

East Central College

Associate Degree Nursing Program

Required Pre-Admission Test FAQ

ADMISSION TESTING REQUIREMENTS

HESI A2 Admission Test Information

Thank you for your interest in the Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) program at East Central College.

Who is required to take the A2 Admission Test?

All applicants for the Pre-Licensure (Generic) and LPN to RN Bridge Nursing Programs. All applicants applying for ECC Nursing programs are required to take the HESI A2 Admission Test.

What is the HESI A2 Test?

The HESI A2 Test 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 (plan for 5 hours), multiple choice test evaluating your knowledge in the following categories: English language, grammar, vocabulary/general knowledge, math, Biology and critical thinking.

Estimated time for each section is provided by Elsevier below but tests are not individually timed during testing. You will have 5 hours to complete the test so pacing yourself is very important. The following content in each section is as follows:

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.
 - 47 items; Time allotment: 60 minutes
- **Vocabulary and General Knowledge** - Contains vocabulary terms that are used commonly in both general English speaking and in the health care fields.
 - 50 items; Time allotment: 50 minutes
- **Grammar** - Contains basic grammar, including parts of speech, important terms and their uses in grammar, commonly occurring grammatical errors, etc.
 - 50 items; Time allotment: 50 minutes

MATH

- **Basic Math Skills** - Focuses on math skills needed for health care fields, including basic addition, subtraction, multiplication, fractions, decimals, ratio and proportion, household measures, general math facts, etc.
 - 50 items; Time allotment: 50 minutes

SCIENCE

- **Biology** – Covers biology basics, water, biological molecules, metabolism, cells, cellular respiration, photosynthesis, etc.
 - 25 items; Time allotment: 25 minutes

CRITICAL THINKING

- **Critical Thinking** – This exam is intended to provide the student with a brief “snapshot” of critical thinking ability in usual situations encountered in health care settings. The student receives a total score reflective of abilities in 5 sub-categories which includes: Problem Solving, Biases and Ethical Dilemmas; Argument Analysis; Analysis of Data.
 - 25 items; Time allotment: 25 minutes

Is the A2 Admission Test the only application requirement?

No. The A2 Admission Test is only one of several steps needed for meeting the eligibility criteria for the nursing program. *Please review the current Nursing Program Application for Nursing Admission Eligibility and Information.*

What are the required scores for the A2 Admission Test to be eligible to apply to the nursing program?

To be considered for admission, you must score a minimum composite score of 75% or above on the cumulative score. Nursing research evidence has found that students who do well on the HESI A2 are more likely to add to their “academic readiness” for the reading/study demands as they enter the nursing program and begin the first nursing course.

When and how will scores be received to know what scores were achieved?

Students will view score results immediately upon completing the tests. Students may view their scores as they take the test section by section. Official score reports are received by e-mail from Elsevier to the e-mail address the student provides when registering for the test. Scores are sent within a window of 24 hours to two (2) weeks after completing the test. *It is the student’s responsibility to provide our office with a copy of your HESI A2 results for your admission file.*

When should I take the test?

It is strongly suggested that the A2 Test be taken after completing courses such as English Comp I, Intermediate Algebra or higher, Chemistry and/or Biology. It is understood that some students may not have completed all of the above coursework prior to testing. If that is the case, utilization of the review materials is encouraged. *The last available testing session will be scheduled one to two weeks prior to the Nursing Program application deadline.*

Can I prepare for the test?

Yes. Preparation for the test should be inclusive of all the coursework you have taken at ECC and/or other colleges and universities. However, there is a review book, *The HESI Evolve Reach Admission Assessment Test Review, 3rd Ed.* textbook (ISBN: 978-1-4557-0333-3) which you may purchase through the Elsevier Publisher site: <http://www.us.elsevierhealth.com/product.jsp?isbn=9781455703333>. Copies of the review book are on reserve in the library at the Union campus and the Rolla location.

Can the test be retaken?

Yes. Re-test is permitted after an initial unsuccessful testing result; however, an additional cost for the test applies for every attempt. *Students are required to wait 30 days between testing dates.* Students retaking the test for the *second time* are to *request Admission Assessment Test A2, Version 2* on HESI A2 Admission Test registration form. *You may only test twice in one application cycle.*

Do the test scores have an expiration time frame?

Yes. Test scores are considered current for two (2) years.

How long will the testing take or how much time is allowed to take the test?

Five hours (5). Students will have up to five hours to complete the 6 tests listed for ECC.

Where can I take the Evolve Reach A-2 Admission Assessment Test?

East Central College Testing Center – Buescher Hall, Union Campus

The A2 Admission Test is offered at multiple times throughout the application cycle (calendar year). You will complete the test registration form and indicate the exam date you wish to test. **All testing is done at the Union campus in the Learning/Testing Center.** Registration instructions are found on the registration form and in the nursing application packet.

Follow these simple steps for obtaining your password and User ID:

- STEP 1.** Go to <http://evolve.elsevier.com/exam>
- STEP 2.** Click **REGISTER** box for **HESI Assessment**;
- STEP 3.** Click **REDEEM/CHECKOUT**;
- STEP 4.** Complete information to create an account;
- STEP 5.** Check **"I'm not affiliated with an institution"**;
- STEP 6.** Click **CONTINUE**;
- STEP 7.** Click **"I Accept"** and submit; (Obtain your username from the **"My Account"** link at the top of the page.)

Remember and/or record your User Name and Password; you will need them to begin your HESI A2 Admission Test. When accepted into the East Central College Nursing Program, you will utilize them regularly throughout the program.

Applicants will receive a Confirmation Notice with your Evolve login and password. Review the information contained in your Confirmation Notice. If any of the information is incorrect, or if the information has changed, please contact Elsevier Review and Testing at testeligibility@elsevier.com.

IMPORTANT: The name and address information you provide to obtain your Evolve student account **must be the same** as it appears on your government-issued photo ID. You will not be admitted into the East Central College Testing Center if there is any discrepancy between what is listed on your Evolve student account and what is presented on your government-issued photo ID. **There will be no exceptions.** Failure to meet this requirement will result in forfeiture of your testing appointment and associated fees.

What do I need to bring to the test?

You should arrive 15 minutes early.

Please bring:

- A Government-issued photo ID;
- A printed copy of the email sent to you from Evolve Elsevier containing your Eligibility ID and password confirmation; and,
- Car keys.

No other items will be allowed in the testing lab. The identification document must contain your photograph. All other personal items must be secured elsewhere for test security purposes, so please limit what you bring to the testing center.

May I use a calculator for the math test?

Yes. A drop-down calculator is available on the test screen. ***You may not use (and should not bring) your own calculator or any other device with a calculator function. This includes cell phones or other electronic devices.***

How can I print my test scores?

Your results will be available within two weeks of your test date. ***As part of your application for admission, you must include your HESI-A2 score report.***

1. Ensure you have the latest Adobe Acrobat Reader installed.
2. Visit <http://evolve.elsevier.com>
3. Click "Student Site"
4. Log in with your Evolve username and password
5. Click "Reach Testing and Remediation"
6. Click "My Tests and Remediation"
7. Click the plus sign ("+") next to "Admission Test Report"
8. You will see a link for each of the five areas of the test. Click on each area, then click "Results Report" for each area. Print out the report for each area and include each report in your application packet.
9. **Important Note: The School of Nursing requires detailed reports from each section of the test.**

What is the test Reschedule/Cancel Policy?

To reschedule or cancel a testing appointment, you must do so at least five (5) calendar days or more prior to your appointment, or additional fees or fee forfeiture may apply. To cancel or reschedule the test without fee forfeiture, please call the Learning Center five days prior to your test date at 636-584-6604.

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

*Special accommodations enable all candidates to test on a level playing field and can include a sign language interpreter, additional testing time, or a reader and/or recorder for sight-impaired candidates. Requests for special accommodations must be reasonable, approved based upon appropriate documentation, and arranged **prior** to your scheduled test. The student must provide all special accommodation documents to East Central College Access Office for review and approval. ECC will then submit the request for accommodations, via e-mail, to Elsevier. Elsevier will review the request to ensure compliance with Elsevier's testing policies. The process of applying to ECC and registering a disability may take several weeks to a few months. **There may be an additional waiting period of 2 to 4 weeks to arrange your testing date once your disability has been registered.** We suggest that any student requiring a special accommodation begin this process as soon as possible.*

Where do I go if I have further questions about A2 Admission Testing at East Central College?

Questions about the A2 Admission Test, or other admission criteria, should be directed to Brenda Garrison, Program Assistant for Allied Health at 636-584-6616. You may also e-mail nursing@eastcentral.edu.

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