



# Jefferson College Bi-Level Nursing Program

## Level I/PN: HESI Admission Assessment Exam (A2)

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**Admission to the nursing program is highly competitive; we cannot guarantee admission to all eligible applicants who meet minimum requirements.**

**Please note:** Face-masks are required for all employees, Applicants and guests while on campus due to social distancing requirements ([COVID Procedures](#)).

The HESI A2 exam is offered on a walk-in basis and can be taken at the [Jefferson College Hillsboro or Arnold testing center](#). The testing fee is **\$50** to be paid at the Jefferson College cashier window (Hillsboro – Student Center) or the front desk (Arnold – 1<sup>st</sup> floor) with cash or debit/credit card. Take the paid receipt to the testing center on the day you would like to test.

To be considered for admission, a candidate must earn a minimum of **85%** (or higher) in three of the four tested areas and a minimum of **80%** (or higher) in the fourth area. Applicant **must** meet the minimum percentages (or higher) in each area (no exceptions). There are 400 points possible on this exam (100% in all four areas).

- HESI A2 scores have been shown to be linked to nursing student success; the selection committee places a lot of weight on these scores.

The HESI A2 testing period runs year-round. Applicants are eligible to complete the HESI A2 **a maximum of twice per year, one time** (1) during the testing window of **January 1-June 30**, and **one time** (1) during the testing window of **July 1-December 31** (no exceptions).

- If an applicant does not meet minimum requirements on the HESI A2 exam (as stated above), the applicant will need to wait until the next testing period to retake the exam.

Preparation for the exam is very important and can be done using the following study materials:

- A study guide for the HESI A2 is available on reserve at the Jefferson College Hillsboro and Arnold libraries. Testing is over the first four chapters only.
- The HESI A2 study guide may be purchased online from the publisher: [Elsevier](#). (*HESI Study Guide: HESI Admission Assessment Exam Review, Edition 5 – ISBN: 978-0-323-58226-1*)
- HESI A2 online practice links are available on the nursing website at [www.jeffco.edu/nursing](http://www.jeffco.edu/nursing) > Application Process > Beginning Level I PN.

Admission requirements can be found on the nursing website: [www.jeffco.edu/nursing](http://www.jeffco.edu/nursing).

Applicants will complete the following four components of the HESI A2 exam and must meet minimum scores (as listed above) before application to the beginning Level I/PN Bi-level Nursing Program will be accepted:

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**English:**

- Reading Comprehension (60 minutes)
- Vocabulary and General Knowledge (50 minutes)
- Grammar (50 minutes)

**Math:**

- Basic Math Skills (50 minutes)

- **Reading Comprehension:** These reading passages will typically be health care related. 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.
- **Vocabulary & General Knowledge:** Contains vocabulary terms that are used commonly in both general English speaking and in the healthcare fields.
- **Grammar:** Contains basic grammar, including parts of speech, important terms and their uses in grammar, commonly occurring grammatical errors, etc.
- **Basic Math Skills:** Focuses on math skills needed for healthcare fields, including basic addition, subtraction, multiplication, fractions, decimals, ratio and proportion, household measures, general math facts, conversions, dosage calculations, etc.

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HESI A2 test scores for the LPN program are valid for 2 years prior to program start date, not the application due date.

Applicants will be permitted short breaks between components if needed. Registering for the test will take about 30 minutes, so applicants should allow a total of **4 hours** to complete the exam.

Applicants will be permitted the use of scratch paper which will be collected by Testing Center staff and immediately shredded after the test. A calculator tool will be enabled within the testing software for the applicant's use.

Applicants with documented disabilities may request the college Accommodations Committee to approve extended test taking time or other possible accommodations. Applicants will need to make arrangements in advance for this and any other possible accommodation. Contact the Disability Support Services office for more information (636) 481-3158 or (636) 481-3169.

The Level I/PN program has full approval from the Missouri State Board of Nursing (MSBN).