

Prairie View A&M University
College of Nursing
HESI A-2 Exam FAQs

Prairie View A&M University College of Nursing has selected the HESI A² exam because it is specifically written as a nursing school entrance exam and has research which correlates performance on this exam with nursing school success. It is our desire to select students who have the most potential for success with nursing school.

When am I eligible to take the exam? Review the College of Nursing Catalog (www.pvamu.edu) and Acceptance requirements on the website (www.pvamu.edu/nursing) and have: **1.** Completed the Texas Success Initiative (TSI) requirement (i.e., TASP/THEA or alternate examination, or other exemptions (associate degree or higher, etc.) **2.** Meet the required 2.75 Cumulative GPA and 2.75 Support Area GPA simultaneously on a 4.0 scale, and have not repeated more than two of the pre-requisite courses to achieve a passing grade of C. **3.** Completed 63 prerequisite hours to be most competitive; (minimally completed 45 hrs). **How do I apply to take the exam?** After review of your application and transcripts, and having met the requirements, the applicant will be issued an acknowledgment receipt and information regarding the HESI A-2 Exam Registration from the PVAMU College of Nursing Admissions Office-Houston Center or Prairie View A&M University-Main Campus. *All applicants must have an email address.* If you do not have an email address, you may contact Yahoo.com or Hotmail.com to obtain a free email address. Please make sure that the following online registration site has been typed exactly as indicated before submitting the information requested. In order to register, you must follow the instructions attached and make sure the following information is correct and exact:

1. Name: (First Name, Middle Name and Last Name)
2. Address, city, state, zip code, email address.
3. **IMPORTANT: The information provided must be the same as it appears on your government-issued photo ID.**

Please carefully review the information contained in your Confirmation Notice from Elsevier. You will receive your Eligibility ID# within a minimum of 5 business days of receipt of the eligibility email. Instructions will be given to schedule and pay for the exam at that time. You will need to indicate that you will be taking the **"RN Admissions Assessment #1" exam.** **You can only submit your Eligibility ID request once.**

How can I prepare? Review related class notes and/or nursing entrance exam review books. HESI publishes a review book specifically for this exam, Evolve Reach Admission Assessment Exam Review, which may be purchased in the Prairie View A&M University Bookstore at both PVAMU College of Nursing-Houston Center and PVAMU-Main Campus.

Where is the exam given? There are four Prometric Testing Center locations provided for you in the Houston-Metroplex area. The locations are listed below on the final page. You should arrive at your designated Prometric location **30 minutes prior to your scheduled testing time for registration.**

What do I need to bring to the exam? You should bring: (1) A Government-issued photo ID; (2) Eligibility ID; and (3) Car keys. **No other items will be allowed in the testing lab. It is very important that you register under the same name and personal information listed on your government-issued ID. You will not be admitted into the testing lab if there is any discrepancy between what is entered into the system (by Elsevier) and what is presented on your ID.**

How will I know my score? You will have immediate feedback of the scores at the time of testing. Within a month, your scores will be sent to the email address associated with your

Evolve account. Additionally, College of Nursing staff will have access to your score report monthly. It is important that you are fully admitted to the University and take and pass the exam early enough (six weeks) to allow time for your results to be reviewed to meet the March 1 (fall) or October 1 (spring) deadlines.

What sections of the HESI A-2 Exam are required by PVAMU College of Nursing?

The Prairie View College of Nursing only considers scores on four of the exams that are a part of the HESI A² package of exams (reading comprehension, grammar, anatomy and physiology, and math). A separate score of 75% or above is required for passing on each of the four sections. The applicant will also take the Critical Thinking section. There is no minimum score required for this section.

Is the test timed? Yes, the applicant will be given **four (4) hours** to complete all sections of the exam.

Can I use a calculator for the math exam? Yes, there is a drop-down calculator in the exam that can be used.

Can I take the HESI A² if I have taken it before? Yes, Prairie View College of Nursing's policy allows the exam to be taken **two times**. A waiting period of at least 30 days is required between test dates before retesting. Failure to wait the 30-day waiting period for retesting may result in denial of acceptance by the College of Nursing. You may reschedule to take the HESI as listed above. When you receive your Eligibility ID# to schedule your retest, you will need to indicate you will be taking the **RN Admissions Assessment #2**. Refunds are not available if you take the wrong exam.

Prairie View A&M University College of Nursing will accept the HESI A-2 scores if the applicant has taken the exam through an approved Elsevier testing site and completed all sections of the exam required by College of Nursing. Scores may be sent to the PVAMU College of Nursing for review and approval. HESI A-2 Exam scores must not be more than two (2) years old to be accepted by PVAMU College of Nursing

How do I have my scores sent to other schools? Elsevier Evolve, the company who creates the HESI A2 exam, will send your score report to other schools. You may contact them at 1-800-950-2728, Option 2, to make a request.

Reschedule/Cancel Policy

To reschedule or cancel a testing appointment, you must do so at least five (5) calendar days or more prior to your appointment, or additional fees or fee forfeiture may apply. You may use the Reschedule/Cancel option on the website or call Prometric's contact center at 1-200-481-6457. Prometric's website is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

For **reschedule** requests made thirty (30) calendar days or more prior to the appointment date, no fee is assessed. For those made less than thirty (30) days, but more than five (5) calendar days prior to the appointment date, a fee of \$15.00 is assessed per request. For those made less than five (5) calendar days prior to the appointment date, a fee of \$60 is assessed per request.

For **cancellations** made five (5) or more calendar days prior to the appointment date, a full refund will be given. For those made less than five (5) calendar days prior to the appointment date, no refund will be given.

Prometric Houston-Metoplex Locations List

1. 7111 Harwin, Suite 100
Houston, TX 77036
(832)242-2302
2. 13100 Northwest Freeway, Suite 130
Houston, TX 77040
(713) 690-2629
3. 16800 Imperial Valley, Suite 170
Houston, TX 77060
(281) 272-8500
4. 16850 Diana Lane, Suite C
Houston, TX 77058
(281) 280-0077