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**


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


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

**General Review Material:** Material that is content specific

- Practical Algebra Lesson  

**Test Taking Strategies and Test Anxiety**

- Tips for Terrific Test Taking  
  [http://www.studygs.net/tsstak1.htm](http://www.studygs.net/tsstak1.htm)  

- Overcoming Test Anxiety  
  [http://www.studygs.net/tstprp8.htm](http://www.studygs.net/tstprp8.htm)

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The HESI Test

The HESI Admission Assessment Exam (A2) is a part of the admission requirements. All students are required to take this exam and meet the required score of 70% for VN and 75% for ADN and Transition in each of the sections 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.

   *(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). **You** must contact them and make the arrangements for it to be sent to LSC. Those scores MUST be received by LSCS by the Application deadline.