

## After your test...

Information for students who have completed the nursing admission test,

### **HESI Admission Assessment™ (A<sup>2</sup>)**

Please read this document after taking the nursing admission test. This document will explain how to interpret your scores, information on retaking the test if necessary, recommendations for review prior to retaking, who to contact for more information, and your next steps.

#### **What is the passing score?**

Only the Math, Reading Comprehension and Vocabulary and General Knowledge subtests are scored. The passing score on each subtest is **75 for students wishing to enter the RN program**, and **70 for students wishing to enter the LPN program**.

#### **What do my scores mean?**

##### **Vocabulary and General Knowledge**

**Pass=75 or higher for RN, 70 or higher for LPN**

<b>Score</b>	<b>Score Description/Recommendations</b>
90% and Above	A well-read individual whose vocabulary skills are at the tenth to the eleventh grade level. Should be successful in reading and understanding nursing textbooks.
80-89%	Should be successful in your nursing program but may need to carefully re-read areas you do not understand and look up words you do not know the meaning of in an effort to increase your vocabulary skills.
79-70%	Keeping up with reading assignments may be more difficult and you may need to seek additional tutoring services.  <u>Applicants to the RN program who score 70-74% should review using the HESI Admission Assessment Study Guide as well as other vocabulary and critical thinking skills review workbooks, retake after a minimum of two months.</u>
69% and Below	Should seek additional assistance by taking a reading course at GRCC such as RD097 or RD098. Report to the Assessment Center to take the Accuplacer Reading subtest to determine the correct reading course placement. Retake test after successful completion of reading course(s) (grade of C or higher).

## Math

**Pass=75 or higher for RN, 70 or higher for LPN**

Score	Score Description/Recommendations
90% and Above	Should be able to calculate all levels of medication administration problems.
80-89%	Should be able to calculate basic medication administration problems.
79-70%	Will require varying degrees of assistance to be successful with medication calculations.  <u>Applicants to the RN program who score 70-74% should review using the HESI Admission Assessment Study Guide as well as other mathematics review workbooks, retake after a minimum of two months.</u>
69% and Below	Should seek additional assistance by taking a math course at GRCC such as MA003 before retaking this subtest. Retake test after successful completion of MA003 (grade of C or higher).

## Reading Comprehension

**Pass=75 or higher for RN, 70 or higher for LPN**

Score	Score Description/Recommendations
90% and Above	Should be able to read and comprehend nursing textbook content.
80-90%	Should be successful in understanding most nursing textbook content though may need to re-read more difficult material.
79-70%	Will have difficulty in keeping up with heavy reading assignments.  <u>Applicants to the RN program who score 70-74% should review using the HESI Admission Assessment Study Guide as well as other reading comprehension review workbooks, retake after a minimum of two months.</u>
69% and Below	Should seek additional assistance by taking a reading course at GRCC such as RD097 or RD098. Report to the Assessment Center to take the Accuplacer Reading subtest to determine the correct reading course placement. Retake test after successful completion of reading course(s) (grade of C or higher).

## How do I retake one or more subtests on the nursing admission test?

After you have completed the review and or courses needed (see above) and have waited at least two months, the first step is to obtain a Testing Record Sheet from the Assessment Center, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Student Center, Room 358 or online at [www.grcc.edu/testing](http://www.grcc.edu/testing)

Complete the Testing Record Sheet, bring the Testing Record Sheet and \$40.00 (regardless of the need to take one, two or three subtests, the fee is the same) to the Cashier's Office, 1<sup>st</sup> floor Main Building, Room 154. Obtain a receipt.

Bring the Testing Record Sheet, picture ID and your receipt back to the Assessment Center to schedule your testing appointment. The test is offered approximately 4 times per month.

Remember, you can only take each subtest a maximum of three times. You are required to wait at least two months between each attempt. This provides you a minimum amount of time to review. If you need to take a course (RD097/098 and/or MA003) you must obtain a grade of C or higher before retaking the test.

### **Where can I obtain the study guide?**

The study guide, **HESI Admission Assessment Study Guide** is available in the GRCC Bookstore or online at <http://www.hesitest.com/students/selfstudy.asp>. Cost (subject to change) is \$25.00.

### **Who should I contact if I have questions?**

**Health Admissions** can assist with questions regarding the admission requirements, 616-234-4348

**Assessment Center** can answer questions regarding test schedules and registration for the test, 616-234-3450

**Counseling and Career Center** can answer questions about preparation for the exam and suggested coursework to prepare for retest, 616-234-3900.