

Sonography Program and HESI Admission Assessment Exam (A²)

What does HESI stand for?

Health Education Systems, Inc., and A2 stands for Admission Assessment.

Why is the HESI admission exam being used?

The HESI exam is being used by the Sonography Program to help evaluate students' academic readiness as part of the selection process. Students will also be completing a learning style and personality profile assessment. The learning style and personality profile assessment will not be scored.

When can I take the HESI exam?

Students MUST be invited to take the HESI exam at SCTCC. Students are invited to take the HESI exam after the Sonography Program applications have been reviewed. Students that have completed all program requirements and scored a minimum required GPA of 3.0 for the required prerequisites will be eligible to take the HESI examination. Explicit directions are included in the invitation that is sent via email and mailed letter.

What is covered in the HESI exam?

Eligible students will take the following components of the HESI exam for application to the Sonography program:

English:

- Reading Comprehension (60 minutes)
- Vocabulary and General Knowledge (50 minutes)

Math:

- Basic Math Skills (50 minutes)

Science:

- Anatomy and Physiology (25 minutes)
- Physics (50 minutes)

Evaluate Critical Thinking Ability

- Problem solving
- Biases & Ethical Dilemmas
- Argument Analysis
- Analysis Data
- (30 minutes)

Learner Profile:

- Learning Style (14 items)
- Personality Profile (15 items)

How long will the HESI exam take?

Students will be permitted short breaks between components if needed. Registering for the test will take about 30 minutes, so students should allow about 5 hours to complete the exam.

What is the cost of the HESI examination?

The test will cost approximately \$40-\$50.

What are the student accommodations?

Students will be permitted the use of scratch paper which will be collected by the Testing Center staff and immediately shredded after the test.

In general, students are not allowed to use a calculator when testing. However, students with documented disabilities may request the college's Accommodation Committee to approve the use of a basic 4 or 6 function calculator. Students will need to make arrangements in advance for this and any other possible accommodations.

How many times can I take the HESI exam?

Students are allowed to take the test 2 times. The HESI exam must be taken at St. Cloud Technical & Community College and will only be offered once each year in March.

Is there an expiration date of my HESI exam?

The HESI exam has to be taken within two years of applying to the program for the score to be eligible for consideration in the selection process.

When will the HESI exam be administered?

The testing window for the Sonography HESI exam will take place in mid-March. Eligible students will receive an email with detailed information.

What is the minimum score accepted for the HESI exam?

There will not be a minimum score needed to achieve for admission to the Sonography program. Students will receive points based off their comprehensive score based on a percent set forth by program faculty.

When will I know the results of the HESI exam?

Within 48 hours, students will receive a detailed email regarding their score.

How can I study for the HESI exam?

A study guide is available:

HESI Admission Assessment Exam Review, 4th edition

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