

What is the HESI A2?

The Evolve Reach (HESI) Admission Assessment Exam (A2) is a computer based test consisting of a number of separate modules. The modules used by the Maricopa County Community College Nursing Program include: Math Skills, Reading Comprehension, Vocabulary and General Knowledge, Grammar, Learning Style, Personality Style, and Critical Thinking. Minimum requirements for admission to the MCCC Nursing Program are 75% on the Math, and a composite (average) score of 75% on Reading Comprehension, Vocabulary and General Knowledge, and Grammar. Results on Learning Style, Personality Style, and Critical Thinking are helpful to know but will not be used as part of the admission criteria. The HESI A2 Science modules in Biology, Chemistry, Anatomy & Physiology, and Physics will not be administered and are not required for admission into the MCCC Nursing Program.

1. Math: 50-item exam. Focuses on math skills 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. Recommended Time: 50 minutes. Personal calculators are not permitted, but a basic calculator is available within the software. Scratch paper will be provided. Minimum score of 75% is required.
2. English Language Composite:
 - Reading Comprehension: 47-item exam. Reading scenarios that are health related. Provides reading scenarios in order to measure reading comprehension, including: identifying the main idea, finding meaning of words in context, passage comprehension, making logical inferences, etc. Recommended Time: 60 minutes.
 - Vocabulary and General Knowledge: 50-item exam. Contains basic vocabulary that is often used in health care fields. Recommended Time: 50 minutes.
 - Grammar: 50-item exam. Contains basic grammar, including: parts of speech, important terms and their uses in grammar, and commonly occurring grammatical errors. Recommended Time: 50 minutes.

A composite score (average of all three components) of 75% is required.

3. Learning Styles: 14-item assessment of preferred learning style. Recommended Time: 15 minutes. (Not included in minimum score requirements)
4. Personality Style: 25-item assessment of personality related to preferred learning style. Students receive a printout with study tips based on their learning style and personality profile. Recommended Time: 25 minutes. (Not included in minimum score requirements)
5. Critical Thinking: 30-item assessment of critical thinking ability. This exam is a four-choice, multiple-choice test. All answers are correct; however, each choice reflects a different degree critical thinking skills. Scores range from 0-1000. The higher the score, the better the ability to think critically within the discipline of nursing. Recommended Time: 30 minutes (Not included in minimum score requirements)

How can I prepare for the HESI A2?

The HESI A2 study guide is available for purchase in the SCC bookstore or online at www.us.elsevierhealth.com. Online sample questions are available at [Nursing Exam Prep Info](#) as well as other sites. A simple web search for "HESI A2" will list a number of sites. Other resources will be listed as they become available.

Where and when can I take the test?

Testing Center
Scottsdale Community College
Room LB-165
480-423-6433

Monday – Thursday 8am – 3pm

*Friday 8am – 1pm

*campus is closed on Fridays mid May – mid August.

You must arrive at least 4 hours prior to closing in order to test. No HESI A2 tests will be started after that time. All tests must be completed in a single testing session which must end prior to the end of the scheduled testing period.

Photo ID is required.

HESI A2 testing will not be available during the week before any semester starts, the first or last week of any semester, or finals week. Please plan accordingly.

It is recommended that you complete the HESI A2 test well before you plan to submit your nursing application. In the event that you did not achieve the required scores, time for remediation and retesting is available. The HESI A2 test can be taken only once every 60 days, and no more than 3 times in a one-year period at any of the Maricopa Community Colleges. The scores are valid for two years.

Refer to the Maricopa Community College District [Nursing Program website](#) for additional information.

How much does it cost?

The cost of the HESI A2 test is \$35 (subject to change). Check in at the Assessment/Testing Center for eligibility verification and a fee payment slip. Then take the fee payment slip to the Cashier's Office for payment. Cash, check, money order, credit or debit cards are accepted. Return the fee payment slip and receipt to the Assessment/Testing Center. Payment, and test administration must all take place on the same day.

How long does the HESI A2 take?

The HESI A2 is not timed, but it must be completed in a single testing session. Most students will complete the test in 3½ hrs. or less. The above recommendations for time are only estimates. If you feel you would benefit from additional time, plan accordingly and arrive earlier. All tests must be completed 10 minutes prior to the close of business.

Can you accommodate students with disabilities?

Students requesting accommodations should contact Disability Resources & Services (DRS) for additional information. They can be contacted by phone by calling 480-423-6517.

I'm more comfortable with a paper test. Can I take the HESI A2 on paper instead of on the computer?

The Evolve Reach HESI A2 exam is available only on computer. This mimics the way in which Nursing License Exams are administered and offers Nursing Students the opportunity to familiarize themselves with this type of exam.

When will I get the results?

The results of the HESI A2 will be printed upon completion of the test and you will receive a copy before you leave the testing center. The scores will also be posted in the Student Information System (SIS). We are unable to provide copies of the printout after the initial test although the scores will remain on file in the Student Information System. You can access all your test scores at my.maricopa.edu, just log in, go to your Student Center, and click on the "Test Scores" link under "Academic History". Your scores are also available to you through your Evolve account which you will set up prior to taking the test at evolve.elsevier.com. Record your username and password so that you may access this account later. If you forget your username or password you can retrieve them through the Evolve website.

Can I retest if I have not achieved the minimum scores?

Students may retest after a 60-day waiting period. This allows time for remediation. Free remediation will be available after the test by logging into the Evolve account that you set up prior to the test. You will receive an email with customized information approximately 5-7 days after your test batch has been closed. This personalized evaluation will help you determine your strengths and weaknesses and create a study guide tailored to your needs. Up to 2 retests are permitted within one year from the date of the first test. Scores are valid for two years (24 months).

I've taken the HESI A2 test at another school. Can I use my scores here?

HESI A2 scores from any school in the Maricopa County Community College District are good at all other Maricopa campuses and are accessible through the Student Information System (SIS). If the scores are from a school outside the Maricopa system the scores must be sent directly from that school to one of the Maricopa schools for input into SIS. A Student Information Form must be on file with the Admissions Office of the Maricopa campus receiving the scores. The test must have been taken within two years (24 months) of application to the Nursing Program. Contact the Assessment/Testing Center for more information.

I will be attending another school. Can I take the HESI A2 at Scottsdale Community College?

If you will be applying to the Nursing Program at any of the Maricopa Community Colleges you may take your test at Scottsdale Community College. If you are attending a school that is not part of the Maricopa County Community College District, additional fees for proctoring an exam for another institution will apply.

Can I take the HESI A2 "for practice" before I take it "for real"?

No. Because the HESI A2 is a standardized test used by Nursing Programs all over the county, all test materials are confidential. Live test questions should not be used for practice. Taking the test for the purpose of viewing live test questions in order to improve a later test score is considered cheating. All such instances of academic dishonesty will be reported to the Nursing Program and may result in being permanently blocked from entering the Nursing Program. Instead, refer to the HESI A2 study guide or visit one of the many websites that have HESI A2 practice questions available.

I do not live in the greater Phoenix area. Where can I take the HESI A2 test?

Check with your School of Nursing to see where you can take the HESI A2 in your area. The HESI A2 is also available through Prometric Test Centers throughout the country. For more information go to the Prometric website at <http://www.prometric.com/Elsevier>.

I need the HESI PN, not the HESI A2. Can I take it at Scottsdale Community College?

SCC does not currently offer the HESI PN. Please check with one of the other Maricopa Community Colleges for this exam.