



HESI Admissions Test Preparation Tips!

Passing your admission assessment exam is the first step on the journey to becoming a successful nurse - make sure you're prepared. Below are several recommended sources of preparation materials, both in print and on line to help you refresh your skills/knowledge before you go take the exam.

Recommended Books

Admissions Assessment Exam, 4th, Edition. HESI. 2017. Elsevier.

<http://us.elsevierhealth.com/product.jsp?isbn=9781455703333&navAction=&navCount=6>

Copies of the first one are available at each campus library or you can purchase the above at any LSC Bookstore.

Nursing School Entrance Exams, 2nd Edition. Evangelist, Thomas; T Orr and J Unrein. McGraw Hill.

WEBSITES: Material content reviews and/or practice tests specific to HESI

<http://www.test-guide.com/free-hesi-a2-practice-tests.html>

General Review Material: Material that is content specific

- Practical Algebra Lesson

<http://www.math.com/practice/Algebra.html>

Test Taking Strategies and Test Anxiety

- Tips for Terrific Test Taking

<http://www.studygs.net/tsttak1.htm>

<http://masteringmultiplechoice.com/2009/09/tips-for-computer-based-multiple-choice-tests-cbt-cbe-and-cat/>

- Overcoming Test Anxiety

<http://www.studygs.net/tstprp8.htm>

The HESI Test

The HESI Admission Assessment Exam (A2) is a part of the admission requirements. All sections of the exam must be taken during the same testing. All students are required to take this exam and meet the minimum required score of **70% on each Section for VN** and **75% on each section for ADN and Transition**. The sections required by all LSC Nursing Programs are listed below:

1. **ANATOMY and PHYSIOLOGY (A&P):** Quick assessment of A&P knowledge. Provides coverage of general terminology and anatomical structures and systems.
2. **MATH:** 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.
3. **READING COMPREHENSION:** Provides reading scenarios in order to measure reading comprehension, including: identifying the main idea, finding meaning of words in context, passage comprehension, making logical inferences, etc.
4. **VOCABULARY and GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** Contains basic vocabulary terms that are commonly used in both general English speaking and in the health care fields.
5. **GRAMMAR:** Contains basic grammar, including: parts of speech, important terms and their uses in grammar, commonly occurring grammatical errors, etc.
6. **CRITICAL THINKING:** Contains creativity, problem solving, distinguishing between fact, fiction, opinion and truth exercises/questions. (VN minimum score 700, ADN & Transition minimum score 750 on this section only).

(In case of a tied score, the order of scores listed above become the tie breakers)

Re-Testing Options and Considerations:

- Retest may be once every 60 days, but no sooner. If a student tests more often, only the *first* set of scores will be used in selection process. Scores used for admissions must be on a single testing.
- Tests must be completed one (1) week prior to the application deadline.
- It is recommended that students spend time preparing for the retake.
- Please note that if you take the HESI A2 Admissions Examination at a campus outside the LSC System, you must have your scores sent to the LSC campus of your first choice directly from HESI (Elsevier/Evolve). **You** must contact them and make the arrangements for an official transcript to be sent to LSC. Those scores **MUST** be received by LSCS by the Application deadline.