HESI FAQs

What exams are required to be eligible for the TRC nursing program?

For the RN program, the HESI A2 RN Entrance Exam must be completed.

For the RN Bridge program, both the HESI A2 RN Entrance Exam and either the HESI LPN-ADN Entrance Exam or the HESI EMS-ADN Entrance Exam must be completed.

I took the exam(s) somewhere else. Can I transfer the results to TRC?

No. Results from exams taken for other institutions are not transferable to TRC.

How long will my test scores remain valid?

Your scores will remain valid for two years. If your scores are more than two years old, you must retake the exam to apply for a TRC Nursing program.

I have questions that are not answered on this page. Who can I contact?

If you have questions pertaining to the administration of the HESI exams (testing rules and procedures, registration, scheduling, etc.), you can contact Testing Services at 573-840-9667 or testing@trcc.edu.

If you have any other questions pertaining to the aspect of the TRC Nursing program or application process, please contact the TRC Nursing Department at 573-840-9672 or slamb@trcc.edu.

When should I take the exam?

All required exams are to be completed no later than the program application deadline date. Since the exams can be taken more than once, you are encouraged to take the required exams as early as you are able to, so that you will have time to review your scores and schedule a re-take if you choose.

How can I prepare for the exam?

Elsevier has a review book titled *HESI Admission Assessment Exam Review*, 5th Ed., ISBN: 9780323582261, Copyright: 2021. You may purchase this study guide by searching for the ISBN on the Elsevier website.

What is a passing score?

The minimum required scores to be considered for admission are as follows:
- HESI A2 RN Entrance Exam: 75% composite score
- HESI LPN-ADN Entrance Exam: 700
- HESI EMS-ADN Entrance Exam: 700

Why is registration required?

In order to reserve enough exams for everyone wishing to test, the Nursing department must have an accurate count of the number of testers in advance of the testing day. In addition, Testing Services has limited seating. For these reasons, prior registration is required.

How do I register for an exam?

You will register for your exam online using our online scheduler. Go to trcc.edu/testing, scroll down and click *HESI Exams,* then scroll down and click *Pay TRC Proctor Fee Here*. It will take you to another page where you will follow the step-by-step instructions.

How can I reschedule my exam?

To reschedule your exam, contact Testing Services at testing@trcc.edu or 573-840-9667.

I changed my mind and no longer want to take the exam. Can I get a refund?

Contact Elsevier for a refund of your test fee. Call (800) 222-9570 and select the "Student" prompt. A HESI representative will assist you.

TRC proctor fees are non-refundable. Please refer to the acknowledgement statement in your TRC proctor fee registration.

How long does it take to complete the exam?

The HESI A2 RN Entrance Exam has a total allotted time of 3.5 hours.

The HESI LPN-ADN and EMS-ADN Entrance Exams each have a total allotted time of 2.5 hours.

Am I allowed to take a break during the exam?

Yes, you are allowed to take short breaks during the exam in order to rest, use the restroom, or get a drink of water or a snack. Food and drinks are not allowed in the testing rooms, but you may bring them and leave them with your other personal belongings in one of the available storage spaces outside the testing rooms. There are also vending machines available.

You must get permission from a testing center staff member prior to taking a break. During breaks you are not allowed to look at reference materials, use the internet, check your email or phone, discuss the test with anyone else, or leave the building.

Keep in mind that taking a break does not stop the timer on your exam.

What if I have a disability and require an accommodation?

Special accommodations enable all students to test on a level playing field and can include such things as additional testing time, a reader, or a scribe.

Requests for accommodations must be reasonable and arranged prior to your scheduled test. Students must provide all accommodation documentation to the TRC Disability Services for review and approval. TRC will then submit the request to Elsevier, which will review the request to ensure compliance with their testing policies.

The process of applying to TRC and registering a disability may take several weeks and there may be an additional waiting period of two to four weeks to arrange your testing date once your accommodations have been approved. We suggest that students requiring an accommodation begin this process as soon as possible.

I didn't get the score I wanted. What do I do next?

Applicants who wish to retake an exam are encouraged to speak with the Testing Coordinator before making another attempt. It is recommended applicants do remediation after their first attempt before testing again.

The HESI A2 RN, LPN-ADN, and EMS-ADN Entrance Exams can be taken up to two (2) times in an application cycle. The highest scoring attempt will be used to determine your eligibility for the program.

Failure to achieve the minimum passing score by the final attempt will disqualify an applicant for admission to the TRC nursing program for that application cycle.