

Prairie View A&M University
College of Nursing
HESI A² 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.

How do I apply to take the exam? See Distance Testing Eligibility Instructions (www.pvamu.edu/nursing).

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? Exams may be taken at a Prometric Testing Center locations(<https://www.prometric.com/en-us/for-test-takers/pages/locate-a-test-center.aspx>) or Prairie View's Main Campus. Local sites 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 September 1 (spring) deadlines.

What sections of the HESI A² 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 A² scores if the applicant has taken the exam through an approved Prometric Testing site (Prairie View Code and completed all sections of the exam required by the College of Nursing. When scores have expired after two years, applicants may take the exam one more time, if they passed it on their first attempt, prior to the two year period. **Applicants have only two attempts to pass the HESI A² Examination.**

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 www.evolvedsupport.elsevier.com and Click HESI, then to make the request.

Prometric Houston-Metroplex 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

Additional Location: Prairie View Department of Testing

5. <http://www.pvamu.edu/universitycollege/ae/testing/>