HESI A² FAQ’s

New Admission Criteria beginning Spring 2017

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.

HESI A² Video Review
- HESI A2 Biology Review Videos
- HESI A2 Chemistry Review Videos
- HESI A2 English Review Videos
- HESI A2 Math Review Videos

HESI A² Practice Tests
- HESI A2 Biology Practice Questions
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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 score of 80% in Reading comprehension, meaning word use, conclusions, implications, understanding, grammar, vocabulary and general knowledge, biology, chemistry, and math.

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.

8. **What to bring to the Testing Center**
   The applicant will be required to present one valid, government-issued photo ID (e.g., driver's license or passport). The identification document must be in Latin characters and contain your photograph. All other personal items must be locked in a locker for test security purposes, so please limit what you bring to the testing center.

9. **What Time to arrive at the Testing Center**
   Plan to arrive 30 minutes before the scheduled appointment to allow time for check-in procedures. If late in arriving, the applicant will not be allowed to test and will forfeit the exam fee.

10. **Payment**
    Payment methods available include Visa, MasterCard and American Express.

11. **Reschedule/Cancel Policy**
    The applicant must do so at least five calendar days prior to your appointment, or additional fees or fee forfeiture may apply. You may use the Reschedule/Cancel option on this Web site or call Prometric's contact center at: 800-481-6457; Prometric's Web site is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

    For reschedule requests made thirty calendar days or more prior to the appointment date no fee is assessed. For those made less than thirty, but more than five calendar days prior to the appointment date a fee of $15 is assessed per request. For those made less than five calendar days prior to the appointment date a fee of $60 is assessed per request.

    For cancellations made five or more calendar days prior to the appointment date a full refund will be given. For those made less than five calendar days prior to the appointment date no refund will be given.

**Scheduling Online**
In order to schedule online, an e-mail address must be provided. Prometric will send an e-mail confirming the appointment. If the applicant does not have an e-mail address, please call the appropriate Regional Registration Center.