

Student FAQs for the HESI A2 exam

Q: ***What is the HESI A2?***

A: The HESI (Health Education Systems, Inc.) Admission Assessment (A2) is a computerized exam designed to assess prospective students entering the health science fields. The HESI A2 consists of nine different exams, seven of which are required by the Nursing program at Miami Dade College. The required exams are Reading Comprehension, Vocabulary/General Knowledge, Grammar, Basic Math Skills, Biology, Chemistry, and Anatomy & Physiology. The Learning Style and Personality Profile exams are not required.

Q: ***Do I need to take the HESI A2?***

A: Yes. If you are applying for admission into the Associate of Science in Nursing program, you are required to take the HESI A2.

Q: ***Is there a fee?***

A: Yes. There is a **non-refundable/non-transferable** fee of \$65.00 per test date.

Q: ***Is there a way to get a refund or transfer my test fee if I miss the test date and time that I registered for?***

A: No. If you are unable to attend your prearranged test date, there is no possibility of a refund or transfer to another test date. Please make every effort to keep your scheduled test date.

Q: ***How long is the test?***

A: The HESI A2 is a timed, four-hour test.

Q: ***Can the HESI A2 be taken in sections instead of taking the entire test?***

A: No. The HESI A2 is only given as a complete battery.

Q: ***How often can I take the HESI A2?***

A: The HESI A2 can only be taken three times in a lifetime. There is a 30-day waiting period between attempts.

Q: ***How long are the test scores valid?***

A: The HESI A2 scores are valid for 2 years.

Q: ***What is the minimum HESI A2 score required for the RN program at Miami Dade College?***

A: The minimum requirement is a composite score of 65.

Q: ***Can I use a calculator on the HESI A2?***

A: You may not bring your own calculator; however, there is a pop-up calculator built into the test.

Q: ***Can I take the HESI A2 at another institution?***

A: No. The HESI A2 must be taken at the Miami Dade College Medical Campus Testing Department. Test scores from other institutions will not be accepted.

Q: ***I live in another state and wish to apply to the Miami Dade College Nursing Program. Can I take the HESI A2 locally in my state?***

A: Yes. Students who live **outside of the state of Florida** must first contact the [Testing Director at the Medical Campus](#) via email to request approval to take the HESI A2 in another state for MDC. Students cannot elect on their own to take the HESI A2 at a local institution in their home state.

Students must email mtest@mdc.edu with the following information:

- Name
- Address
- MDC student ID number
- Contact information (phone, email, etc.)
- State of residence
- Date of anticipated application to MDC's Nursing program

Please allow a minimum of 10 business days to process the request.

Q: ***Who is eligible to sit for the HESI A2 at Miami Dade College?***

A: The Miami Dade College Medical Campus Testing Center will only test applicants for the Nursing Program at MDC. Your MDC student ID number will be required to register for the test.

Q: ***How do I register for the HESI A2?***

A: Information about appointments can be found at <http://www.mdc.edu/main/testing/about/medical.aspx>. After you reserve a seat, you will be prompted to enter your credit or debit card information to pay the \$65. **The fee is non-transferable and non-refundable.** Your seat cannot be reserved without payment.

Q: ***Do I need to set up an Evolve account prior to my test date?***

A: Yes. Prior to your test date you must set up an Evolve account by going to <https://evolve.elsevier.com/>. Click on **I'm a Student**, then click **My Evolve**. In the orange pop-up box, click **Create Account**.

Q: ***When will I receive my results?***

A: You will be able to view your results immediately after the exam. If you receive a score of 65 or higher, you will be given an official copy of your score report to submit when you apply to the nursing program.

Q: ***I have a documented disability and need to request accommodations. What is the process and time frame for this request?***

A: Students wishing to have testing accommodations for the HESI A2 must contact the ACCESS department at the Medical Campus **prior to registering for a test date**.

Q: ***Is there a recommended study guide for the HESI A2?***

A: Yes. It is available in the Miami Dade College Medical Campus Bookstore and online. **Admission Assessment Exam Review, 3rd Edition. (ISBN: 9781455703333)**
<https://evolve.elsevier.com/cs/product/9781455703333>