

Frequently asked questions about the HESI A2

1) Do I have to be a declared Nursing major before I can register for the exam?

Yes.

2) Do I have to complete all of my pre-requisites before taking the exam?

No. You should have completed the majority –if not all- of your pre-requisites before taking this exam. We strongly suggest that you have at least half of your English and Math requirements completed.

3) What does the exam consist of?

ENGLISH LANGUAGE:

- **Reading Comprehension (55 items)** - 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.
- **Vocabulary (55 items)** - Contains vocabulary terms that are commonly used in both general English speaking settings and in health care fields.
- **Grammar (55 items)** - Contains basic grammar, including parts of speech, important terms and their uses, commonly occurring grammatical errors, etc.

MATH:

- **Basic Math Skills (55 items)** - 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.

4) What Will I be graded on?

You will be scored exclusively to the following four (4) categories:

Reading Comprehension	75%
Grammar	75%
Vocabulary & General Knowledge	75%
Basic Math Skills	75%

5) How long is the exam?

The exam is 4 hours. Although you are allotted 4 hours to take the exam, it is possible to finish earlier.

6) Is each section of the exam timed?

No. You may spend as much or as little time on a particular section of the exam. However, once you leave that section you cannot return to it.

7) Can I bring a calculator to the exam?

No. One is provided on the exam.

8) How many times can I take the HESI A2 Exam?

You can take the exam a maximum of two times; but only one time within a semester. (*In regards to the HESI A2 exam, May-August is considered an extension of the Spring semester*)

9) What happens if I don't pass both exams?

A student who does not pass both exams would not be able to continue to the professional phase of the program.

10) What if my grade is slightly below the passing score on either or both graded areas?

Please see nursing advisement for further details.