Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College  
School of Nursing and Health Sciences  
HESI Admission Assessment (A2) Information and Instructions

The School of Nursing and Health Sciences utilizes the HESI Admission Assessment (A2) as a tool to assess the readiness of prospective nursing students for both the Generic and One Year Registered Nurse program tracks.

Assessment Contents

The HESI Admission Assessment (A2) consists of five computerized content exams including: Math, Reading Comprehension, Vocabulary and General Knowledge, Anatomy and Physiology, and Critical Thinking.

1. **Math**: 50-item exam. Focuses on math skills needed for health care fields including basic addition, subtraction, multiplication, fractions, decimals, ratio and proportion, household measures, and general math facts. Score of 75% required.
2. **Reading Comprehension**: 47-item exam. Focuses on reading scenarios that are health related in order to measure reading comprehension. Students will identify the main idea, find meaning of words in context, passage comprehension, and make logical inferences. Score of 75% required.
3. **Vocabulary**: 50-item exam. Contains basic vocabulary that is often used in health care fields. Score of 75% required.
4. **Anatomy and Physiology**: 25-item exam. Provides coverage of general terminology and anatomical structures and systems. Score of 75% required.
5. **Critical Thinking**: 30-item exam. Assesses critical thinking ability. All answers are correct on this multiple-choice exam; however, each choice reflects a different degree of critical thinking skill. The higher the score, the better the student’s ability to think critically within the discipline of nursing. This exam does not require a minimum score and does not affect admission status.

Scoring and Admission Guidelines

Students will receive a score for each content exam as well as a cumulative score. Students must score a minimum 75% on the math, reading comprehension, vocabulary and general knowledge, and anatomy and physiology content exams. **Each exam requires a grade of 75% or better.** The cumulative score (average of content area exams) received and the student’s nursing grade point average will be utilized to determine admission into the ABAC nursing program. The cumulative score and the nursing grade point average will count 50% each and determine an admission score by which students will be ranked.

The HESI Admission Assessment (A2) can be taken a maximum of two times within one year. The scores are only valid for one year. The cumulative score will be utilized along with the student’s nursing GPA to determine admission status. A student scoring below the 75% minimum on a content exam(s) will be required to re-take all content exams. A student failing to meet the 75% minimum content exam score after two attempts will not be eligible to retake the exam until the failure(s) are older than ONE year. Scores from other testing sites are not accepted.
Schedule of Testing and Registration

The HESI Admission Assessment (A2) will be offered on scheduled dates during spring, summer, and fall semesters. The exam location is room 104 on the bottom floor of the Carlton Center on the Tifton Campus of Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College.

**Dates for students applying for fall of 2015:**
- June 13 from 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm
- June 22 from 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm
- July 10 from 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm
- July 16 from 5:30 pm – 9:30 pm
- July 28 from 5:30 pm – 9:30 pm

**Dates for students applying for spring of 2016:**
- September 23 from 5:30 pm – 9:30 pm
- October 28 from 5:30 pm – 9:30 pm
- November 14 from 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm
- November 18 from 5:30 pm – 9:30 pm
- December 10 from 5:30 pm – 9:30 pm
- December 11 from 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm

To register for the HESI Admission Assessment (A2) students will purchase a dated Voucher at the ABAC Bookstore. There will be a limited number of vouchers per test date. Purchase your voucher early. The fee for testing is $70 and is non-refundable.

Keep your voucher and receipt. The original receipt must be presented on the test date. Rescheduling an exam can only occur with the presentation of valid written extenuating circumstances. The students’ name must match on the voucher, Evolve account, and picture ID.

**Create an Evolve Account**

Prior to testing, all students must set up an Evolve account. Please remember your login information as it is needed on the testing day. Students who do not know their username and password to log into the Evolve site will not be allowed to test (No exceptions, no refunds). The students’ name must match on the voucher, Evolve account and picture ID.

To create an Evolve account, go to [https://evolve.elsevier.com](https://evolve.elsevier.com) and see the box titled “HESI Secured Exams.” Click on the last link in the box titled “Register for Distance Testing.” Next you will click on the orange “Register” link. Follow the instructions to complete the registration process. Here is the link to registration instructions if you are having difficulty - [http://help.elsevier.com/app/answers/detail/a_id/2452/p/8640/c/9053](http://help.elsevier.com/app/answers/detail/a_id/2452/p/8640/c/9053)
Study Resource


Faculty also recommend that students complete the assessment after finishing the appropriate core course work such as anatomy/physiology and pharmacology.

Day of Testing

Day of testing instructions includes:

- Students should arrive at room 104 on the bottom floor of the Carlton Center on ABAC’s main campus 15 minutes early for check-in procedures. No entry allowed once testing has begun *(No exceptions).*
- The dated voucher, original voucher receipt, and a Government Issue picture ID must be presented upon check-in. The students’ name must match on the voucher, Evolve account, and picture ID.
- No personal items are allowed in the testing area. Any items including purses, bags, hats, heavy coats, sunglasses, etc. brought to the exam will be placed in a non-secured area in the front of the lab during testing.
- Scratch paper as well as ear plugs will be provided. A computer calculator is available within the Math exam. You may also use your “nursing” approved calculator purchased from the ABAC Bookstore.
- Total testing time allotted is four hours. Two short breaks will be given during the exam.

Academic Integrity

Academic integrity is expected of all students. Breaches of academic integrity will not be tolerated. Any student(s) found to be engaging in any type of academic dishonesty, forgery, or misrepresentation of identity will not be allowed to test. Any breach of academic integrity found after testing will lead to ineligibility to apply to the nursing program at ABAC.

**NOTE:** The students’ name must match on the voucher, Evolve account, and picture ID.

Following Exam Completion

Scores are provided to the School of Nursing and Health Sciences following the exam. Students will receive scores shortly *(within 24 hours)* after testing by re-accessing the Evolve website. Students are provided remediation information specific to their exam results through Evolve.

Students failing to make the minimum 75% score on the content exam(s) will need to register to re-take the entire exam on another scheduled test date. Students making the minimum 75% score on the content exam(s) may choose to re-take the entire exam on another scheduled test date to improve scores. For admission consideration, the “best score” will be utilized from content areas when a student has tested twice.

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exam score after two attempts will not be eligible to retake the exam until the failures are older than two years.

If you have questions concerning the HESI Admission Assessment (A2) testing process, please contact our office at 229-391-5020 or your academic advisor.

Thank you,
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