Chippewa Valley Technical College
HESI A2 Assessment, Preparation, and Test Sign-up Information

Health Education Systems Incorporated (**HESI**) is a company that specializes in developing diagnostic tests for nursing and other healthcare fields. HESI A2 is an assessment used for admission to CVTC's Nursing-Associate Degree and helps determine preparedness for the program.

1. **How much does the HESI cost and where do I pay for the assessment?**
   The cost of the HESI is $50. Students will pay for the HESI at CVTC on the day of the assessment.

2. **Is HESI a timed test?**
   Yes, the maximum allotted time for the test is 4 hours.

3. **When should I take the HESI?**
   It is recommended that students take the HESI after completing General Anatomy & Physiology. Students should meet with an academic advisor to discuss the admission requirements and to create an academic plan.

4. **What am I tested on?**
   The HESI A2 includes the following five sections and students can take the sections in any order they choose. The test questions are typically related to health care.
   - *Reading comprehension* measures the capability to understand reading passages. Students are required to identify a primary theme, find the meaning of phrases in context, and determine logical inferences. (*55 questions*)
   - Basic *grammar* principles are evaluated, including important terms, their uses in grammar, common grammatical errors, and parts of speech. (*55 questions*)
   - *Vocabulary* tests on grasping various health care related terms. The terminology is best understood and deciphered through the use of context clues. (*55 questions*)
   - *Anatomy & physiology* covers anatomical structures, general terminology, and systems; it primarily covers content taught in General Anatomy & Physiology. (*30 questions*)
   - *Math* includes addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, ratios, proportions, fractions, decimals, conversions, household measures, and dosage calculations. A TI-30XS calculator is provided. (*55 questions*)
   - *Critical Thinking* and *Personality Style* sections are scored, however scores are not required for admission.

   CVTC does <u>not</u> test students on the topics of biology, chemistry, or physics.

5. **What scores do I need to achieve?**
   CVTC requires scores of 75 in English (composite of reading comprehension, grammar, and vocabulary), 75 in Anatomy & Physiology, and 75 in Math.

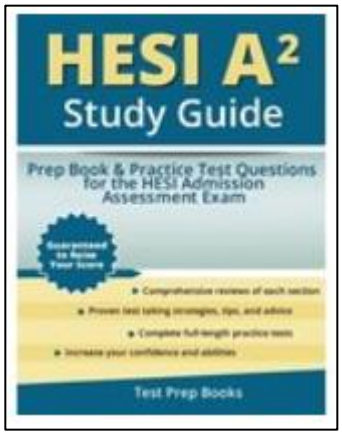
6. **What if I do not meet the minimum HESI scores that are required?**
   Students will need to retest in order to satisfy the admission requirement. Students have three attempts to successfully pass the assessment. There is a 30-day waiting period between the first and second attempt and a 1-year waiting period between the second and third/final attempt. Students only need to retest in those areas in which the required score was not met, but can retest in all areas. CVTC will use the highest score from each area and apply it towards the admission requirement. The cost to retest is $50.

7. **Will I know my test results right away?**
   Students will receive same day test scores upon completion of the assessment.

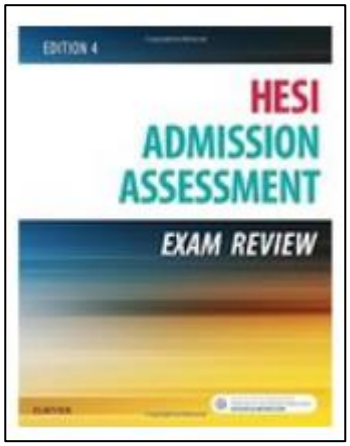
8. **Are study sessions offered?**
   We highly recommend CVTC's 4-hour HESI Prep seminar through Academic Services prior to taking the assessment. This 4-hour FREE seminar is typically held monthly. The seminar covers reading comprehension, grammar, vocabulary and general knowledge (parts of speech, important terms and their uses in grammar, commonly occurring grammatical errors, basic vocabulary that is often used in health care fields), anatomy & physiology, and mathematics (ranging from basic operations to calculating drug dosages and solutions). We also demonstrate how to utilize the TI-30XS calculator. To register, go to www.cvtc.edu/successseminars or call Academic Services at 715-833-6201.

9. **What are my other options to prepare for the HESI?**
   The following websites provide a number of free practice exams, flash cards, and study guides.
   www.test-guide.com/hesi
   www.healthedprep.com
   www.uniontestprep.com/hesi-exam
   www.mometrix.com/academy/hesi-a2-test
   www.wiley.com/college/apcentral/anatomydrill/
   Students may search their App Store or Google Play for anatomy & physiology and math apps. Examples may include: Speed Anatomy, HESI A2 Pocket Prep, Khan Academy, and Quizlet.

   Current CVTC students can access study materials within My CVTC. Log into My CVTC → Student Services & Support → Academic Services → Assessment Preparation → select the links for HESI Practice Tests and HESI Study Apps.



Students may check out a study guide or exam review from the CVTC library for two hours at a time. They have multiple copies of both books available. These books are utilized in the HESI Prep success seminar. HESI study materials are also available to purchase from Amazon or the Evolve website.



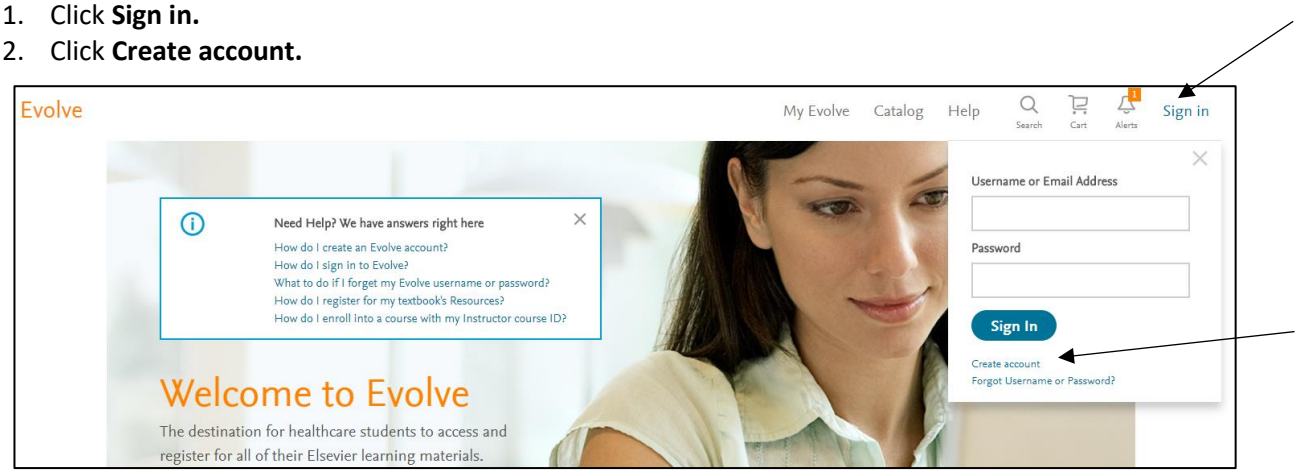
   All test results and remediation are available on the Evolve website approximately 2-3 days after testing for students that did not achieve 75 or higher. To access remediation, log into Evolve at https://evolve.elsevier.com/student. Click on Student Access → click on + to expand the Admissions Assessment Report → View Results to access remediation materials. Click on View Materials to view materials, print materials, or add them to the Study Packet to review later.

10. **I have completed the HESI at another institution. Can I use these scores?**
    No, CVTC will not accept HESI scores from other institutions.

11. **How do I sign up to take the HESI?**
    There are two steps to complete prior to taking the HESI exam: creating a HESI account and scheduling a testing appointment. Please follow the directions below to complete these steps.

Step 1: Create your HESI account at https://evolve.elsevier.com/student

1. Click **Sign in.**
2. Click **Create account.**



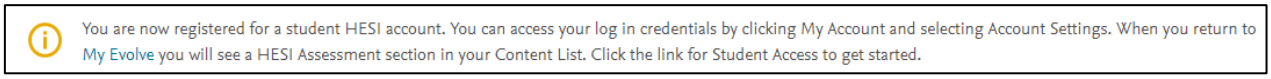
3. Enter your personal information.
4. Click **Submit**.

You will receive your account information**. Please record the username and password in a secure place. Bring this information with you on your exam day**.

5. Click **Continue** to bring up My Content page.
6. Click ⓘ To add more content, visit the catalog.

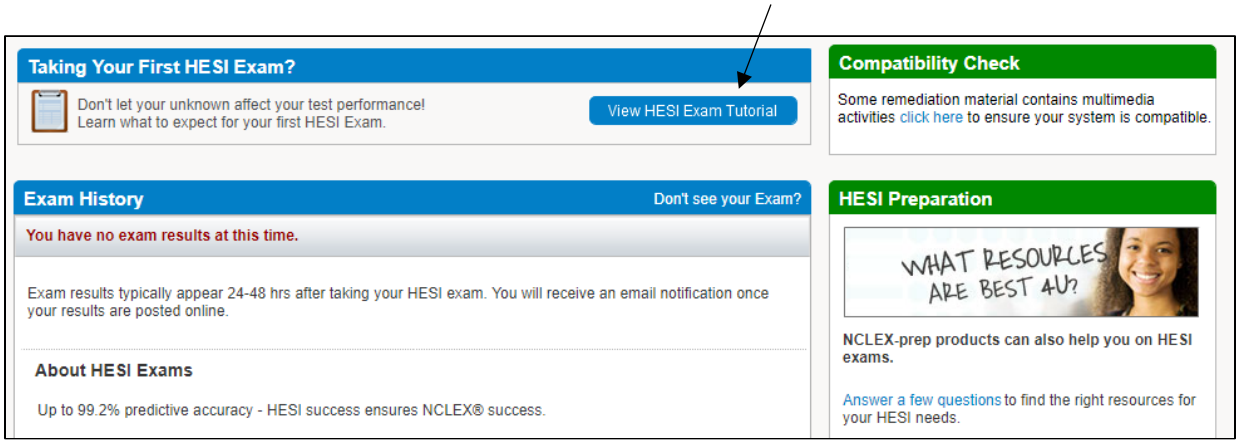
7. Under HESI Secured Exams, click **Register for Results and Remediation.**
8. Click **Register.**
9. Click **Checkout/Redeem**. Cost listed will be $0. Testing fee is paid at CVTC on the day of testing.
10. Enter required information. Estimate graduation date.
11. Click **Continue. (**You may have to click on **Checkout/Redeem** again before getting a confirmation.)

A confirmation will state that you are now registered for a student HESI account.



12. Click **My Evolve** for further information about taking the exam.
13. Click **Student Access**.
14. Read and click **I Agree** to the Terms & Conditions.
15. Click **My Evolve** to return to your content.
16. Click **Student Access**.
17. Click **View HESI Exam Tutorial**.

    It is strongly recommended to review the tutorial prior to exam day.



Step 2: Schedule your exam on Appointment Plus or https://booknow.appointment-plus.com/x1bmgbk/

1. **Log In** or **Create an Account.**
2. Select **Assessment Type** from drop down list.
3. Select **Campus**.
4. Select **date/time**.
   - A confirmation email will be sent to the email address provided.
   - Arrive 15 minutes prior to the start of the test to allow for payment and check-in. No late admits will be allowed.
   - On the testing day, bring a valid photo ID, your Evolve username and password, and testing fee. Do not bring any personal belongings. Personal belongings are not allowed in the testing room.
   - In Eau Claire, parking is in the pay lot (P7) on the east side of the building. You will receive a payment voucher to get out for free. Testers at all other campuses should check in at the main office.

12. Who do I call for additional questions?
Contact Student Central at 715-833-6200 or 800-547-2882.

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