

HESI FAQs

What exams are required to be eligible for the TRC nursing program?

For the RN program, the HESI A2 RN Entrance Exam must be completed.

For the LPN-RN Bridge program both the HESI A2 RN Entrance Exam and the HESI LPN-RN Bridge Exam must be completed. Information on the HESI LPN-ADN bridge entrance exam will be provided by the nursing department to eligible applicants.

What is the HESI A2 RN Entrance Exam?

The HESI A2 RN Entrance Exam is designed to assess a student's academic and personal readiness for higher education in a healthcare-related field, such as nursing. The test is an internet-based, timed, multiple choice test evaluating your knowledge in the following content areas:

English Language:

- Reading Comprehension: provides reading scenarios in order to measure reading comprehension, identifying the main idea, finding meaning of words in context, passage comprehension, making logical inferences, etc.
- Vocabulary and General Knowledge: Contains vocabulary terms that are used commonly in both general spoken English and in the healthcare fields.
- Grammar: Contains basic grammar, including parts of speech, important terms and their uses in grammar, commonly occurring grammatical errors, etc.

Mathematics

- Basic Math Skills: Focuses on math skills needed for healthcare fields, including basic addition, subtraction, multiplication, fractions, decimals, ratios and proportions, household measures, general math facts, etc.

What is the HESI LPN-RN Bridge Entrance Exam?

The HESI LPN-RN Bridge Exam is a 75-item comprehensive exam designed to be taken by currently Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurses seeking entrance into an Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) program. The exam identifies strengths in PN/VN content areas, and the possible need for remediation prior to entrance into an ADN program.

- Measures competencies across PN/VN content areas, including:
 - Fundamentals
 - Pediatric Nursing
 - Maternity
 - Professional Issues
 - Medical-Surgical
 - Psychiatric/Mental Illness

I took the exam(s) somewhere else. Can I transfer the results to TRC?

No. Results from exams taken for other institutions are not transferable to TRC.

How long will my test scores remain valid?

Your scores will remain valid for two years. If your scores are more than two years old, you must retake the exam to apply for the TRC Nursing program.

I have questions that are not answered on his page. Whom can I contact?

If you have **questions pertaining to the administration of the HESI exams or exam content** (e.g., testing rules and procedures, scheduling, how to prepare or improve your score, etc.), you are welcome to contact Testing Services at 573-840-9667 or testing@trcc.edu.

If you have any other **questions pertaining to the aspect of the TRC Nursing program or application process**, please contact the TRC Nursing Department at 573-840-9672 or vwatson@trcc.edu.

When should I take the exam?

The HESI A2 Entrance Exam for the Nursing and LPN-RN Bridge programs are required to be completed no later than the program application deadline date.

How can I prepare for the exam?

A review book for the HESI A2 RN Entrance Exam – Admissions Assessment Exam Review 5th Ed., ISBN: 9780323582261, Copyright: 2021. You may purchase this study guide at the Elsevier website: <http://www.us.elsevierhealth.com>.

Passing the HESI Admission Assessment Exam is the first step on the journey to becoming a successful healthcare professional. Be prepared to pass the exam with the most up-to-date **HESI Admission Assessment Exam Review, 5th Edition!** From the testing experts at HESI, this user-friendly guide walks you through the topics and question types found on admission exams, including **math, reading comprehension, vocabulary, grammar**, biology, chemistry, anatomy and physiology, and physics. The guide includes hundreds of sample questions as well as step-by-step explanations, illustrations, and comprehensive practice exams to help you review various subject areas and improve test-taking skills. Plus, the pre-test and post-test help identify your specific weak areas so study time can be focused where it's needed most.

● Key Features

- **HESI Hints boxes offer valuable test-taking tips**, as well as rationales, suggestions, examples, and reminders for specific topics.
- **Step-by-step explanations and sample problems in the math section** show you how to work through each and know how to answer.
- **Sample questions in all sections** prepare you for the questions you will find on the A2 Exam.
- **A 25-question pre-test** at the beginning of the text helps assess your areas of strength and weakness before using the text.

- **A 50-question comprehensive post-test** at the back of the text includes rationales for correct and incorrect answers.
- **Easy-to-read format with consistent section features** (introduction, key terms, chapter outline, and a bulleted summary) help you organize your review time and understand the information.

What is a passing score?

The minimum required scores to be considered for admission to each program is as follows:

- **HESI A2 RN Entrance Exam:** 75% composite score
- **HESI LPN-RN Bridge Exam:** 700

Why is an appointment required?

In order to reserve enough exams for everyone wishing to test, the Nursing department must have an accurate count of the number of testers in advance of the testing day. In addition, Testing Services has limited seating. For these reasons, an appointment is required.

How do I schedule an appointment?

You can schedule an appointment online using our online scheduler. Go to trcc.edu/testing and scroll to HESI Exams to Pay TRC Proctor Fee Here. It will take you to another page, follow the step-by-step instructions.

How many times can I take the exam?

You are **allowed to take version 1 and version 2 of the exam only once each for each application cycle.** If you purchase the wrong exam, there will be a delay of your refund and a chance you will not be able to test.

How can I reschedule my exam?

Contact Testing Services to assist you with rescheduling your exam, at testing@trcc.edu or 573-840-9667.

I changed my mind and no longer want to take the exam. Can I get a refund?

Contact Elsevier for a refund of your test fee at please call **(800) 222-9570** – select the Student prompt and a representative can assist you.

Proctor fees are non-refundable, please refer to the acknowledgement statement in your TRC proctor fee registration.

How long does it take to complete the exam?

The HESI A2 RN Entrance Exam has a total allotted time of three and a half hours.

The HESI LPN-RN Bridge Exam has a total allotted time of three hours.

Am I allowed to take a break during the exam?

Yes, you are allowed to take short breaks during the exam in order to use the restroom or get a drink of water or a snack. Drinks and food are not allowed in the testing rooms, but you may bring them and leave them in one of the lockers outside the testing rooms. There are also drink and snack vending machines located at the end of each hallway.

You must get permission from a testing center staff member prior to taking a break. During breaks you are not allowed to look at reference materials, use the Internet, check your email or phone, discuss the test with anyone else, or leave the building.

Keep in mind that taking a break does not stop the timer counting down on your exam.

What if I have a disability and require a special accommodation?

Special accommodations enable all students to test on a level playing field and can include additional testing time, a reader or a scribe.

Requests for special accommodations must be reasonable and arranged prior to your scheduled test. Students must provide all special accommodation documentations to TRC Disability Services for review and approval. TRC will then submit the request to Elsevier, which will review the request to ensure compliance with their testing policies.

The process of applying to TRC and registering a disability may take several weeks and there may be an additional waiting period of two to four weeks to arrange your testing date once your accommodations have been approved. We suggest that students requiring special accommodations begin this process as soon as possible.

I didn't get the score I wanted. What do I do next?

Applicants who wish to retake the exam are encouraged to speak with the Testing Coordinator before making a second attempt. The maximum number of times an applicant can take the test in one application cycle is twice. It is recommended applicants do remediation after their first attempt before testing again.

Failure to achieve the minimum passing score on the second attempt will disqualify the applicant for admission to the TRC nursing program for that application cycle.