

# **St. Cloud Technical & Community College**

## **Dental Hygiene 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 Dental Hygiene 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 Dental Hygiene 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 Dental Hygiene Program:

#### **English:**

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

#### **Science:**

- Biology (25 minutes)
- Anatomy and Physiology (25 minutes)

#### **Learner Profile:**

- Learning Style (14 items)     *\*These items not scored for program admission*
- Personality Profile (15 items)     *\*These items not scored for program admission*

### **How long will the HESI exam take?**

Applicants should allow about 4 hours to complete the exam (all components listed above). Registration is a separate process and will be done prior to taking the actual exam. (Details explained in invitation letter)

### **What is the cost of the HESI examination?**

The test will cost approximately \$50-60 (Fees will be set on HESI site in 2022)

Students will register online and pay for the exam online.

### **Testing Location:**

Students will either take the exam at SCTCC in a testing lab at the main campus (1540 Northway Drive), or will utilize the ProctorU site for monitoring test takers. If the ProctorU service is utilized, there is a separate fee for this service. Testing location options will be provided to students invited to take the HESI exam.

### **What are the student accommodations?**

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

**How many times can I take the HESI exam?**

Students are allowed to take the test two (2) times for their dental hygiene application process. The HESI exam must be taken at St. Cloud Technical & Community College (or by using ProctorU as determined by the college) and will only be offered once each year in February. Students are encouraged to re-test to boost scores for admission.

**Is there an expiration date of my HESI exam?**

The HESI exam has to be taken within two years of applying to the Dental Hygiene 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 Dental Hygiene HESI exam will sometime in February, 2022.

Eligible students will receive an email with detailed information & dates. Once the Dental Hygiene application period closes, applications are reviewed and ranked. Eligible applicants will be notified and invited to take the HESI Exam in mid February.

**What is the minimum score accepted for the HESI exam?**

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

**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?**

Students are encouraged to study and prepare for all portions of the HESI A2 Exam required for dental hygiene program admissions. Study material sources are suggested on the Evolve Elsevier website and on Amazon.

<https://evolve.elsevier.com/cs/product/9780323353786?role=student>

\*\* Only available after a student has signed up and paid for HESI EXAM.

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