

Bethany Lutheran College Nursing Department

HESI® Admission Assessment Exam Information

Nursing Program applicants must complete the HESI® Admission Assessment Examination for admission consideration. The HESI® Examination is a computerized exam administered by the Nursing Department. The HESI® Admission Assessment Exam is used to gauge applicants' academic readiness to complete an intense and rigorous program of study. Applicants' should strive to score high on the admission exam; however there is not a 'cut-off' score or required minimum percentage. Content area scores and an overall score are included as part of the program application rubric points.

Applicants are granted 4.5 hours to complete the entire HESI® exam consisting of the following academic tests:

- **Anatomy & Physiology:** Provides coverage of general terminology and anatomical structures and systems. (30 items)
- **Biology:** Covers biology basics, water, biological molecules, metabolism, cells, cellular respiration, photosynthesis, etc. (30 items)
- **Chemistry:** Contains test items that cover matter, chemical equations and reactions, the periodic table, atomic structure, nuclear chemistry, chemical bonding, etc. (30 items)
- **Grammar:** Contains basic grammar, including parts of speech, important terms and their uses in grammar, commonly occurring grammatical errors, etc. (55 items)
- **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. (55 items)
- **Vocabulary & General Knowledge:** Contains vocabulary terms that are used commonly in both general English speaking and in the healthcare fields. (55 items)
- **Math:** Focuses on math skills needed for healthcare fields, including basic addition, subtraction, multiplication, fractions, decimals, ratio and proportion, household measures, general math facts, etc. (55 items)

HESI® Testing Date(s)

Testing dates are determined by the Nursing Department and will be posted to the nursing major webpage prior to the application deadline. Applicants are responsible for being informed of the testing dates and their availability. The HESI® Admission Assessment Exam must be completed prior to submitting application materials. Applicants unable to complete the HESI® exam during the on-campus date(s) must notify the Director of Nursing to make alternate arrangements.

HESI® Payment & Registration

The cost of the HESI® exam is the responsibility of the applicant and must be paid for each testing attempt. To ensure payment and secure a seat for the exam, applicants must complete the HESI® Admission Assessment Exam Payment Form (available on the nursing major webpage) and pay the appropriate fee to the Cashiers Office. Payment is due 10 days prior to scheduled exam date. Full refund

is given if student cancels testing at least 7 business days prior to scheduled exam date. No refunds are given if student cancels testing 1-6 business days prior to scheduled exam date. Applicant must request a refund by emailing the Director of Nursing.

Applicants who have submitted payment can expect to receive an email 4-5 days prior to the exam date with instructions to electronically register for the exam. Students must be registered for the exam 48 hours prior to the testing date.

HESI® Testing Policies

The HESI® Admission Assessment Exam must be completed prior to submitting application materials.

HESI® Exam scores are valid for 1 year.

Calculators and scratch paper are provided.

Every attempt will be made to accommodate qualified students with disabilities. Students on file with the Academic Resource Center are advised to schedule an individual appointment with the Director of Nursing. Prior to the appointment, students should pay for the HESI® Exam at the cashier and submit the Confirmation of Payment directly to the Director of Nursing. Following the advising appointment, students must schedule an appointment with the Academic Resource Center to make testing arrangements. Students must contact the Academic Resource Center at least 3 business days prior to exam date to schedule a testing time. Alternative HESI® Exams are administered by a proctor through the Academic Resource Center.

HESI® Preparation

Applicants can prepare for the HESI® by reviewing basic test taking strategies and becoming familiar with the content covered by the test and the types of items included.

Review books may be purchased online or at bookstores. The official review book is: HESI® Admission Assessment Exam Review (4th edition), Elsevier, ISBN: 9780323353786