Jefferson College Level I/PN Program HESI Admission Assessment Exam (A2)

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 (effective July 1, 2019) to be paid at the Jefferson College cashier desk by cash or debit/credit card (Hillsboro – Applicant Center / Arnold – front desk). Bring paid receipt to the testing center on the day you would like to test.

The HESI A2 testing period runs year-round. Applicants are eligible to complete the HESI A2 a maximum of twice per year, one time during the testing period of January 1-June 30, and one time during the testing period of July 1-December 31 (no exceptions). See nursing website for admission requirements at www.jeffco.edu/nursing

If an applicant does not pass the exam, the applicant will need to wait until the next testing period to retake the exam.

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. Minimum required scores equal an overall average of 335. However, HESI’s recommended level of performance is an overall average of 350 and above for all scores provided. There are 400 points possible on this exam (100% in all four areas). HESI A2 scores have been shown to be linked to nursing Applicant success; the selection committee places a lot of weight on these scores.

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:

**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.

HESI A2 test scores for the LPN program are valid for 2 years prior to program start 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 for applicant’s use within the test.

Applicants with documented disabilities may request the college Accommodation 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 Disability Support Services for more information (636) 481-3158 or (636) 481-3169.

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

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

- HESI Admission Assessment Exam Review (**Testing is over the first four chapters only**).
- HESI A2 online practice links are available on the nursing website at www.jeffco.edu/nursing > Application Process > Beginning Level I PN.