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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FOR VN APPLICANTS ON THE HESI ADMISSION ASSESSMENT (A2) EXAM

1. Is there a test for The Vocational Nursing Institute, Inc. (VNI) Nursing Program?

Yes. The test required by the Nursing Program at Vocational Nursing Institute, Inc. (VNI) is the Evolve Reach Admissions Assessment (A²) Test, formerly *trademarked as the Health Education Systems, Inc. (HESI) Admission Assessment (A²) Test*.

2. Are all students required to take the Evolve Reach Admissions Assessment Exam?

Yes. The Admission Assessment (A2) Exam is required for all students who apply for admission into the Nursing applicant pool. This can be taken prior to admission at another institution or taken at VNI.

3. What is the A2 Assessment Test?

Evolve Reach Admissions Assessment (A²) Exam was *formerly trademarked as the Health Education Systems, Inc. (HESI) Admission Assessment (A²) Exam*. The Evolve A2 Assessment, powered by HESI, is a timed, computerized exam that consists of four (4) sections that contain a total of nine (9) Tests. Vocational Nursing Institute, Inc. (VNI) Nursing is requiring 5

Sections as discussed above: Reading Comprehension, Vocabulary, Grammar, Anatomy & Physiology, and Math.

4. How many sections are required by VNI?

Five (5) Sections of the A2 HESI Exam are required. Estimated time for each section is provided by Elsevier below but tests are not individually timed during testing. 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 and Time allotment: 50 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 and 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 and 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 and Time allotment: 50 minutes

SCIENCE

- **Anatomy & Physiology** - Provides coverage of general terminology and anatomical structures and systems.

- 25 items and Time allotment: 25 minutes

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5. Who is required to take the A2 Assessment Test?

All potential VNI Applicants to the Vocational Nursing Program.

One of the requirements for admission into the Nursing eligibility pool is that all potential VNI Nursing Program applicants complete the A2 Assessment Exam. The A2 Assessment Exam score report is to be submitted with the Health Science Nursing Program Application to the Admissions Department or these scores may be retrieved electronically by the School's Admission staff.

6. Is the A2 Assessment Test the Only Application Requirement?

NO. The A2 Assessment Test is only one of many steps needed for eligibility criteria for the nursing program. Please visit the Vocational Nursing Institute, Inc. (VNI) for the Nursing Admission Eligibility and Information by calling 832 237 2525.

7. What are the required scores for the A2 Assessment Test to be eligible to apply to the nursing program?

After completion of the required five (5) tests of the HESI A2, students can submit the Nursing application within the posted application period. Students are encouraged to prepare for the test and do their best based on skills and abilities derived from coursework and experience in these content areas. Vocational Nursing Institute, Inc. requires an 80% as a minimum on this test to be considered for application to the VN Program.

Nursing literature documents 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.

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

Students will view immediate score results upon completing the tests. Students can view their scores as they take the test section by section. Official score reports are received by email from Elsevier to the email 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. The score results are received around the 15th of the month or 30th of the month depending on when students complete the testing within the Prometrics testing cycle.

The exam score results will include the students' scores on all sections of the test completed as well as a break-down of testing performance. The official emailed report should be printed and submitted with the Health Science Nursing Admission Application. The school Admissions Department will also have access to official HESI test scores.

9. When should I take the test?

It is strongly suggested that the A2 Exam be taken after completing the pre-requisite courses Anatomy-Physiology I and II and Microbiology, as well as after preparing for the exam. There is an exam review text available for the A2 Assessment Exam for exam preparation.

Please note:

There is a window of two (2) weeks for receiving official test results from Prometrics. Additionally, all application materials must be submitted before the start of the program. Seat capacity is limited. Keep all of this in mind when determining your test date. The school will provide applicants with 2 testing dates to sit for the test. This test is paid for by the applicant. Make a check out to Vocational Nursing Institute, Inc. to register with our representative.

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10. Can I prepare for the test? See next page for VNI set up with HESI for study prep.

Yes. There are many sources for preparing for the test. You can purchase a study guide, there are numerous ones available including McGraw-Hill's Nursing School Entrance Exams, Kaplan Nursing School Entrance Exams, Evolve Reach Admission Assessment Exam Review by HESI, TEAS Review Manual, Barron's Nursing School Entrance Exam by Sandra S. Swick, There are many reviews available on the different sources available to help you prep for this

11. Can the test be retaken?

Yes. Re-tests are permitted after the initial unsuccessful testing result; however, an additional cost for the test applies for every attempt. There is no limited time frame required between retaking the test. Students retaking the test for the second time are to request Admission Assessment Test A2, Version 2.

12. Do the test scores have an expiration time frame?

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

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

Four (4) Hours. Students will have four (4) hours to complete the 5 tests listed for VNI. The host testing sites provides 4 hours for the total nine 9 tests in HESI. It is strongly advised that students complete the five (5) tests required by VNI Nursing Program first. If students have test time remaining after completing the required 5 tests for VNI Nursing Admissions it is suggested they complete the remaining four (4) tests not required by VNI. VNI has pre-set testing dates and times, call 832 237 2525 for more information.

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

Host sites shown below.

Host sites for the HESI Test are The Vocational Nursing Institute, Inc. by appointment, Prometrics and FAU shown below.

A) Testing Center at FAU Office of Testing and Evaluation Student Support Services

Go to website <http://www.fau.edu/testing/>

- Read and follow all directions provided for scheduling and registering for the HESI Test
- Select HESI and follow directions-links to register for HESI Test.

Test Fee	Site Code	Site City	Site Address Line 1	Site Address Line2	Site Zip	Site Phone
~\$37.00	0307	Houston	13100 Northwest Freeway Suite 130			713 690 2629

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B) Testing Centers at Prometrics through Elsevier.

Local Elsevier HESI Testing Centers using Prometrics local sites for student options to select for testing in Texas is listed in the chart below. For other sites please Google for other Prometrics locations of your choice

Test Fee	Site Code	Site City	Site Address Line 1	Site Address Line 2	Site Zip	Site Phone
*\$ 37.00	0307	Houston	13100 Northwest Freeway	Suite 130	77040	713-690-2629
*\$ 37.00	0083	Houston	7111 Harwin	Suite 100	77036	832-242-2302
*\$ 37.00	0309	Houston	16800 Imperial Valley	Suite 170	77060	281-272-8500

15. How do I become eligible to take the test at Prometrics host site?

Follow directions provided at each host site for registration. Registration for the test is a two-step process for Elsevier Prometrics Testing Sites: (Directions Further described below).

STEP 1) How to Become Eligible to register for test at Elsevier

Registration is done by contacting Elsevier

To register for Elsevier HESI test, students are to send the following listed information to Elsevier Review and Testing using this e-mail address: exameligibility@elsevier.com.

INFORMATION REQUIRED:

- 1) **Prospective School:**Vocational Nursing Institute, Inc.
- 2) **Type of Program:** VN Nursing
- 3) **First Name, Middle Name, Last Name**
- 4) **Address, City, State, Zip**
- 5) **Phone Number**
- 6) **eMail address**
- 7) **Enter Date need to schedule test**
- 8) **Enter Type of Test Requesting/taking:.....Admission Assessment Test A2 Version 1 (Version 2 is to be requested if retaking the exam).**

(2) After registering for the test, schedule your appointment at least 2 weeks before application submission dates posted on website for the TERM planned to apply. When you take the test, you are required to know which 5 tests are required by Vocational Nursing Institute, Inc. (VNI) and request for first attempt Version 1. If retaking exam request Version 2. (CONTINUED BELOW)

STEP 2) Applicants will receive a Confirmation Notice indicating that you may schedule your test. Please carefully 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.

PLEASE NOTE: You will receive your Eligibility ID within a minimum of 3 business days of our receipt of your eligibility email.