

ATTENTION 2025 PRE-LICENSURE NURSING APPLICANTS

Students seeking admission to the Traditional Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Program at Norfolk State University are **required** to complete the **Health and Environmental Science Institute (HESI) Admission Assessment Exam (A2)**. The HESI A2 Entrance is a computer-based test. This exam is designed to assess the academic and personal readiness of prospective health sciences students.

- **Examinees must achieve 75 % or greater in all subject areas (English; Math & Science). Examinees must achieve 75% or greater in all sub-categories (English: Reading Comprehension, Conclusions, Meaning-Word Use, Implications, Understanding, Grammar, Vocabulary & Knowledge) (Science: Biology, Chemistry, Anatomy & Physiology). Examinees must also achieve 75% or greater overall cumulative score on the entire exam to be considered for admission.**
- Students will be allowed to take the HESI A2 twice during an academic year at NSU (September – February).
- To be considered for the Traditional BSN Program, applicants must take and pass the HESI A2 Exam by the specified listed date (no exceptions). You must complete the entire exam.
- Applicants must take the exam at NSU only; we will not accept scores from any other academic institution.
- In addition to the HESI A2 score, other criteria such as cumulative GPA of at least 3.00 and previous academic performance will be used to help the Admissions Committee evaluate each applicant's ability to successfully complete the nursing program and subsequent licensing examination.

Disclaimer: Any student suspected of test integrity violation will be automatically disqualified and ineligible to apply to the nursing program.

PREPARING FOR THE TEST

- To prepare for the HESI A2 Exam, an official study publication entitled “**HESI Admissions Assessment Exam Review, 4th Ed.**” is available for purchase through the publisher Elsevier, at any Barnes & Nobles Bookstore, or Amazon.com. The Nursing Department does not offer tutoring for the HESI Exam.
- Additional information on the HESI A2 can be found on the Elsevier website at <https://evolve.elsevier.com>.
- **STUDENTS MAY ONLY ATTEMPT THE EXAM TWICE PER ACADEMIC YEAR**
 - Please prepare adequately and utilize the resources listed above.
 - The Nursing Department does not offer tutoring sessions prior or after any exam dates.
- Exam scores are valid for 3 years.

TEST REGISTRATION

- Visit the Testing Services website at <https://www.nsu.edu/Campus-Life/Services-Resources/Testing-Site> or contact Testing Services at testingcenter@nsu.edu or call Dr. Gladys Bennett at 757-823-8611 to request instructions for registering and taking the HESI A2 exam. Do not contact the Nursing Department regarding testing or test registration.

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- The fee for the exam is **\$60.00** in person, or **\$75.00** via Proctor U Live. The HESI A2 Entrance Exam for in-person testing is administered through Elsevier in the University Testing Center. Students must register prior to the exam date.
- To register for the HESI A2 Exam, examinees must complete the following steps:
 1. Create an Elsevier/Evolve account at <https://evolve.elsevier.com/cs/>
- Examinees must be an admitted Norfolk State student to register for and take the exam at NSU.
- **Students will be required to show a valid photo ID and sign in prior to taking the test. Last name must be the same as on photo ID, please indicate if name ID is different from enrollment last name.**

TESTING DATES

Exams exams will take place in-person at the Norfolk State University Testing Center or via Proctor U Live. All exams will start promptly and end at the scheduled times (no exceptions)	
Wednesday, September 11, 2024, from 11:00 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.	Wednesday, February 5, 2025, from 08:00 a.m.- 1:15 p.m.
Thursday, September 12, 2024, from 08:00 a.m.- 1: 15 p.m.	Thursday, February 6, 2025, from 11:00 a.m.- 4:15 p.m.
Friday, September 13, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. -1:15 p.m.	Friday, February 07, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.
Wednesday, September 18, 2024, from 08:00 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.	Thursday, February 13, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.
Friday, September 20, 2024, from 11:00 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.	Friday, February 14, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.
TEST DEADLINE Name of Cohort	Testing Deadline
Traditional Track BSN October 5 th applicants (2025)	No Later Than September 12, 2024, for Spring 2025
Traditional Track BSN March 1st applicants (2025)	No Later Than February 14, 2025, for Fall 2025

Program GPA criteria and test requirements changed effective January 2022. Please check nursing website or visit your advisor/departments for updates and program curriculum. Also, dates are subject to change due to online space availability.

- All exams will begin promptly at the scheduled time. Should you arrive late to your online session or miss your exam date, you are responsible for rescheduling another appointment. If you find that you need to retake the HESI A2 Entrance Exam, please follow the instructions provided for scheduling.
- **Keep in mind that applicants may only take the exam twice in an academic year.** The academic year begins August 2024 thru May 2025; however, HESI testing will take place only between September - February. Exam scores are valid for 3 years. An applicant may retake the exam once within the academic year time frame to improve performance.
- Information regarding test score assessment should be discussed with your assigned advisor prior to or after test dates, **please do not contact the Nursing Department for test results on the day of the exam.** The Admissions Committee must meet after each exam to go over the test scores and will not be able to discuss your scores on the day of the exam. **You will receive an email if you receive a passing score on the ENTIRE exam within 24-72 hours after your test date.**