cumulative GPA, and other additional points listed in the Application Form. A cutoff score is calculated for each application period based on the qualified applicant pool and the number of slots available, and it may vary for each application period. Qualified applications are ranked from highest to lowest points, and admission is based solely on this ranking.

The Step-by-Step Student Guide includes the following information:

- Step 1: Admission to South Texas College
- Step 2: Student Information Session
- Step 3: Program Information & Requirements
- You are ready to Apply
- Notification of Application Status
- Dosage and Calculations Math Policy
- Program Cost

LVN or Paramedic to ADN Transition Degree Plan

The Transition LVN or EMS Paramedic to ADN Track leading to an Associate Degree in Nursing is designed for the individual who is a Licensed Vocational Nurse or Licensed Emergency Medical Services Paramedic under the Texas Registry and is interested in pursuing a Registered Nurse Degree. Students must meet the program application requirements before applying to the program. Upon completing the Associate of Applied Science in Associate Degree Nursing, the graduate can take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN). The Transition Track is a one-year program. Students must successfully pass every semester to continue in the program.

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE – SPRING & SUMMER ADMISSION ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING – TRANSITION LVN-ADN or EMT Paramedic-ADN TRACK

TSI Liable

| PRE-REQUISITES | CREDIT HOURS |
|--|---------------------|
| ENGL1301 Composition ^{1,2} | 3 |
| BIOL 2401 Anatomy & Physiology I ¹ | 4 |
| BIOL 2402 Anatomy & Physiology II ¹ | 4 |
| Vocational Nursing Hours or Paramedic Nursing Hours (Electives) ³ | 10 |

FIRST SEMESTER

| | |
|---|---|
| RNSG 1417 Concepts of Professional Nursing Practice I for Articulating Students | 4 |
| RNSG 1140 Professional Nursing Skills for Articulating Students | 1 |
| RNSG 1162 Transition Clinical (8 weeks) | 1 |
| RNSG 2213 Mental Health Nursing | 2 |
| RNSG 2162 Clinical Mental Health (8 weeks) | 1 |
| RNSG 1301 Pharmacology | 3 |
| PSYC 2301 General Psychology ¹ | 3 |

SECOND SEMESTER

| | |
|---|---|
| RNSG 1412 Nursing Care of Childbearing & Childrearing Family | 4 |
| RNSG 2260 Clinical - Pediatrics/Maternal/Infant (2nd 8 weeks) | 2 |
| RNSG 1343 Complex Concepts of Adult Health | 3 |
| RNSG 2361 Clinical Complex Medical Surgical (8 weeks) | 3 |

THIRD SEMESTER

| | |
|---|---|
| Humanities Elective ¹ | 3 |
| RNSG 2331 Advanced Concepts of Adult Health | 3 |
| RNSG 2163 Clinical IV (12 weeks) | 1 |
| RNSG 2221 Professional Nursing: Leadership & Management | 2 |
| RNSG 2363 Clinical V | 3 |

Total 60 credit hours

¹ Identifies courses to fulfill minimum 15 credit hours of General Education requirement

² May substitute ENGL 1302 Composition II - Rhetoric

³ **Vocational Nursing Hours (Electives)** Upon successful completion of [RNSG 1417](#) Concepts of Professional Nursing Practice I for Articulating Students, [RNSG 1140](#) Professional Nursing Skills for Articulating Students and [RNSG 1162](#) Transition Clinical, an escrow of 10 credit hours will be given for the following courses: RNSG 1513 Foundations for Nursing Practice (5), RNSG 1205 Nursing Skills I (2), RNSG 1144 Nursing Skills II (1), RNSG 1262 Clinical I (2) for a Total of 10 credit hours.

Step 1: ADMISSION TO SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE

Students are admitted to South Texas College in accordance with college policies. General admission to the college does not imply admission to the Associate Degree in Nursing Program. The Nursing and Allied Health Division offers Selective Programs with application requirements. Prospective students must meet all program application requirements before being eligible to apply to Selective Programs.

Traditional Students

South Texas College has developed a checklist to assist new students with admission. See the [Admission Checklist](#). For further information or assistance, contact The Office of Admissions & Record (OAR) at 956-872-8323 or email admissions@southtexascollege.edu.

Students must have the listed requirements completed and on file before applying to the program.

- Apply for admission online at Apply Texas (www.applytexas.org)
- High School diploma or GED equivalency on file with the OAR
- Meet TSI College Readiness Standards

Transfer Students

A student transferring from another accredited college or university is eligible for admission. Transfer students must comply with the Academic Progress Standards in accordance with college policies. For further information or assistance, contact The Office of Admissions & Record (OAR) at 956-872-8323 or email admissions@southtexascollege.edu.

The student must have the listed requirements completed and on file before applying to the program.

- Apply for admission online at Apply Texas (www.applytexas.org)
- Submit official transcript(s) from each institution previously attended to the OAR for official transfer course evaluation
- High School diploma or GED equivalency on file with the OAR
- Meet TSI College Readiness Standards

Note to transfer student: When transferring credits from your former college/university to STC, only the credits transfer, not the GPA.

International Students

The College is authorized under federal law to enroll students who are valid F-1 or M-1 visa holders under the Student Exchange and Visitor Information System (SEVIS) and authorized by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). Upon initial admission to the College, [international students](#) must comply with all federal regulations in order to obtain a student visa prior to enrollment and must remain in compliance throughout the duration of study. International students may seek general admission to the College or admission to selective programs.

South Texas College has the following assistance for international students and should contact
Office of Admissions & Records

[Residency Specialist](#)

Email: admissions@southtexascollege.edu

956-872-2250

Step 2: STUDENT INFORMATION SESSION

The ADN Program offers **Information Sessions** for interested students. The student must complete an Information Session, virtually or by reviewing this guide, to learn about the program information & requirements, program tracks, point system evaluation, application period, and clinical requirements. This is mandatory due to the high volume of students seeking an Associate Degree in Nursing. Students who complete the Information Session (virtually or by reviewing this guide) will need to successfully complete the Post Exam and obtain a **Certificate of Completion**, which is a document that needs to be submitted with the Associate Degree in Nursing Application.

Virtual Information Session

Information Sessions are offered virtually. Sessions are scheduled for approximately one (1) hour, and students are recommended to "book a session" via the [ADN web page](#). The student should have a copy of their official or unofficial college or university transcript for review, if applicable. During the virtual session, the student can ask questions about the Associate Degree in Nursing Program. After attending the virtual session, the student can schedule a one-to-one [follow-up appointment](#) with the ADN Advisor. Students completing the virtual session are responsible for understanding all program requirements.

Overview of the Step-by-Step Guide

This [Step-by-Step Guide](#) is designed for students who cannot attend a virtual scheduled Information Session. Once the student has read the Step-by-Step Guide, the student can schedule a [follow-up appointment](#) for individualized tailored advising. Students reading the Step-by-Step Guide are responsible for understanding all program requirements.

Certificate of Completion

Students who complete a session, either virtually or by reviewing the Step-by-Step Guide, must successfully complete the Post Exam for the Information Session. The Certificate of Completion is available on the [ADN web page](#). The certificate is one of the required documents for applying to the ADN Program. The certificate must be within the academic year of application submission.

Step 3: PROGRAM INFORMATION & REQUIREMENTS

Program Selection Criteria

The selection criteria are used to assess the applicant's score. Points are given for the following selection criteria:

1. Pre-requisites courses
2. Cumulative GPA
3. HESI A2 Exam scores
4. Additional points as listed in the application form for the specific track

Pre-requisites

To be eligible to apply to the ADN Program, all prerequisites must be completed with a grade of "B" or better.

| Pre-requisite Courses | Credit Hours |
|--|--------------|
| ENGL1301 Composition or ENGL 1302 Rhetoric | 3 |
| BIOL 2401 Anatomy & Physiology I | 4 |
| BIOL 2402 Anatomy & Physiology II | 4 |

ENGL1301, BIOL2401, and BIOL 2402 **do not** have an expiration date.

Note: For students transferring BIOL 2401 and/or BIOL 2402 with a separate lecture (3 credits) and lab (1 credit), both courses must have a grade of B or better, and both lecture and lab must be transferred for a total of 4 credit hours.

Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA)

The ADN program will award the student points on the program application based on the South Texas College cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher at the time of application submission. The cumulative GPA is a compilation of all courses taken at South Texas College, regardless if it was for the ADN Program. A transfer student, who is transferring courses from another college/university, the GPA does not transfer. Only the grade and credit hours are applied to the Associate Degree in Nursing.

Points will be awarded as follows:

4.00 – 3.5 2 points

3.49 – 3.0 1 point

2.90 – 2.5 0 point (students who fall in this bracket will be allowed to apply to the program but will not be granted points on the application)

HESI A2 (Admission Assessment) Exam

The HESI A2 Exam is an admission requirement for the South Texas College ADN Program. The exam consists of academic exams and a personality profile that identifies the applicant's learning style. All students are required to take the exam, ***no exceptions***. Total time allotted to complete the exam is 4.25 hours. The instructions to register and take the exam and frequently asked questions can be found on [FAQ FOR HESI A2 EXAM](#).

Additional Points

The ADN program offers applicants the opportunity to earn additional points, which are not required when applying to the ADN program; however, they will assist applicants to earn additional points towards the total score and are required to graduate with the ADN degree. It is highly recommended for the student to complete the Social & Behavioral Science and Humanities Elective. For a list of the additional points, review the Point System-Evaluation Form for the specific program track.

Social & Behavioral Science Elective

The Social & Behavioral Science Elective courses are part of the recommended criteria and are highly recommended to complete for the application process. It can result in higher ranking if completed and reflected on the STC transcript at the time of application submission. Courses must be completed prior to applying to the program. These courses are not needed to apply to the ADN Program; however, they are required to **graduate from the ADN Program as part of the Associate Degree in Nursing.**

| <u>Social & Behavioral Science Elective Courses</u> | <u>Credit Hours</u> |
|---|---------------------|
| PSYC 2301 General Psychology | 3 |
| or | |
| PSYC 2314 Lifespan Growth & Development | 3 |

Some things to consider:

- If you have taken both, only the one with the highest grade will be considered, either A, B, or C.
- These courses do not have an expiration date
- Points are awarded as A = 1 point, B = .5 (half) point, and C = 0 point

Humanities Elective

Humanities elective courses are also part of the additional points criteria and can result in a higher ranking if completed and reflected on the South Texas College transcript at the time of application submission. A Humanities elective can be chosen from a list of approved courses that meet the [Associate of Applied Science](#).

Suggestion: If you have taken a Humanities Elective and have a grade of B or C, do not retake the same course. Choose another course from the list of approved courses. You may want to complete core curriculum courses for the RN-to-BSN program, too.

Example: A student completed ARTS1301 with a C grade. Rather than retaking the same course, it is recommended that the student complete a Humanities Option, such as PHIL 2306, HUMA 1301, etc., and pass it with a higher grade to earn more points on the application.

Note to students who have earned a "CR" or "TCR" by either credit-by-exam, Advanced Placement (AP), College Level Examination Program (CLEP), escrow, and/or credit for International Baccalaureate Diploma (IBD). Students with a "CR" or "TCR" in ENGL1301, ENGL1302, and PSYC2301 can apply to the program. However, the ADN Program will not award points for courses with "CR" or "TCR." The "CR" or "TCR" does not define a letter grade of A, B, or C to calculate points on the application, but it can be used for graduation purposes.

South Texas College Graduates

South Texas College Graduates who have completed a certificate from one (1) of the following programs will be awarded only one (1) point on the application. The associate degree or certificate must be conferred on the South Texas College transcript. The Online Application will pick up only one certificate or degree.

- Patient Care Assistant - Certificate
- Licensed Vocational Nurse - Certificate
- EMS Paramedic – Associate or Certificate

CSFH 0101 College Success for Healthcare

Students enrolled in the College Success for Healthcare course are presented with an overview of the rigorous and challenging environment of healthcare education and an understanding of the commitment needed to become a successful nursing or allied health professional. The student who completes this course with a grade of B or higher will be granted points on the application. It is also recommended that a student take this course if they have been out of school for a long time and want to strengthen their learning skills or earn extra points on the application. Points will be awarded as A = 1 point and B = .5 (half) points.

Repeating Courses

The ADN Program does not deduct points for retaking courses. However, the latest course grade stands and it is the one that will be considered at the time of application.

Program and Clinical Compliance Requirements

Immunization Requirements

Applicants are required to submit proof of the immunizations listed below with the program application.

- Immunization documentation but be visible to read
- Immunizations must be validated by either a stamp or signed by facility or physician
- Must be from a U.S. medical source
- Name and D.O.B. must be documented on all forms
 - Tetanus/Diphtheria/ Pertussis Tdap: Proof of dose within the last 10 years
 - Hepatitis B – complete 3 vaccine series or proof of positive serology
 - Measles/Mumps/Rubella MMR – 2 doses required or proof of positive serology
 - Varicella (Chicken Pox) – 2 doses required or proof of positive serology
 - Meningitis MCV (state requirement for students under the age of 22) – one dose within the last five years

Note: Once a student is officially admitted to the ADN Program, they must fulfill additional immunizations and clinical requirements. Further instructions will be provided to the student on their acceptance letter and during the mandatory orientation.

Criminal Background Check through the Texas Board of Nursing

The student must submit a criminal background check through the Texas Board of Nursing (TBON) to comply with the TBON's requirements.

1. Complete the [TBON Roster](#) form to start the criminal background check. This process needs to occur 10-12 weeks (about 3 months) before applying to the ADN program.
2. Email the form to clinicalaffairs@southtexascollege.edu.
3. Check your email within 2-3 weeks from the submission of the form for an email from nobody@identogo.com
4. Schedule your appointment to get your digital fingerprints done

Upon completion of the TBON background check, the student will receive a Blue Card or an Outcome Letter from the TBON via the United States Postal Service. The student must retain the Blue Card or Outcome Letter, and a copy will be required when applying to the ADN Program.

A student with a ***positive criminal history*** should complete the [TBON Roster](#) earlier. The process for a student with a positive criminal history may take 6-10 months to complete. If you should get a letter from TBON questioning your history and requesting a Declaratory Order, please respond to the letter accordingly.

Note: Declaratory Order decisions are determined solely by the TBON. The Outcome Letter will determine if the student can sit for the National Council Licensure Examination-RN (NCLEX-RN) after the TBON reviews the student's criminal background and successfully completes the STC ADN Program.

NAH Functional Abilities Standards

[NAH Functional Abilities Standards](#) are the essential functions that every STC NAH student is expected to perform and are necessary for successful participation in the ADN Program. This form will be completed when the application is submitted. These are necessary to provide healthcare services in a safe, ethical, and legal manner. A student participating in the ADN Program must demonstrate the essential functions listed in this form, with or without reasonable accommodation. These are applicable in classrooms, laboratories, and clinical settings. The STC NAH Program uses independent clinical education sites that may or may not be able to offer the same reasonable accommodation made available by the College.

A student requesting reasonable accommodation due to a documented disability must initiate the process by contacting an ADA representative from the Office of Student Accessibility Services for information and procedures at 956-872-3077 or 956-872-2173.

YOU ARE READY TO APPLY

Requirements for Transition LVN or EMT Paramedic Track

When Steps 1 – 3 are complete, you are ready to apply using the Online Application

LVN – ADN Transition Track

The LVN-ADN Track has two (2) application periods per year. The number of students admitted will vary per application period. Students may apply in March for the Summer Program or in October for the Spring Program. Check the [ADN Web page](#) for specific application dates and deadlines.

EMS Paramedic – ADN Transition Track

The EMT Paramedic—ADN Track has one (1) application period per year, and the number of students admitted will vary per application period. Students may apply in June for the Fall Program. Check the [ADN Web page](#) for specific application dates and deadlines.

The student must meet all application requirements before being eligible to apply to the ADN program. Meeting the application requirements does not guarantee program admission. The student must gather all the necessary documentation when applying online. See the ADN Online Application Instructions before applying.

Application Requirements Checklist

The following items should be on the STC Student System before applying; check JagNet for verification.

- High School transcript on file with the Office of Admissions and Records
- TSI College Readiness Standards
- Pre-requisite courses with a grade of B or better in each course (ENGL 1301 or ENGL 1302, BIOL 2401 and BIOL 2402)
- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher with South Texas College
- If applicable, all prerequisite courses have been transferred and are listed with STC
- HESI A2 Exam Scores
 - Are within the last two (2) years and are within the eligibility period, if taken more than once
 - HESI scores are 75% or higher in each section (English Language Composite, Science, and Math), and an average score of the 3 components is 75% or higher
 - HESI scores have been reviewed and approved by an ADN Advisor and are in the STC Student System

The following items will be uploaded to the Online Application at the time of submission. Please do not crop any of the documents listed.

- LVN Licensure from the TBON website or EMT Paramedic Licensure
- Certificate of Completion for attending the Information Session
- Official documentation of all required immunizations or proof of positive serology
 - Tetanus/Diphtheria/ Pertussis Tdap: Proof of dose within the last 10 years
 - Hepatitis B – complete 3 vaccine series or proof of positive serology
 - Measles/Mumps/Rubella MMR – 2 doses required or proof of positive serology
 - Varicella (Chicken Pox) – 2 doses required or proof of positive serology
 - Meningitis MCV (state requirement for students under the age of 22) – one dose within the last five years
- Blue Card or Outcome Letter from Texas Board of Nursing; upload only the front of the card with name and address; upload all pages of the Outcome Letter
- NAH [Functional Abilities Standards Form](#) Read, complete, sign, and upload to the online application

Point System – Evaluation LVN or EMT Paramedic Transition Track

The ADN Program selection process is based on a Point System Evaluation. The following selection criteria assess the applicant's points.

- I. Pre-requisite Courses – points will be awarded as A=3 and B=2
 1. ENGL 1301 Composition or ENGL 1302
 2. BIOL 2401 Anatomy & Physiology I
 3. BIOL 2402 Anatomy & Physiology II

- II. HESI A2 Exam – Points will be awarded based on the **average** of the three (3) sections (English Language Composite, Science-Anatomy & Physiology, and Math with a 75% or higher on each section) and are within the last 2 years
Points awarded based on Average
 - 100% - 90% = 3 points
 - 89% - 83% = 2 points
 - 82% - 75% = 1 point

- III. Cumulative GPA – points will be awarded based on the cumulative (overall) GPA at South Texas College.
 - 4.00 – 3.5 = 2 points
 - 3.49 – 3.0 = 1 point
 - 2.90 – 2.5 = 0 point but can still apply to the program

- IV. Additional points
 - PSYC 2301 General Psychology or PSYC 2314 Lifespan Growth & Development, if the student has both courses, the program will consider the course with the highest grade. Points will be awarded as A = 1 points, B = .5 (half) point and C = 0 point (grade of C in this course is acceptable to **graduate** from the program).

 - Humanities Elective (check the website [Humanities Elective Options for the Associate of Applied Science Degrees](#) for list of approved courses), if a student has more than one Humanities Elective course, the program will consider the course with the highest grade. Points will be awarded as A = 1 points, B = .5 (half) point and C = 0 point (grade of C in this course is acceptable to **graduate** from the program).

 - South Texas College **Graduates** will be awarded **only one** (1) point for one of the following programs. The degree must be conferred on the Official South Texas College Transcript.
 - Patient Care Assistant – Certificate
 - Vocational Nurse – Certificate
 - EMT Paramedic – Certificate/Associate

 - CSFH 0101 College Success for Healthcare Course is optional. The student will be awarded points as A = 1 point, B = .5 (half) point.

The maximum points a student can earn on this Point System are eighteen (18) points. Students are ranked from highest to lowest points, and a cohort is selected solely based on this ranking.

The Point System Evaluation Form can be found on the [ADN Webpage](#). Students are encouraged to explore their grades and points to improve application score. A student's goal is to be as close as possible to the maximum points. The higher the student's score, the higher the probability of admission.

NOTIFICATION OF APPLICATION STATUS

The South Texas College Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) Program communicates via Jag email to inform all applicants of their admission status. Notification Letters will be emailed via Jag email on the specified date listed on the ADN Web page Applications and Timelines. Students should make sure the Jag email is working for application status. This is the main form of communication of the ADN Program.

Application Status

Qualified applicants with total points **above** the cutoff score will be pre-accepted, and applicants with total points **below** the cutoff score will be denied. Applicants with total points **equal** to the cutoff score will be designated as alternates.

Applicants will receive notification of their application status as either “pre-accepted,” “alternate,” or “denied” via the Jag email address. The program *does not* have a **waiting list**. Applicants not admitted for the current period are encouraged to meet with the ADN Program Advisor to discuss alternative options.

Pre-accepted Status

Pre-accepted Applicants must officially accept their admission to the program on or before the mandatory orientation by submitting the Acceptance form (emailed with the admittance letter). The mandatory orientation will outline all the program's details, including additional immunizations, uniform, clinical requirements, student resources, books and class registration.

Alternate Status

Applicants with total points equal to the cutoff score will be designated as alternates and notified of their application status through Jag email. Should any of the admitted applicants decline admission, an alternate will be offered admission to the program. A random draw (through a lottery system) of alternate applicants will be used as needed.

Denied Status

Applicants with total points below the cutoff score will be denied and notified of their application status through Jag email. Denied applicants are encouraged to meet with the ADN Program Advisor to discuss alternative options such as:

- Applying for other programs within NAH or other Divisions
- Re-applying for the next application period
- Improving score on the application

Upon the denied applicant's request, further consultation can be scheduled with the:

- ADN Program Chair
 - Applicant can meet with the ADN Program Chair after the applicant has met with the ADN Program Advisor.
- NAH Division Dean
 - Applicant can meet with the NAH Division Dean after the applicant has met with the ADN Program Advisor and ADN Program Chair.

DOSAGE AND CALCULATION MATH EXAM OVERVIEW AND PROCEDURE

Dosage and Calculation Math Exam Overview and Procedure

Procedure Overview

Proficiency in math and dosage calculation is an integral part of safe nursing care. The student selected as accepted status will be required to achieve 100% proficiency in one (1) of the three (3) exam attempts. Once the student achieves 100% proficiency, he/she is not required to take the remaining exams.

Preparation for Students

The math modules are available with the ADN Advisor or by email request at ADNinfo@southtexascollege.edu to assist the student in preparation for the math exams. The student can prepare for the exams by utilizing the NAH CLE tutors, attending CLE Math Workshops, and using the ADN Math and Dosage Calculations Module.

Procedure for Students

- The student accepted in the ADN Program will be granted three (3) attempts on the Dosage and Calculation Math Exam to achieve 100% proficiency in one (1) of the three exam attempts. Once the student achieves 100% proficiency on the first attempt, he/she is not required to take the remaining exams.
- The Dosage and Calculation Math Exams will be:
 1. First Attempt: fifteen (15) items for 45 minutes
 2. Second Attempt: ten (10) items for 30 minutes
 3. Third Attempt: ten (10) items for 30 minutes
- The three attempts on the Dosage and Calculation Math Exam will be scheduled. See the [ADN website](#) for specific dates.
- The student must use dimensional analysis on each question (as applicable) to receive credit for it and show their work on the exam sheet.
- A paper exam will be provided to the student.
- Calculators are provided by the ADN Program.
- Cell phones and electronic devices will not be allowed while testing.
- If a student is late to any of the exams, the student will only be allotted the remaining time on the timer to take the exam. Extra time will not be allowed.
- The math exams will be graded accordingly, and the student will be notified of results via Jagmail before the 2nd and 3rd exam dates.
- The student who did not achieve 100% competency on the third attempt will forfeit their pre-accepted admission.

ADN PROGRAM COST

Click the link for Program Cost <https://nah.southtexascollege.edu/adn/pdf/Program-Cost.pdf>

FAQ FOR HESI A2 EXAM

The HESI A2 Exam is an admission requirement for the ADN Program. The exam consists of academic exams and a personality profile that identifies the applicant's learning style. All students are required to take the exam, ***no exceptions***. The total time allotted to complete the exam is 4.25 hours.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. How do I register for the HESI A2 Exam?

- To register for your HESI Distance Testing, you will need an Evolve account. Please create your account on the [Evolve Website](#).
- Log into your Evolve Account and click on “HESI Assessment Student Access”
- Click on Distance Testing

Note: If you wish to take the Exam with *South Texas College*, follow the steps:

- Log on to <http://studentservices.southtexascollege.edu/testing/>
- Choose exam "HESI"
- Read the instructions regarding HESI
- Go to the HESI Store and follow the prompts to register for the exam

Note: If you wish to take the Exam with *Prometric*, continue the steps:

- Click on the Distance Testing Tab > Register for a Distance Exam
- Complete the required information, check box, and click the submit button
 - Please confirm that your first and last name match your government-issued photo ID with your signature
 - Click the Tab on your keyboard to populate information
 - Enter the school's department ID **199281**
 - Select the appropriate exam

SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE-ADN DISTANCE Department ID: 199821

***IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

- Do not use the school's department ID as your student ID when creating your student Evolve account.
- The first and last name on your Evolve account must be the same as it appears on your government-issued photo ID with signature (i.e., Driver's License or Passport). You will not be admitted into the testing lab if there is any discrepancy between what is listed on your Evolve student account and what is presented on your ID.
- Your government-issued ID must include your signature and a photo that resembles your current appearance to gain admittance into the testing center (your middle name/initial is not required).

You will receive an email Confirmation Notice indicating that you may schedule your exam. Carefully review the information contained in your Confirmation Notice. If your name is not correct or has been changed, please contact Elsevier HESI Assessment at exameligibility@elsevier.com. Failure to do so could result in forfeiture of your testing appointment and associated fees.

PLEASE NOTE:

You will receive your Eligibility ID within 1-3 business days from our receipt of your eligibility request. Please add the following email address to your email's safe sender list to avoid delays: exameligibility@elsevier.com. If you do not see the notification, please check your spam/junk folder.

2. How much does the HESI A2 Exam cost?

The exam is approximately \$120 with Prometric. The price for the exam with South Texas College is \$70. When registering for the exam, be prepared with a Debit/Credit Card. The fee is the same if you re-test on a section or all sections.

3. Where can I take HESI?

You can take HESI with *South Texas College or Prometric*. To take the HESI with South Texas College, visit the [Student Assessment Center](#) and follow the prompts or refer to question 1. To take the HESI with Prometric follow the steps on the Evolve website.

4. What is tested?

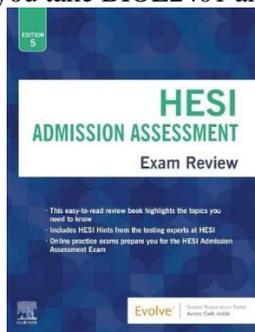
HESI SUBJECTS TESTED # OF ITMES

| | |
|--|-----------|
| English Language (must take all sections of the English Language section) | |
| Reading Comprehension: Provides reading scenarios in order to measure reading comprehension, identifying the main idea, finding meaning of words in context, passage comprehension, making logical inferences, etc. <i>Recommended time: 60 minutes</i> | 55 items* |
| Vocabulary & General Knowledge: Contains vocabulary terms that are commonly used in both general English-speaking settings and in health care fields. <i>Recommended time: 50 minutes</i> | 55 items* |
| Grammar: Contains basic grammar, including parts of speech, important terms and their uses, commonly occurring grammatical errors, etc. <i>Recommended time: 50 minutes</i> | 55 items* |
| Math | |
| Basic Math Skills: Focuses on math skills needed for health care fields, including basic addition, subtraction, multiplication, fractions, decimals, ratio and proportion, household measures, general math facts, etc. <i>Recommended time: 50 minutes</i> | 55 items* |
| Science | |
| Anatomy and Physiology (only): Provides coverage of general terminology and anatomical structures and systems. <i>Recommended time: 25 minutes</i> | 30 items |
| Personality Profile (not graded, for diagnostic purposes only) | |
| Learning Style: Assesses the preferred learning style. <i>Recommended time: 15 minutes</i> | 14 items |
| Personality Profile: Assesses personality related to preferred learning style. <i>Recommended time: 15 minutes</i> | 15 items |

*Includes 50 scoring and 5 pilot items

5. How should I prepare?

A study booklet is available and can be purchased at the stores listed below. If this is your first-time taking HESI, it is recommended that you take BIOL2401 and BIOL2402 before taking the exam.



The HESI Admission Assessment Exam Review is the latest edition, with content reviews and sample test questions. May be purchased at:

- [Evolve Website](#)
- Any major bookstore or website

- You may also view the book at most South Texas College Center for Learning Centers (CLE)

Other resources you can use to prepare for the exam are Quizlet.com, Kahnsacademy.org, YouTube, and HESI A2 apps.

6. What scores must I attain on the HESI A2 Exam?

Each section must be passed with a 75% or higher. Below is an example of the HESI Exam formula for the ADN Program application.

Example

| Section | Score |
|--|--------------|
| English Language Composite Score (all 7 exams) | <u>75%</u> |
| Science Composite Score: Anatomy & Physiology only | <u>80%</u> |
| Math Score | <u>88%</u> |
| Average score of the three sections to determine points on the application | |
| Add $75 + 80 + 88 = 243 / 3 = 81$ | |

HESI Points are awarded based on the average

100% - 90% = 3 points

89% - 83% = 2 points

82% - 75% = 1 point

7. When will I receive my exam scores?

Exam scores are available immediately after the exam is completed. If you are unsure if you passed your HESI Exam, please visit the ADN Advisor for clarification.

8. Do I have to take HESI A2 if I have a doctoral degree, master's degree, bachelor's degree, associate degree, or Certificate?

Yes, all students are required to take the exam, no exceptions.

9. What if I don't pass the HESI A2 Exam the first time?

You may retake the HESI Version 2 Exam after a 2-3 week waiting period. You will retest with a different version (version 2) of the exam— no student will have the same exam items twice.

If you fail the exam on the second attempt, you must wait until the next eligibility period to test. You can take the HESI A2 Exam six times per year, two times per eligibility period.

You could repeat the exam if you scored under 75% on a required test section and repeat that section within the same "eligibility period" as the first exam if a student decides or wishes to improve scores (**on either version 1 or version 2**), the highest score of 75% or better will be taken into consideration within the same eligibility period.

Eligibility periods are: January 1 through May 31
 June 1 through August 31
 September 1 through December 31

10. Do I have to pay for the entire exam if I retest?

Yes, the exam is the same fee whether you test for the entire exam or retest on a section(s). Please make sure you retest within the eligibility period of the first exam.

11. How long are my A2 Exam scores valid?

HESI scores are valid for 2 years from the time of completion.

12. I have technical difficulties with the website or exam registration.

For technical assistance, re-activating your account, rescheduling or changes on HESI registration, contact Elsevier Client Services at 1-800-222-9570 or contact Elsevier Review & Testing via email at exameligibility@elsevier.com for further assistance.

List of Webpages and URLs

[ADN Webpage](#)

<https://nah.southtexascollege.edu/adn/index.html>

[Admission Checklist](#)

<https://studentservices.southtexascollege.edu/checklist.html>

[Apply Texas](#)

<https://www.applytexas.org/>

[Clinical Affairs Specialist](#)

<mailto:clinicalaffairs@southtexascollege.edu>

[Evolve Website](#)

<https://evolve.elsevier.com/>

[Humanities Elective Options for the Associate of Applied Science Degrees](#)

[Online Information Session](#)

<https://softchalkcloud.com/lesson/serve/8Fz5PnUsStqVgR/html>

[Residency Specialist](#)

<mailto:romerol@southtexascollege.edu>

[Student Assessment Center](#)

https://secure.touchnet.com/C20193_ustores/web/classic/index.jsp

[TBON Application for NCLEX-RN](#)

[TBON Roster](#)

https://nah.southtexascollege.edu/clinical_affairs_pdf/TX%20Board%20of%20Nursing%20ROSTER.pdf

[Welcome to the Texas Board of Nursing Website](#)

<https://www.bon.texas.gov/>