

Gogebic Community College  
HESI A2 Entrance Testing Nursing Program

**What is the HESI A2**

The HESI A2 is a computer based test developed by Elsevier to determine competency in the following areas:

- 1) *Anatomy and Physiology*: 30 Item Exam covering general terminology and anatomical structures and systems.
- 2) *Biology*: 30 item exam covering biology basics, water, biological molecules, metabolism, cells, cellular respiration, and photosynthesis.
- 3) *Chemistry*: 30 item exam covering matter, chemical equations and reactions, the periodic table, atomic structure, nuclear chemistry, and chemical bonding.
- 4) *Grammar*: 55 item exam covering basic grammar including parts of speech, important terms and their uses in grammar, and commonly occurring grammatical errors.
- 5) *Math*: 55 item exam focuses on math needed for health care fields including basic addition, subtraction, multiplication, fractions, decimals, ratio and proportion, household measures, and general math facts that are useful, for example, when calculating drug dosages and solutions. Personal calculators are NOT allowed. Scratch paper is provided and will be collected at the end of the test.
- 6) *Reading Comprehension*: 55 item exam. You will read scenarios that are not health related and answer questions regarding the scenario. Questions measure reading comprehension: identifying the main idea, finding meaning of words in context, passage comprehension, making logical inferences.
- 7) *Vocabulary and General Knowledge*: 55 item exam containing basic vocabulary often used in healthcare fields.

It is recommended that you complete the HESI A2 after you have completed pre-requisite coursework (BIO 250, PSY 101, ENG, 101, Math).

**The HESI A2 will be taken at Gogebic Community College. Students can take the HESI a maximum of two times during any acceptance period. A new version will be given on the second attempt.**

**Frequently Asked Questions:**

1. **How can I Prepare for the HESI A2?**
  - Elsevier, the makers of the HESI A2 Exam, have a study booklet: Admission Assessment Exam Review that can be purchased at the GCC Bookstore or ordered online. The book includes sample questions, step by step explanations, and illustrations.
2. **What is the time limit for the HESI A2?**
  - 6 hours
3. **Do I have to take the HESI A2 on a computer?**
  - The HESI A2 is available only on the computer.
4. **Can I retest if I have not achieved the minimum scores?**
  - Applicants can test two times in any application cycle. Students who have not achieved the minimum scores during the first attempt are encouraged to complete remediation. HESI provides remediation tools at their Evolve Website. Students remediating should:
    - Log into Elsevier using your Username and Password. In the “Content List” of your “My Evolve” Page select HESI Assessment
    - Under My Exams>Exam History>Exam Results, select “View Results” link to access the Detailed Scoring Reports and Remediation Review Materials.

**5. What score do I need to pass?**

- To pass the HESI A2 Entrance exam you will need:
  - A minimum of 75% for your English Composite Score
  - A minimum of 75% for your Math Composite score
  - A minimum of 70% for your Cumulative Score

**6. Can I use my scores from another school?**

- The entrance exam must be taken at GCC.

**7. Can you accommodate students with disabilities?**

- If you are a prospective student with a disability and need accommodations during the entrance testing, please contact the director of Disability Services at least seven days before the testing date at:  
ACES Center, GCC Ironwood Campus: 906-307-1237.

**8. How much does the HESI A2 cost?**

- \$40 – subject to change.
- Starting August 2019, the price will be increased to \$42

**9. Where can I take the test?**

- The exam is offered three times a year in Houghton (March, May, July) and four times a year in Ironwood (March, May, July, August). Testing is completed at the computer lab at each campus.

**10. How do I sign up for the test?**

- Work with your advisor to determine when you are ready for the exam.
- Call 906-307-1345 to sign up for the exam. You must sign up 3 weeks prior to the exam. You will receive instructions on how to purchase the exam 2 weeks prior to the examination.

**11. What to bring to the test?**

- Bring your confirmation receipt verifying the purchase of the exam.
- Photo ID
- Pen or Pencil
- Login and Password used to access the HESI website.

**12. When will I get the results?**

- Students are emailed once their test results are posted online within their Elsevier Student account.
- GCC will receive the results up to 1 week after the close of the exam. Once the scores are received, and all other pre-requisites have been completed, the student application will be reviewed by the Allied Health Office.