

Del Mar College
Department of Nurse Education
HESI A² Exam Guidance Document

All Del Mar College Department of Nurse Education student applicants are required to take the Health Education System Incorporated Admission Assessment (HESI A²). The HESI A² is a 4-hour timed, computerized exam that **must** be completed prior to submission of an application to the nursing program. First time exam takers must attempt the entire exam in one testing session or the test will not be valid. HESI A² exams are administered 8:00 am on Tuesdays and Fridays during the yearly HESI exam cycle which runs from September 1st through August 31st.

HESI A² Eligibility

To be eligible to take the HESI A², students must have completed ENGL 1301 and BIOL 2401. Additionally, students must have completed OR be currently attending BIOL 2402 and PSYC 2301 on or after the 5th class day of the current semester. Students must achieve a grade of C or better for a course to be considered complete. Eligibility must be verified by the Department of Nurse Education prior to registering for an exam.

Testing Location

HESI A² exams are administered at the Del Mar College Testing Center in the Multi Service Center, Room 125 located at 3013 Ayers Street, Corpus Christi, Texas 78404.

Registering for the Exam

Students must contact the Health Science Learning Lab (HSLL) in person or by phone to register for the exam. The HSLL is located at Del Mar College – West Campus, Health Science Building 2, Room HS2.102, 4101 Old Brownsville Road, Corpus Christi, 78405, phone (361) 698-2863 or (361) 698-2982. An electronic copy of this document will be provided to each exam taker via email. Electronic acknowledgement of this guidance document via return email to the Del Mar Department of Nurse Education is required by each exam taker before a HESI A² registration will be finalized.

A \$50 fee is required for each attempt the HESI A² exam. Students taking the exam on a Tuesday must be pay the fee by 12:30 pm on the Friday immediately prior to the student's scheduled exam date. Students taking the exam on a Friday must be pay the fee by 5:00 pm on the Tuesday immediately prior to the student's scheduled exam date.

Students who do not pay by the payment deadline date will have their reservation canceled.

Payments can be made in-person at the Del Mar College Testing Center (3013 Ayers Street, Corpus Christi, Texas 78404) or online here:

<https://www.registerblast.com/delmar/Exam/List>

All students must create an Evolve student account to take the HESI A² exam prior to a scheduled exam date. To create a student account, go to the following website:

<https://evolve.elsevier.com/>

Click “Login” on the top right hand corner. Click “Create An Account”. Register as “Student” and enter the requested information. **Evolve student account login information is required to access the exam.**

Out-of-area students and students unable to attend a scheduled exam date may take the HESI A² using the Del Mar College Distant Testing option. Instructions for taking the HESI A² exam using the Distant Testing option can be found at in the Attachment at the end of this document.

Preparing for the HESI A²

HESI A² study guides are available at libraries, book stores and on-line. The HESI Admission Exam Review Guide Edition 3 (ISBN 978-1-4557-0333-3) is recommended. The study guide can be purchased online at: <http://www.us.elsevierhealth.com/product.jsp?isbn=9781416056355>

Additional help is available at the Del Mar College Nursing Success Center who coordinates with tutors and schedules workshops to prepare student for the HESI A². More information about the HESI A², in addition to tutoring and workshops, can be found under the “Prospective Students” tab at <http://www.delmar.edu/rn>.

HESI A² Assessment Scoring

Applicants **must** earn a **minimum score of 75** or higher on the following sections of the HESI A² to be eligible to submit an application to the Del Mar College Department of Nurse Education:

- **Reading Comprehension**
- **Grammar**
- **Vocabulary/General Knowledge**
- **Math**
- **Anatomy & Physiology**

HESI A² scores are considered in the Total Admission Points ranking process. Scores obtained in the math and anatomy & physiology sections are considered separately. Scores obtained in Reading Comprehension, Grammar, and Vocabulary/General Knowledge are combined and the average score (referred to as the “English” score in the example below) is considered for points. The Learning Styles, Personality Profile and Chemistry sections of the HESI A² are also required but are not used in the calculation of admission points. To determine the number of points achieved from a student’s HESI A² sub-scores see below:

<u>HESI A² Sub-scores</u>	<u>Points Earned</u>
100 – 95	3
94 – 84	2
83 – 75	1

Example:	<u>Section</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Points</u>
	Math	96	3
	Anatomy/Physiology	87	2
	English {88+82+78}/3 (see below)	83	1

(Grammar = 88, Vocab/Gen Knowledge = 82, Reading= 79)

After the HESI A²

Students who do not pass all required sections of the HESI A² (with a 75 or better in each section) on their first attempt may retake individual failed sections to up to 3 additional times during an exam cycle (September 1st – August 31st). If a student elects to retake the exam, all failed sections must be attempted again at the same time. There is a mandatory 30-day (minimum) waiting period between attempts, regardless of where the test is administered. The 30-day waiting period also applies to students who chose to utilize the distant testing option.

If a student does not pass all required sections by the end an exam cycle (August 31st), previous passing results are voided and students must start the HESI A² process over as a first time exam taker.

Students who pass all required sections of the HESI A² within an exam cycle (September 1st – August 31st), with a 75 or better in each section, including any subsequent retakes of previously failed sections, have one-year to submit an application to the Del Mar College Department of Nurse Education.

ATTACHMENT

Del Mar College Distant Testing Instructions