ATTENTION 2020 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 that contains 7 sections: This exam is designed to assess the academic and personal readiness of prospective students for higher education. Although it is applicable for basic skills for all potential students, the HESI A2 is particularly well suited for prospective students in the health science fields. The examination consists of nine different tests: seven that focus on academic subject areas and two that focus on personal assessment. These academically oriented subjects include Basic Math, Reading Comprehension, Vocabulary and General Knowledge, Grammar, Chemistry, Biology, and Anatomy and Physiology. A composite score is provided for the total number of academic exams that are administered.

- A cumulative score is provided for each subject which must be at least 75% or greater as well as each outlined specified sub-category to which must be at the 70th percentile or greater. No rounding of the any scores.
- Potential applicants must achieve a 70% or greater composite score in the following specified sub-categories: (Reading/Comprehension; Vocabulary/Grammar; Anatomy & Physiology and Math) and a 75% or greater cumulative score in each subject category (i.e., English, & Science) as well as a 75% cumulative overall score.
- Students will be allowed to take the HESI A2 twice during an academic year at NSU (September – April).
- 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 2.80 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.
- Additional information including registration & fees may be obtained from the University Testing Center.

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.
- 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 resources listed above.
  - The Nursing Department does not offer tutoring session prior or after any exam dates.
- Exam scores are valid for 3 years.

TEST REGISTRATION

- Contact Ms. Heddinah Otete at testingcenter@nsu.edu for question regarding test dates and times.

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To register for the HESI A2 Exam, please send an e-mail to testingcenter@nsu.edu, in order to receive registration and payment instructions. Registration is completed on a first-come, first-served basis, the fee for the exam is $51.00.

The HESI A2 Entrance Exam is given on the NSU campus and students must register prior to exam date.

To register, students should go to https://evolve.elsevier.com to create an account. Students will be provided account information along with a test date/time confirmation. Students must bring this information to the exam site on the assigned date/time as indicated during registration.

Students must arrive at least 15 minutes before the scheduled time of the exam. Anyone arriving later than 15 minutes before the start of testing will NOT be permitted to take the exam. Students who are late or are not present to take the exam as scheduled will need to contact Evolve to reschedule.

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 one photo ID, please indicate if name ID different from enrollment last name.

In order to gain campus access, please visit our campus security office for a parking pass.

### TESTING SITES

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<th>All exams will take place in Wilson Hall, “Testing Center”, Room 133</th>
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Dates are subject to change due to space availability. In case of an emergency please contact the Testing Center at 757-823-2504 or the email address below for questions.

All exams will begin promptly at the scheduled time. Should you arrive late 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 contact the university Testing Center for assistance testingcenter@nsu.edu.

Keep in mind that applicants may only take the exam twice in an academic year. The academic year begins August 2019 thru May 2020, however, HESI Testing will take place between September - April. 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 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 has to 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 exam.

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