

# HESI A-2

## HESI Admission Assessment Info and FAQs

### **HESI A2 Exam Overview**

The HESI A2 Exam is an admission requirement for the Vocational Nursing (VN) 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.

Students are required to have HESI passing scores prior to applying to the Vocational Nursing Program. LVNs are required to have HESI passing scores as part of the program application requirements, within the last two years.

Eligibility dates for the Vocational Nursing Program may change or expire. For eligibility, dates confirm with the Vocational Nursing Program advisors.

### **Registering for HESI Exam**

How do I register for HESI A2 Exam?

- Create a student account with Evolve.Elsevier.com. If already, have an account, retrieve it and log on.
- Register for Distance Testing Exam
- Log into your Evolve Account and click on "HESI Assessment Student Access"

### **Taking HESI with South Texas College**

- Log on to Student Assessment Center
- Choose exam "HESI"
- Read the instructions regarding the HESI exam
- Go to the HESI Store and follow the prompts to register for the exam.

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- Please confirm first and last name match your government-issued photo ID with signature
- Click Tab on your keyboard to populate information
- Enter STC School’s Department ID **199821**
- Select the appropriate Exam

## **SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE-A.D.N/VN/EMT 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. Please carefully review the information contained in your Confirmation Notice.

If name is not correct, or has been changed, please contact Elsevier HESI Assessment at [exameligibility@elsevier.com](mailto: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.

### **How much does the HESI A2 Exam cost?**

The price for the exam with South Texas College is \$70. The price for the exam is approximately \$107 with Prometric. 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.

### **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.

### **What is tested?**

HESI SUBJECTS TESTED # OF ITEMS

**English Language** (must take all sections of the English Language)

**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.

Recommended time: 60 minutes 55 items\*

**Vocabulary & General Knowledge:** Contains vocabulary terms that are commonly used in both general English speaking settings and in health care fields.

Recommended time: 50 minutes 55 items\*

**Grammar:** Contains basic grammar, including parts of speech, important terms and their uses, commonly occurring grammatical errors, etc.

Recommended time: 50 minutes 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.

Recommended time: 50 minutes 55 items\*

## Science

Anatomy and Physiology (only): Provides coverage of general terminology and anatomical structures and systems.

Recommended time: 25 minutes 30 items

**Personality Profile** (not graded, for diagnostic purposes only)

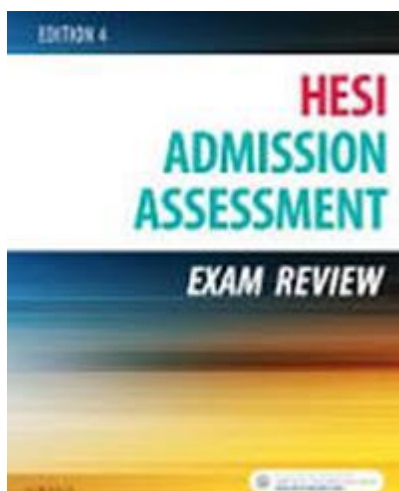
**Learning Style:** Assesses the preferred learning style.

Recommended time: 15 minutes 14 items

\*Includes 50 scoring and 5 pilot items

## How should I prepare?

A study booklet is available and can be purchased at stores listed below. If it is the first time taking HESI, it is recommended you take BIOL2401 and BIOL2402 before taking the HESI exam. HESI includes a component of Anatomy & Physiology.



**Admission Assessment Exam Review**, latest edition. With content review and sample test questions, this study guide helps students prepare for the Exam.

May be purchased at:

- Evolve Website
- Any major bookstore or website
- Other resources you can use to prepare for the exam are Quizlet.com, Kahnsacademy.org, YouTube, and HESI A2 apps.
- Also recommended to take VNSG1420 Anatomy and Physiology for Allied Health as a refresher course.

### **What scores do I have to attain on the HESI A2 Exam?**

For Vocational Nursing Program each section must be passed with a **70%** or higher.

For the VN-RN Progressive Track Program each section must be passed with a **75%** or higher. Below is an example of the HESI Exam formula for the ADN Program application.

Below is an example of the HESI Exam formula for the VN-RN Progressive Track Program.

#### ***Example:***

Section Score

**English Language Composite Score (all 7 exams) 75%**

**Science Composite Score: Anatomy & Physiology only 80%**

**Math Score: 88%**

$$243 / 3 = \mathbf{81\%}$$

Add and divide by 3 to determine average score and points on the application

**HESI Points awarded based on Average:**

$$100\% - 90\% = \mathbf{3 \text{ points}}$$

$$89\% - 83\% = \mathbf{2 \text{ points}}$$

$$82\% - 75\% = \mathbf{1 \text{ point}}$$

## **When will I receive my exam scores?**

Exam scores are available immediately after completion of the exam. If you are unsure if you passed your HESI Exam, please visit the ADN Advisor for clarification. Your scores are also available on your HESI account. You have access to your scores 24/7 through the Evolve Elsevier website.

## **Do I have to take HESI A2 if I have a degree already?**

Students who have attained a doctoral, masters, bachelors, associates and/or a certificate are still required to take the HESI exam. All students applying to the Vocational Nursing Program or the Associate Degree Nursing Programs are required to take HESI and meet the passing scores, no exceptions.

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

You may retake the HESI Version 2 Exam after 2-3 weeks 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 test for HESI A2 Exam six times per year, which is two times per eligibility period.

You can repeat the exam if you scored under 70 % or 75% on a required section and repeat that section within the same “eligibility period” as the first exam. The passing grade will replace the failing grade if the initial and the retake is within the same eligibility period. If student decides or wishes to improve scores (on either version 1 or version 2), the highest score of 70% or better will be taken into consideration within the same eligibility period.

Do not register for the HESI A2 on a third time attempt within the same eligibility periods. Registration fees will not be refunded and scores will not be accepted.

## **Eligibility periods for Vocational Nursing Programs:**

September - December (Fall Semester)

January - May (Spring Semester)

June - August (Summer Semester)

### **Do I have to pay for the entire exam if I retest?**

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

### **How long are my A2 Exam scores valid?**

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

### **How can I reschedule my exam?**

To reschedule your exam please call Elsevier Client Services at 1-800-222-9570.

### **I am having technical difficulty with the website or registering for the exam, who do I contact?**

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](mailto:exameligibility@elsevier.com) for further assistance.