

HESI A² FAQ's

1. What is the HESI A²?

HESI stands for Health Education Systems, Inc., and A² stands for Admission Assessment. The test is also known by a wide variety of other names, such as the Evolve Reach, the Evolve Reach A2, and the Evolve Reach HESI. However, most people just call it the HESI. It's not the name that's so important about this exam, but what it does. HESI A² as an entrance examination. It's a diagnostic tool, but it's also a screening tool.

2. The Importance of a HESI A² Practice Test

Making great scores on the HESI A² can make a huge difference in helping you secure admission into a nursing school program. Conversely, a poor or even so-so showing can ruin your chances of being accepted into a program. While it's true that in most cases you'll be able to retake the exam at least once if you do poorly, that doesn't necessarily mean you'll do any better the second or third time. Generally, people who retake the HESI will have an entirely different version of the test on their retakes, and won't see any questions that they've seen before. So trying to go home and review specific questions you've failed won't work. So you'll need to put in some serious study before taking it again, which can mean missing the start of a semester and being forced to delay the start of your nursing education by several months, or even longer. The best plan is to review regularly and thoroughly, starting well before your HESI A² test date, and then, with a few weeks left to go, take a practice test to find out where you stand. This way you'll be able to discover which areas you need to brush up on while you still have time to make serious improvements. By doing so, you'll be in excellent shape to make an outstanding score when you take the actual HESI A².

3. What sections of the HESI A² will I take?

Reading comprehension, meaning word use, conclusions, implications, understanding, grammar, vocabulary and general knowledge, biology, chemistry, math, and critical thinking.

4. Is there a minimum score?

Yes, the requirement for this institution is a minimum cumulative score of 80%.

5. How many times can I retake the HESI A²?

The HESI A² may be taken two times during an admission period (August 16th-January 15th, January 16th-August 15th). The most recent score will be used.

6. How long must I wait between HESI A² attempts?

An applicant must wait 6 weeks between HESI A² test dates.

7. How recent of a HESI A² score is accepted?

The applicant must re-test if your HESI A² score is greater than 1 year old.