

# HESI TEST

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All applicants to the Truckee Meadows Community College Traditional and Fast Track program are required to take the Health Education Systems, Inc. (HESI) A2 Admission Assessment as a part of the application process for the RN program. In research studies, successful Admission Assessment scores have been closely correlated to successful program completion and student retention.

The HESI Admission Assessment is a timed, computerized test that consists of seven academic exams: reading comprehension, vocabulary and general knowledge, grammar, basic math skills, biology, chemistry and anatomy and physiology. The test also has a learning style/personal profile assessment.

## About the HESI

Completion of the HESI Admission Assessment™ (A<sup>2</sup>) is a part of the requirements for consideration for admission to the Truckee Meadow Community College Nursing Program.

The HESI Admission Assessment™ (A<sup>2</sup>) is administered by the Testing Center.

The HESI Admission Assessment™ (A<sup>2</sup>) is a computerized test. Test takers™ should allow approximately six (6) hours to complete the examination.

Candidates need to be aware that each question has a different point value. It is to your advantage to supply an answer for each question, but keep in mind when receiving your scores that two individuals who have the same number of correct answers may earn a different overall score based on the weight of the test questions they answered correctly.

The HESI Admission Assessment™ (A<sup>2</sup>) Study Guide may be ordered directly from HESI by calling 1-800-545-2522.

Information is available from the publisher, evolve at the following Web site--

[http://evolve.elsevier.com/staticPages/s\\_reach\\_exams\\_assessment.html](http://evolve.elsevier.com/staticPages/s_reach_exams_assessment.html).

Exam modules contained in the HESI Admission Assessment™ (A<sup>2</sup>) administered at Truckee Meadows Community College include the following:

- **Math:** 50-item exam. 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.
- **Reading Comprehension:** 38-item exam. 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. The reading scenarios are provided as screen pop-ups, and students can move around the windows to see the entire scenario.
- **Vocabulary and General Knowledge:** 50-item exam. Contains basic vocabulary terms that are commonly used in both general English speaking and in the health care fields.
- **Grammar:** 50-item exam. Contains basic grammar, including: parts of speech, important terms and their uses in grammar, commonly occurring grammatical errors, etc.
- **Anatomy and Physiology (A&P):** 25-item exam. Provides coverage of general terminology and anatomical structures and systems.

- **Biology:** 25-item exam. Covers biology basics, water, biological molecules, metabolism, cells, cellular respiration, photosynthesis, etc.
- **Chemistry**-25-item exam. Contains test items that cover matter, chemical equations and reactions, the periodic table, atomic structure, nuclear chemistry, chemical bonding, etc.
- **Critical Thinking** - 25 item exam.

There are two additional tests,

- Learning styles inventory
- Personality profile

The 2 personal inventories are scored individually, but are not included in the overall cumulative score.

There are a total of 9 exams.

## The HESI Schedule

The HESI Admission Assessment™ (A<sup>2</sup>) is offered by the TMCC Testing Center. Pre-registration is required and you will only by showing a photo ID and a receipt showing the payment of the fee at the Testing Center.

A student may retake the HESI only once during one application period. Should the testing center be unable to accommodate all students wishing to test on a specific appointment period, students retaking the test will receive a lower priority than those taking for the first time.

## Cost

The fee for the HESI is \$50.00 payable at the TMCC Controller's Office. The \$50.00 fee covers the required sections of the HESI Admission Assessment™ (A<sup>2</sup>).

Applicants must achieve a satisfactory overall score and a satisfactory score on the following subtests: reading, vocabulary, grammar, and math. All area subtests must be taken. Required satisfactory scores are set annually.

Students will be ranked by their score on all components tested.