

# HESI Information

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HESI is the entrance test for both the TCAT **Practical Nursing** and **Surgical Technology** programs. The cost is \$45 payable in cash, debit or Visa/MasterCard when student makes the reservation. **The fee is non-transferable and non-refundable.**

When you arrive for the test, you **MUST** present an official photo ID if you wish to be tested at our Center. The test may take as long as 2 ½ to 4 hours to complete. **This is a computerized test that is not timed.** We will provide a calculator for the math portion of the test along with a pencil and scratch paper. **You will not be able to have any personal belongings such as cell phones, wallets, purses, etc. with you when you are testing.** A secure place will be provided for you to keep your possessions safe until your testing is completed.

**Passing HESI scores are: 70% for Reading and 70% for Math. Critical Thinking is not pass or fail, but simply a snapshot of critical thinking ability in usual situations encountered in health care settings**

You can obtain an Admission Assessment Exam Review book - this user-friendly guide walks students through the topics and question types found on admission exams, including: math, reading comprehension, vocabulary and others. These books are available for test takers to purchase. See Elsevier's web site for the ISBN.

Practice HESI tests may be found at: <http://evolve.elsevier.com>

Prior Compass scores may be considered if the test was taken within two years of the first day of class. The applicant must include those scores in the Application Packet.

HESI usually starts at 9am Central Time. Maximum capacity: 19.

**Students MUST take the test at one sitting- can't do part one day and come again for another day. All portions must be passed on the same day. All students will take these 3 components:**

- **Math:** (Exam includes 55 test items - 50 scored and 5 pilot) Basic Math Skills Focuses on math skills needed for health care fields, including basic addition, subtraction, multiplication, fractions, decimals, ratio and proportion, household measures, general math facts, etc. Recommended time: 50 minutes
- **Reading Comprehension:** Provides reading scenarios to measure reading comprehension, identifying the main idea, finding meaning of words in context, passage comprehension, making logical inferences, etc. Recommended time: 60 minutes
- **Critical Thinking** (used for LPN and Surgical Technology) Critical Thinking (Exam Includes 25 test items). This exam is intended to provide the student and faculty with a brief "snapshot" of critical thinking ability in usual situations encountered in health care settings. The student receives a **total score** reflective of abilities in five sub-categories:
  - *Problem Solving:* These questions refer to the process of inquiry in which the nurse seeks multiple facts to remove obstacles or resolve patient care problems.
  - *Biases and Ethical Dilemmas:* These questions address ethical, legal, and moral issues, as well as biases nurses may have about patients and others.
  - *Argument Analysis:* These questions refer to situations in which the nurse seeks to resolve conflicts or disagreements by considering multiple points of view.
  - *Analysis of Data:* These questions address the need to interpret patient data correctly, and decide if further nursing action is required.

**\*\*You will be able to access your scores within 12-24 hours after the exams are closed\*\***