

Iowa Lakes Community College
Nursing Program
HESI A² Exam

What is the HESI A² exam?

The HESI A² is a computerized nursing entrance exam required for admission to the Nursing Program at Iowa Lakes. The HESI A² results are used to determine readiness for and success in these programs.

Are there study materials available for the HESI A² exam?

You can purchase the HESI Admission Assessment Exam Review, 2009, 2nd edition by Elsevier at the Iowa Lakes Bookstore.

What can I expect on the HESI A² exam?

You will be required to take the math and reading comprehension sections of the HESI A² exam. The following content and length of time for testing is as follows:

Math: 50 items, 50 minutes

Test items related to math concepts required when calculating drugs and solution problems. Sub-scoring of the following categories is provided: addition, subtraction, multiplication, division; fractions and decimals; ratio and proportion; household measures; general math facts (Roman numerals, military time, etc.)

Reading Comprehension: 47 items, 60 minutes

Reading scenarios are related to health care topics.

When can I take the HESI A² exam?

The HESI A² exam can be scheduled after you have attended an advising session. You can schedule the advising session by calling the Admissions Office at 800-346-6018 or 712-852-5212

When should I arrive for the exam and where do I take the exam?

You should arrive 15 minutes prior to the start of the exam. Tests are scheduled in room 310 on the Emmetsburg campus, 3200 College Drive, Emmetsburg, IA 50536.

What should I bring to the exam?

A photo ID is required for admission. Scratch paper and pencil will be allowed during the exam. You will have access to an online calculator.

What if I need to reschedule prior to my scheduled appointment?

All registrations are final. If you need to reschedule you must do so prior to the payment deadline. Any cancellations after the payment deadline are nonrefundable. To reschedule you need to contact the Continuing Education department at 800-252-5664 or 712-362-7231.

How will I know my results?

When you complete testing, you will receive information directing you to the HESI website where your results will be posted in 24 hours.

If I do not score high enough, how soon and how often can I retest?

You may repeat the HESI A² exam one time. You must wait a minimum of 30 days between testing periods and have a documented meeting with an advisor before repeating the exam.