



HESI Nursing Admission Assessment Exam

The HESI Admission Assessment is an admission requirement for all applicants of the Nursing Education program at Mercer County Community College. Find the answers to some frequently asked questions below.

What is the HESI Nursing Admission Assessment?

The HESI Admission Assessment Exam administered at MCCC measures two components: English, and math.

The English Language is broken down into three portions. Each portion includes 55 test items, 50 of which are scored.

- 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 commonly used in both general English-speaking settings and in healthcare fields.
- Grammar – Contain basic grammar, including parts of speech, important terms, and their uses, commonly occurring grammatical errors, etc.

The math exam is also 55 test items, 50 of which are scored. The math portion focuses on basic math skills needed for healthcare fields, including basic addition, subtraction, multiplication, fractions, decimals, ratio and proportion, household measures, general math facts, etc. You will have access to an on-line calculator for the math section.

When is the exam offered?

The exam is offered once per month. Every other month, the exam is offered on a weekend day. Seats are limited and registration/payment for the exam is required no later than one week prior to the exam. Students are not permitted to register or pay on site for the exam.

How much time do I have to complete the exam?

Each applicant is given three and a half hours to complete the exam. Once time has expired, the exam will automatically end with no option to re-enter. Students who have received testing accommodations from the MCCC Center for Inclusion, Transition, and Accessibility are provided with extended time, per their individual accommodations.

Can I complete the exam if I have not yet applied to be a student at MCCC?

You must be a MCCC student to take the HESI Admission exam at MCCC.

What should I bring to the exam?

The only thing you will need to bring to the HESI Admission Exam is your identification. You will have access to an on-line calculator and scrap paper, if needed. You are not allowed to use or access personal calculators, phones, smart watches, or any other resources.

How long are the test scores valid for?

Test scores are valid for two years. The Nursing Education program at MCCC requires that HESI Admission Assessment scores be within the past two years, at the time of your application to the professional phase.

What score do I need to achieve on the exam?

The Nursing Education Program at MCCC requires that applicants to the professional phase of the Nursing Education program achieve a minimum score of 80% on the math section and a minimum score of 80% on the English composite score (the combined score of the three portions of the English Language sections). ***You receive your exam scores in your HESI student account within 24 hours.***

What if I do not get the score I want?

Students are permitted to retake the HESI exam. Students must retake the entire exam and responsible to pay the testing fee each time. Applicants to the professional phase of the Nursing Education program may submit two different test results with their application. For example, an applicant who scored higher on the English Language section on their first attempt but scored higher on the math section on their second attempt may submit both sets of test results. The higher result for each section will be used for admission consideration.

How should I prepare for the HESI Nursing Admission Assessment?

A study booklet, Admission Assessment Exam Review (Elsevier Health Services), can be ordered online. The MCCC Tutoring Center also provides support for students preparing for the Admission Assessment Exam. Visit https://www.mccc.edu/student_services_tutoring.shtml

How do I register to take the HESI Nursing Admission Assessment at MCCC?

Click on <https://forms.office.com/r/AZakJAa1Dw> and complete the form. You must select a test date. You will be sent instructions to register for the specific date. You must make payment on-line. The current cost of the exam is approximately \$50. **Registration must be completed and payment made one week prior to the exam. Students are not permitted to register or pay on site for the exam.**

What if I need to reschedule my exam date?

You must contact the nursing office to reschedule your exam date. Do not schedule and pay for a second exam without speaking to the nursing office first.

What if I have questions?

Contact the Nursing Education department at 609-570-3391 or email nursing@mccc.edu.