

Testing Requirements

HESI Admission Assessment Exam (A2) Content

1. Math: 60-item exam. Focuses on math needed for calculation of Drugs and Solutions.
2. Reading comprehension: 47-item exam. Reading scenarios that are health related. The reading scenarios pop up on the screen. Students can move around the windows to see the entire scenario.
3. Vocabulary and general knowledge: 60-item exam. Contains basic vocabulary that is often used in health care fields.
4. Grammar: 60-item exam. Contains basic grammar.
5. Anatomy and Physiology (A&P): 35-item exam. Depending on whether or not A&P is a pre-requisite for your curriculum, you may or may not have students complete this quick assessment of A&P knowledge.

A2 Learning Style/Personality Profile

1. Learning style: 14-item assessment of preferred learning style.
2. Personality style: 15-item assessment of personality related to preferred learning style. Students receive a printout with study tips based on their learning style and personality profile.

A2 Instructor's Scoring Guide

MATH SCORING SUMMARY

Description: **Math assessment indicates a student's basic math skills at the eighth and ninth grade levels.**

SCORE

SCORE DESCRIPTION

Excellent

90% to 100%

Students should be able to calculate all levels of medication administration problems.

Very Good

80% to 89%

Students should be able to calculate basic medication administration problems, and should seek some additional assistance to increase their math skills in order to be successful in calculating higher level calculations.

Satisfactory

79 to 75%

Students will require varying degrees of assistance to be successful with medication calculations.

Poor

74% or Below

Students should seek additional assistance in a formalized math remediation program, either prior to entering a nursing program or in conjunction with beginning level courses.

READING COMPREHENSION SCORING SUMMARY

Description: **Reading comprehension assessment indicates basic reading and comprehension skills at the eighth to ninth grade reading levels.**

SCORE

SCORE DESCRIPTION

Excellent

90% to 100%

Students should be able to read and comprehend nursing textbook content.

Very Good

80% to 89%

Students should be successful in understanding most nursing textbook content though they may need to re-read more difficult material in order to grasp the full meaning of the material.

Satisfactory

79% to 75% (RN applicants)

79% to 70% (PN applicants)

Students will have difficulty keeping up with the heavy reading assignments necessary for successful completion of a nursing program.

Poor

74% or Below (RN applicants)

70% or below (PN applicants)

Students should seek additional assistance in a formalized remediation program prior to entering the nursing program.

VOCABULARY AND GENERAL KNOWLEDGE SCORING SUMMARY

Description: **Vocabulary is viewed by some authors as the best measure of adult IQ. These questions are designed to assess vocabulary skills, general knowledge, and critical thinking skills as a means of determining the candidates' ability to succeed in a nursing education program.**

SCORE

SCORE DESCRIPTION

Excellent

90% to 100%

A well-read individual whose vocabulary skills are at the tenth to the eleventh grade level. These students should be successful in reading and understanding nursing textbooks.

Very Good

80% to 89%

These students can be successful in nursing school but will need to carefully re-read those areas they do not understand and look up words they do not know the meaning of in an effort to increase their vocabulary skills.

Satisfactory

79 to 75%

Keeping up with reading assignments may be more arduous for those students scoring at this level and additional tutoring may be indicated.

Poor

74% or Below

Students should seek additional assistance in a formalized reading and vocabulary enhancement program prior to entering the nursing program or in conjunction with beginning level courses.

GRAMMAR SCORING SUMMARY

Description: **Grammar assessment indicates basic grammar skills at an eighth to ninth grade reading level.**

SCORE

SCORE DESCRIPTION

Excellent

90% to 100%

Students should be able to complete written assignments with no difficulty in terms of writing grammatically correct assignments. Should be able to read and comprehend most nursing textbooks.

Very Good

80% to 89%

Students should be able to complete written assignments in terms of writing grammatically correct assignments. However, written assignments may need to be reviewed by a knowledgeable person prior to submitting them for grading.

Satisfactory

79 to 75%

Students will have difficulty with grammar when completing written assignments and when speaking to clients, teachers, etc. Obtaining outside assistance in English/Grammar will probably be helpful.

Poor

74% or Below

Enrolling in an English/Grammar remediation program prior to entering nursing school is likely to be required in order to be successful in a nursing program.

ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY SCORING SUMMARY

Description: **Anatomy and Physiology assessment indicates basic knowledge of chemistry at a lower division college level, typical of most nursing program prerequisite requirements.**

SCORE

SCORE DESCRIPTION

Excellent

90% to 100%

Students with these scores have a comprehensive knowledge base of anatomy and physiology which provides an excellent science preparation for success in nursing school.

Very Good

80% to 89%

Students with these scores should be well prepared to enter nursing school.

Satisfactory

79 to 75%

Students at this level have adequate knowledge of anatomy and physiology, but may need outside tutoring when learning about pathophysiological conditions.

Poor

74% or Below

Enrollment in anatomy and physiology remediation or re-take the anatomy and physiology pre-request prior to entering nursing school is likely to be required in order to be successful in a nursing program.

A2 – Frequently Asked Questions

1. How do I sign up for the A2?

See the A2 information sheet.

2. What is on the A2 exam?

The Admission Assessment tests prospective students in four major categories: Reading and math comprehension, anatomy and physiology, vocabulary and grammar.

3. How do I prepare to take the A2 exam?

Visit Amazon.com or your local bookstore and search for [HESI Admissions Assessment Study Guide](#)

4. Now that I've taken the A2, how do I get my results?

A2 results are normally available within one (1) week of your test completion date.—**FOR PROMPT RESULTS YOU MUST INCLUDE THE SELF ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE**

5. How do I interpret my A2 results?

Please see the A2 Instructor's Scoring Guide.

6. How many times per year can I take the A2?

Once. The A2 may only be taken once in a 12 month period.

7. How is the A2 used toward the TCU nursing school admissions process?

There is no minimum score. TCU uses the reading and math comprehension score in the evaluation of potential students. Applicants are not penalized for lower A2 scores, but having a higher A2 score would make an applicant more competitive. Remember, the A2 is only one of several items the committee reviews (including admission GPA and science and math GPA).

8. I missed the date I was supposed to take the test, how do I reschedule for another date?

See A2 refund disclosure policy on the A2 information sheet.

9. I do not live close to TCU. Where else can I take the A2 exam?

Go to the following website for testing locations, <http://www.prometric.com/Elsevier/default.htm>

The name of the test you will need to search for once on this website is [Admissions Assessment Test](#)

10. I decided not to take the A2 test right now, how do I get a refund?

See A2 refund disclosure policy on the A2 information sheet.

Additional Testing Requirements not included in the Total Testing Program

Dosage Calculation Proficiency Exam TCU Nursing requires all clinical students who have successfully completed pharmacology course to pass a 20-question dosage calculation test during the first week of each clinical semester. The student has two attempts to pass the test; the passing score is 90%. Dates and time for the Dosage Calculation Proficiency Exam will be sent to Nursing students via email.