

ALL ABOUT THE HESI A₂

ACC Student Success Series Workshop

WELCOME

- Grab materials:
 - ✓ HESI Information Packet
 - ✓ Pen, pencil, and highlighter
- Raise your hand to ask a question
- Use the facilities as you please
- Be an active participant
- Audience

WHAT IS THE HESI A2 EXAM?



Health Education Systems, Inc. (HESI) is a company that produces tests which evaluate whether nursing applicants have the knowledge and skills to be successful in nursing school.

The HESI A2 Exam is an admission requirement for several of ACC's allied health programs.

WHICH ACC PROGRAMS REQUIRE THE HESI?



- ❖ ADN
- ❖ LVN - ADN TRANSITION
- ❖ LVN
- ❖ DIAGNOSTIC CARVIOVASCULAR SONOGRAPHY
- ❖ RESPIRATORY CARE

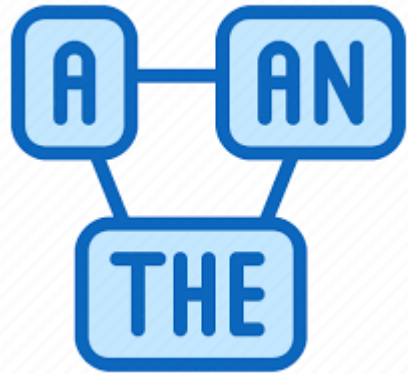
WHAT IS TESTED ON THE HESI A2 EXAM AT ACC?



READING
COMPREHENSION



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QUESTIONS



GRAMMAR



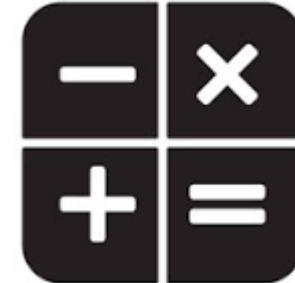
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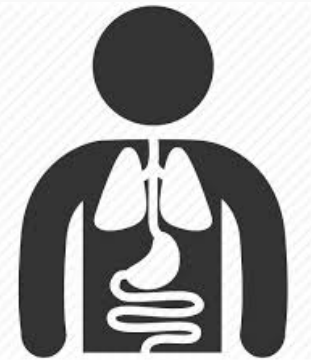
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MATH



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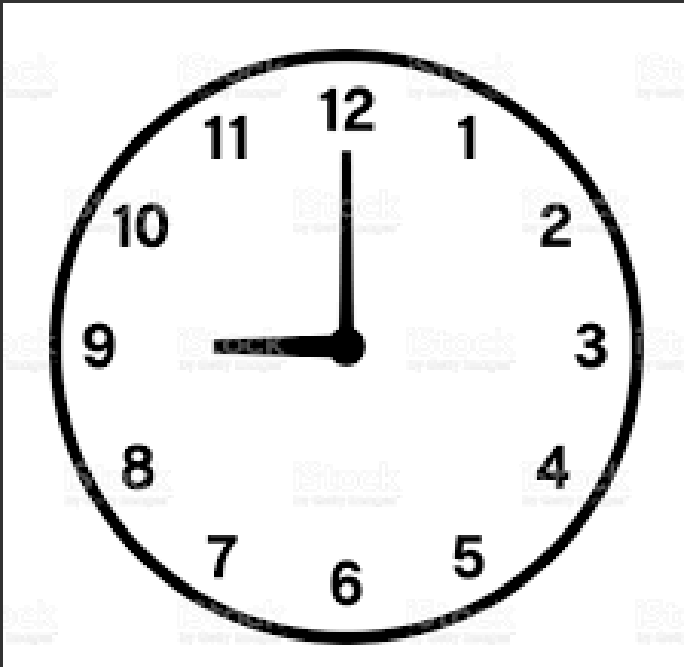


ANATOMY &
PHYSIOLOGY



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QUESTIONS

HOW LONG IS THE HESI A2 EXAM?



4 1/2 hours

Self-Paced

WHY IS THE HESI EXAM IMPORTANT?



Alvin Community College nursing programs require applicants to make a high enough score on the HESI Admission Assessment Exam (HESI A2 test) in order to be considered for admission.

An acceptable HESI-A2 test score is mandatory for all nursing applicants regardless of educational background, no exceptions. You may not substitute any other test scores for HESI test scores.

WHAT ARE ACCEPTABLE HESI SCORES?

ADN

Minimum required scores:
(1) at least **78** on the **Reading Comprehension** section; and
(2) at least **78** for the **Cumulative score**, which is the average of all 5 section scores.

These minimums are ABSOLUTE CUTOFFS - they do NOT round up scores to meet these minimums.

The Associate Degree in Nursing program does not count any other sections individually and does not count the Critical Thinking test.



LVN

Minimum required scores:
(1) at least **70** on the **Reading Comprehension** section; and
(2) at least **65** for the **Cumulative score**, which is the average of all 5 section scores.

BONUS for Math Score:

(1) at least an **85** on the **Math** section increases your ranking in the Vocational Nursing (VN) application process.

*** This is because the Math section is seen as a good indicator of Critical Thinking skills.

CAN I RETAKE THE HESI?

Yes!

**Minimum
90 Day
Wait
To Retest**

**Not
exceeding
2 Attempts
MAX Per
Year**

Things to Know:

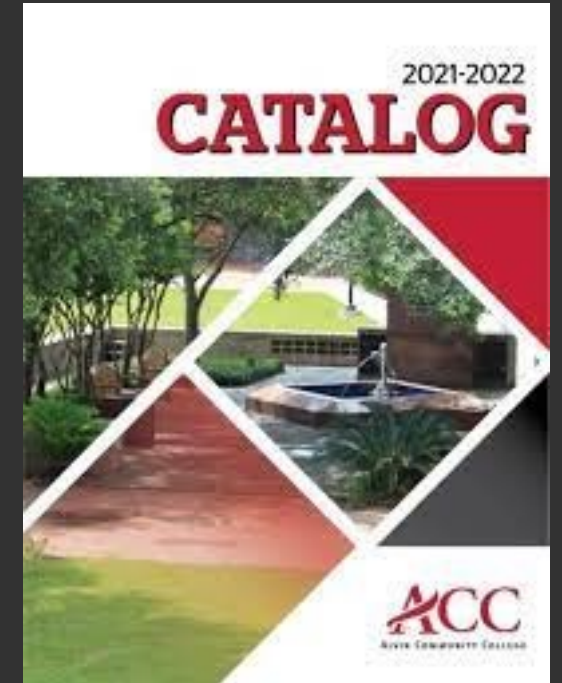
- HESI sections retaken **90** or more days apart: the **highest score** of all retakes of that section will be used when they calculate your cumulative score.
- You can retake as few as 1 subject, or as many as the whole test again for a retest attempt.
- HESI sections retaken less than **90** days apart: the earlier section score will be used regardless of which score is the highest.
- HESI scores are **valid for a period of 5 years**, so you CAN take the HESI exam multiple times, and BEFORE the application window. Taking it early gives you time to retest and improve your score(s), if needed.

WHAT COURSES WILL HELP ME PREPARE FOR THE HESI?

ENGLISH 1301

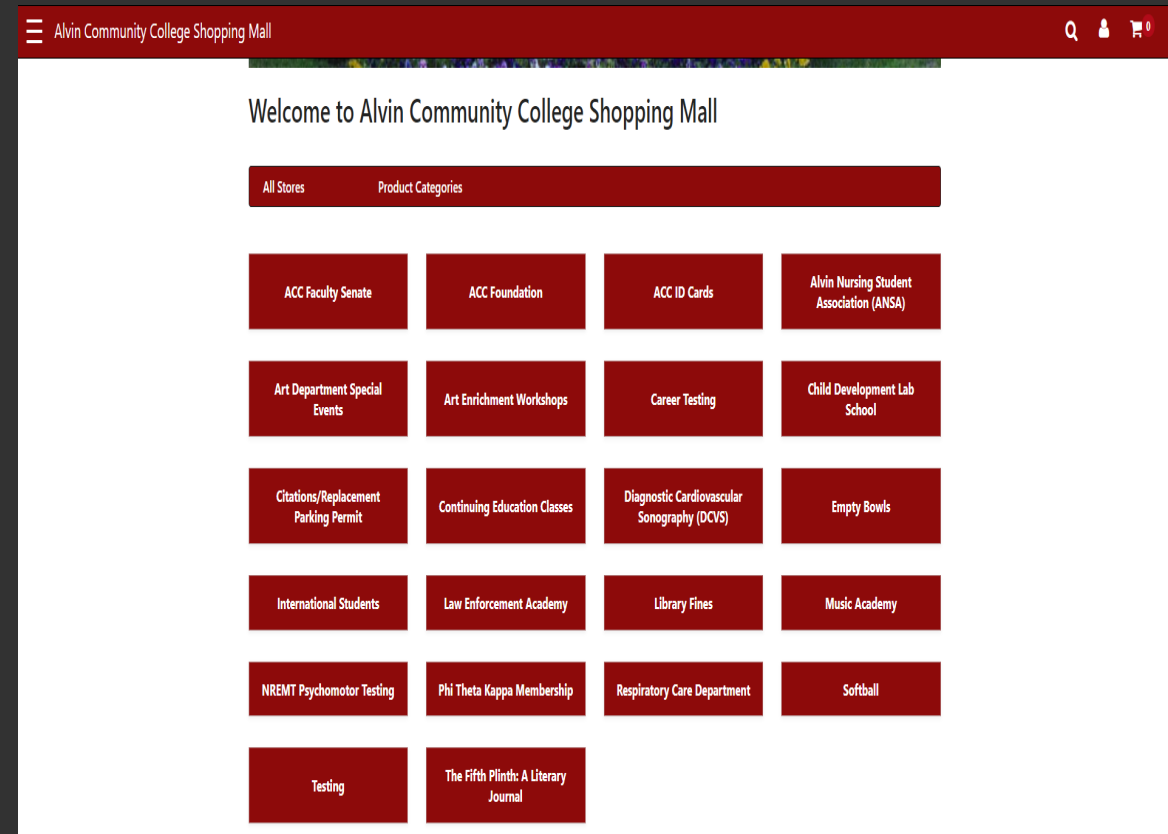
MATH COURSES

BIOLOGY 2401 & 2402
(A&P 1 & 2)



HESI EXAM REGISTRATION AND COST

- ✓ **ACC HESI Price: \$74 (price subject to change)**
 - ✓ Fee applies to both initial test AND retest (regardless of how many sections are retaken)
- ✓ **Register on alvincollege.edu --> Marketplace --> Testing**
- ✓ **Although HESI tests are offered year-round, they are only available for purchase on Marketplace on a month-by-month basis. These appointments can sell out quickly.**
 - ✓ Alternative: You can test at a **PROMETRIC Testing Center** if unable to secure a HESI exam appointment here. Contact William Trevino, Director of Assessment at ACC, for assistance with setting up an appointment there. NOTE: Prometric HESI testing fees are more expensive than ACC fees.
- ✓ **Testing is done IN PERSON at ACC's Testing Center**
 - ✓ 1st Floor --> Rm **A-152**
- ✓ **Bring your photo ID to test**
- ✓ **Know your Evolve username and password**





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EVOLVE ACCOUNT INFO

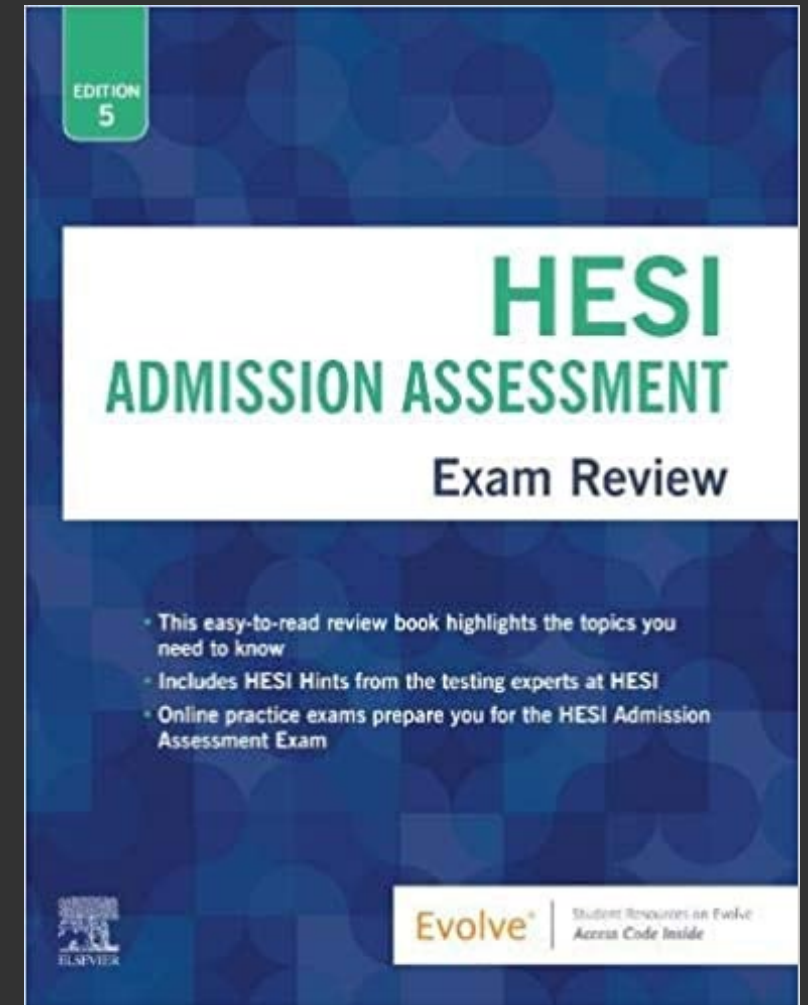
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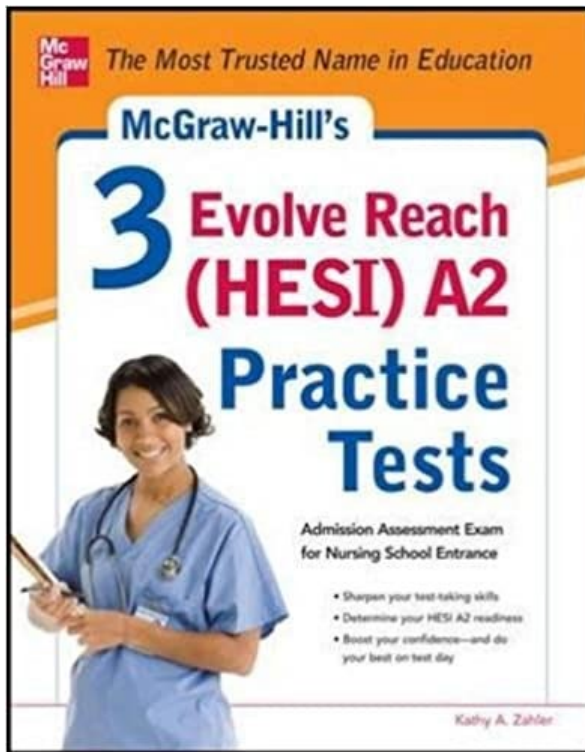
- Evolve is the platform that administers the HESI A2 Exam
- Go to: evolve.elsevier.com
- Create a free student account under Sign In --> Create Account
- You will be assigned a User ID after registering (you will need to know this to log in to take your HESI exam)

The screenshot shows the Evolve website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'My Evolve', 'Catalog', 'Help', 'Search', 'Cart', 'Alerts', and 'Sign in'. Below the navigation bar is a large banner with the text 'Welcome to Evolve®' and 'The destination for healthcare students to access and register for all of their Elsevier learning materials.' Below the banner is a search bar with the text 'Search below to find and access Elsevier products or shop for online savings' and a 'Go' button. Below the search bar is a section for 'Redeem an Access Code or Enter an Evolve Course ID' with a 'Submit' button. To the right of this section is a section for 'HESI Secured Exams' with links for 'Register for Results and Remediation', 'HESI Transcripts', and 'Register for Distance Testing'. At the bottom of the page, there is a 'Show all' button and a 'Help' button. The browser address bar shows 'evolve.elsevier.com/cs/store?role=student'.

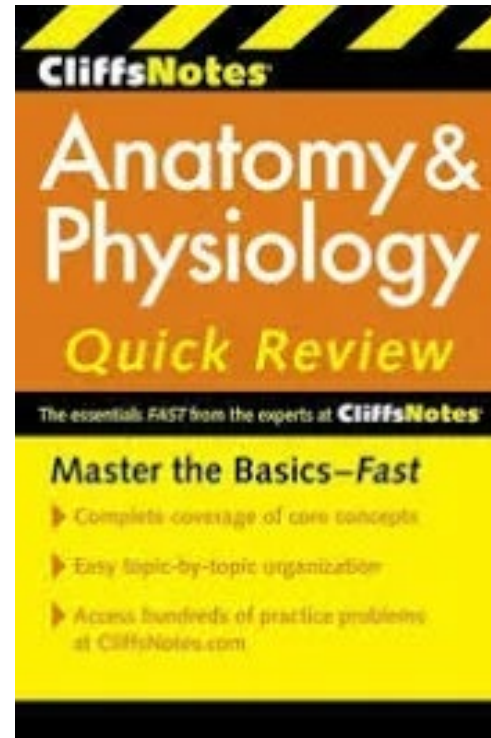
PREPARING FOR THE HESI A2 EXAM

- ✓ ACC College of Nursing recommends using a HESI-specific study guide to help prepare for this exam.
- ✓ One such guide is HESI Admission Assessment Exam Review, 5th edition. You can buy this from the ACC bookstore (<http://www.alvincstore.com>) or online at sites such as Amazon or Barnes & Noble by searching "HESI-A2".
- ✓ The study guide will include samples of test questions as well as information regarding test question formats. It will highlight important concepts and provide tips for studying and test-taking.
- ✓ There are online tools available through Apple's iTunes App Store that some people have found beneficial (such as pocketprep™)
- ✓ Alvin Community College does not currently offer any HESI prep courses. You may be able to find prep courses by googling "HESI-A2 prep course".





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ADDITIONAL HESI RESOURCES TO CONSIDER



You cannot go back to previous questions or subjects.



You can choose the order of test subjects from your home screen.



There is an onscreen calculator for the math section.



There is a countdown clock onscreen when you enter each subject. Pay attention to how much time is left.

THINGS TO KNOW WHEN TAKING THE HESI A₂

NEED EXTRA HELP?

College of Nursing

- www.alvincollege.edu/adn
- www.alvincollege.edu/vocational-nursing
- Building S on campus
- nursing@alvincollege.edu

The Learning Lab

- FREE tutoring for ACC enrolled students
- Building A, 2nd Floor M-Th 8am-9pm F 8am-5pm
- <https://www.alvincollege.edu/learning-lab/>
- The POD>Campus Services>Student Support>Tutoring

ACC Testing Center

- Building A, 1st Floor, A-152 M-T 9am-7pm W-F 9am-5pm
- assessment@alvincollege.edu

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SOURCES

- Elsevier Education Portal
- Alvin College of Nursing
- Alvin Community College Testing Center
- Video:
 - How to Study for the HESI A2 exam by RegisteredNurseRN YouTube Channel