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 online 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
  www.purplemath.com/modules

Test Taking Strategies and Test Anxiety

- Tips for Terrific Test Taking
  http://www.studygs.net/tsttk1.htm

- Overcoming Test Anxiety
  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. **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.

2. **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.

3. **VOCABULARY and GENERAL KNOWLEDGE**: Contains basic vocabulary terms that are commonly used in both general English speaking and in the health care fields.

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

5. **ANATOMY and PHYSIOLOGY (A&P)**: Quick assessment of A&P knowledge. Provides coverage of general terminology and anatomical structures and systems.

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.
- 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.

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