

# HESI TEST

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All applicants to the Truckee Meadows Community College Traditional and Year Round nursing 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, 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 six academic exams: reading comprehension, vocabulary and general knowledge, grammar, basic math skills, biology, 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 TMCC Testing Center.

The HESI Admission Assessment™ (A<sup>2</sup>) is a computerized test. Test takers should allow a maximum of 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.

A Study Guide may be purchased at the TMCC College Bookstore.

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

- **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.
- **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. An on-screen calculator is provided during the session.
- **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.

There are two additional tests,

- Learning styles inventory
- Personality profile

Applicants must achieve an **individual minimum** score of 75% for each of the exams listed above. The two personal inventories are scored individually, but are not included in the calculation of the overall cumulative score. Exam results are provided to the college by Elsevier, the test vendor. Students do not need to provide their scores directly.

Applicants are ranked by their overall percent score on all components tested. Applicants may take the test a second time, and test on selected categories with a different version (V2). The highest of the individual scores will be used in the application calculation.

## 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. You must be a TMCC student to register for the test.

### DATES FOR 2011 APPLICANTS:

- Friday, Feb. 11, 2011 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Friday, March 11, 2011 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Thursday, March 17, 2011 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Friday, March 18, 2011 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Saturday, April 16, 2011 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- Friday, April 29, 2011 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Saturday, May 7, 2011 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

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>).

## Testing Day Procedures

1. Arrive **30 minutes prior** to the start of the test to check-in.
2. If you arrive after the published test start time you **will not** be permitted to test and will need to sign up for a different test date.
3. You **must** bring a current government-issued photo ID (drivers license, passport, military ID, etc.) to be admitted to the test.
4. Two **15-minute breaks** will be provided. We recommend you bring snacks and water to the test since vending options are limited. There will be no lunch/dinner break.