

"Imagine Possibilities"



HESI A² TEST REFERRAL FORM

Valid only for testing at the El Centro College Assessment Center.

FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY

HESI A² testing at the El Centro College Assessment Center is **by appointment** only. The calendar of HESI A² testing appointments dates and times for the El Centro College Assessment Center are posted at http://www.ElCentroCollege.edu/Student_Services/AssessmentCenter/calendar.php or at the El Centro College Assessment Center (Room A-067). **Verify that appointment slots are available for the day you wish to test BEFORE you pay for the test.**

To schedule your appointment, follow this procedure:

- Take this referral form **to the El Centro College Testing Center** (Room A-067) for a signature prior to making your payment. Next go to **Cashiers Office** (2nd floor, Room A-244, main campus) to pay your \$25.00 HESI A² test fee and obtain a payment receipt.
- Present the payment receipt, this referral form, and a valid photo ID to the El Centro College Assessment Center (Room A-067, main campus) to make your appointment. **Appointment slots may be limited during peak testing times. Do not expect to test the same day that you make your testing appointment.**
- On the day of your testing appointment, you should **arrive at least 15 minutes before** your appointment time. Present your photo ID to the Assessment Center to be seated for your test. **If you arrive after your appointment time, you will be not seated and you will lose your appointment slot and you will not be refunded.** Your scores will be available immediately following the test.

POSSESSION OF THIS REFERRAL FORM DOES NOT GUARANTEE YOU HESI A² TESTING APPOINTMENT.

FOR EL CENTRO ASSESSMENT CENTER USE ONLY

NAME _____ DCCCD ID # _____

APPOINTMENT DATE _____ APPOINTMENT TIME _____

_____ You may RETEST after _____

Must be signed by Testing Center staff prior to making payments at the Cashiers office

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KEEP THIS PORTION AS A REMINDER OF YOUR TESTING APPOINTMENT AT EL CENTRO.

NAME _____ DCCCD ID # _____

MY APPOINTMENT DATE _____ MY APPOINTMENT TIME _____

Evolve Username: _____ Password: _____

HESI A² Admissions Assessment Exam

Five (5) basic questions that students ask about the HESI A² exam are: who, what, when, where and why?

◆ **WHO** takes the A² exam?

New students that are applying to the following program:

- Associate Degree Nursing (including Distance Learning)
- LVN to RN Advanced Placement “Bridge”
- Allied Health Programs:
 - Diagnostic Medical Sonography
 - Echocardiology and Pediatric Echocardiology
 - Invasive Cardiovascular Technology
 - Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)
 - Radiologic Technology
 - Vocational Nursing



◆ **WHAT** is the A² exam?

The A² exam is a standardized test to assess basic academic skills students will need to succeed in selected Health Occupation Programs.

Students will be tested over the following five (5) categories:

- ✓ Grammar
- ✓ Reading
- ✓ Vocabulary/General Knowledge
- ✓ Math
- ✓ Anatomy and Physiology (not required for the Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Echocardiology, Pediatric Echocardiology, or Radiologic Technology programs)

The Personality Profile and Learning Styles sections (not graded) are also required for application to a health occupations program and the printed results of these two sections should also be included with program application materials.

◆ **WHEN** can a student take the A² exam?

A student can take the A² exam once a testing referral has been obtained from the Assessment Center.

Note: Students are strongly encouraged to complete the following courses before taking the A²:

- English Composition I (ENGL 1301)
- College Algebra (MATH 1314)
- Anatomy & Physiology I (SCIT 1407 or BIOL 2401)

◆ **WHERE** can I go to take the A² exam?

A student may take the A² at any testing site including the Assessment Centers at El Centro, Northlake, Brookhaven, and Mountain View Colleges.

◆ **WHY** is the test required?

Based on research findings, a student's HESI A² test scores suggest their basic skill proficiency and may be a more accurate indicator of their potential classroom success in a Health Occupations program.

Please see the next page for frequently asked questions regarding the HESI A² exam.



Frequently Asked Questions Regarding the HESI A² Exam

Question: I'm currently not a student of the Dallas County Community College District. Will this keep me from taking the A² exam at El Centro College?

Answer: If you plan to apply to a Health Occupation and to take the HESI test at a DCCCD campus, you should make application to a DCCCD college before making your appointment.

Question: When will the A² exam be offered?

Answer: Test dates and times vary among testing sites. Dates and times available at the El Centro campus are found at http://www.ElCentroCollege.edu/Student_Services/AssessmentCenter/calendar.php.

Question: Will a student need a referral to take the A² exam? What will I need to bring with me in order to get the referral?

Answer: This procedure varies among testing sites. To test, you usually must present a current DCCCD student I.D. **or** other picture I.D. such as a driver license with a DCCCD I.D. number as well.

Question: Where can I obtain a referral form?

Answer: The referrals to test at El Centro and Northlake Colleges are found in this documentation. Check with other testing sites for their specific referral forms.

Question: Will there be a study guide available for the A² exam?

Answer: Yes, the study guide is called, "Admission Assessment Study Guide" by HESI and the cost is approximately \$30. The study guide can be obtained from various bookstores including the Follett Bookstores at the El Centro and Northlake campuses. The price is subject to change. The El Centro College Continuing Education Division also offers a **HESI A² Prep course**. Contact them at 214-860-2147 for dates and times of the Prep course.

Question: What score must I earn to pass the test?

Answer: Each program has established a minimum passing score for their particular program. Please refer to the specific Health Occupations information packet.

Question: Is the A² exam a timed test and will the scores be available once the test is over?

Answer: Yes. Generally students take 3-4 hours to complete all five (5) sections of the A² test. Once the test is complete students will receive a computerized print out of their test scores. Students are responsible for obtaining their own score sheet(s). You should also take the Personality Profile and Learning Styles sections of the A² test.

Question: Will there be an expiration date on the A² scores and may scheduled appointments be rescheduled?

Answer: Yes, the A² test scores will only be valid for two (2) years from the initial test date. Scheduled appointments may not be rescheduled unless approved by the Assessment Center Director

Question: If a student doesn't pass all sections of the A² exam can they retest?

Answer: Yes, please refer to the specific Health Occupations information packet for retesting guidelines for that program. The cost will be \$25 for the initial test and \$25 for each retest. For testing at El Centro College, students must wait 30 days from the previous attempt to retest.

Question: Does the student have to retake the entire test or only the sections they didn't pass?

Answer: Please refer to the specific Health Occupations information packet for retesting guidelines for that program. The cost will be \$25.00 for the initial test and \$25.00 for each retest.