HESI A2 Exam Policy

Nursing Admissions Assessment Exam

Admission Assessment Exam

The HESI A2 Exam is required for admission consideration to the CNM Nursing Program, the UNM College of Nursing, and the UNM Valencia Nursing Program. Applicants must achieve a minimum score of 75% on each subtest and a composite score of 75% or higher for admission consideration. The NMNEC HESI A2 is a computerized exam consisting of six (6) sections: grammar, reading comprehension, vocabulary and general knowledge, biology, chemistry, and math.

Current Schedule/Cost

UNM Valencia will offer the HESI A2 entrance exam from October 2026 through May 2027. The exam is $53.00 + tax. All exams will begin promptly at 9:00 am. Please arrive at the nursing building at least 15 minutes prior to the exam to complete check-in and log in.

Scheduling/Registration

Please contact the nursing department via email vcnursing@unm.edu or call 505-925-8870 to sign up to take the HESI A2 Exam. Testing will only occur on the scheduled dates listed below. A maximum of 15 students per day can register for the HESI entrance exam. After you sign up, you will receive an email to register and pay for the exam.

You **must register** for the exam; no students without registration will be allowed to take the exam. Seating is limited for each date, and registration will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Seating is not guaranteed until the exam fee has been paid.

Once you have registered and paid for your exam, you will need to go to the Elsevier HESI Registration page to create your Evolve username and password. You must bring this username and password to the exam and any retests.

Location

University of New Mexico – Valencia
280 La Entrada Rd. Los Lunas, NM 87031
(SCC 2nd floor, above nursing program)

Please check with the receptionist at the second-floor front desk upon arrival.

Additional Information

- A photo ID is required for check-in.
- Please arrive 15 minutes prior to the start of the exam.
- No outside materials will be allowed (i.e. cell phones, books, notebooks, calculators, electronic devices, etc.).
- You will be provided with pencils and paper. A calculator will be available for you to use in the exam.
- Additional resources such as a conversion table or periodic table will not be provided.

Nursing Classroom

The exam is administered in accordance with NCLEX testing procedures. You must have a photo ID and your HESI username and password to take the exam. You will be required to place your personal items along with your ID at the front of the classroom. If you do not surrender your items, you will not be able to take the exam. There will also be no watches, large bracelets, or hats of any kind allowed in the testing area. You will not be able to take any purses, backpacks, or bags with you to your computer station. It is recommended that you not bring them; however, if you do you will be able to leave them in the Nursing classroom until your exam is complete.

Cancellation and Rescheduling Policy

The HESI A2 Exam is non-refundable. Rescheduled exams will only be accepted in the event of a family emergency or illness. Documentation will be required, and approval will be at the discretion of the UNM VC Nursing Program Director.

Please plan ahead. UNM Valencia will only test on the dates below. After those dates, testing will be suspended until the following testing cycle.

Study Materials

HESI Admissions Assessment Review Book

Applicants are strongly encouraged to prepare for the exam using the study resources listed below.

eBook – HESI Admission Assessment = $38.99 (ISBN: 9780443115479)

Print Book – HESI Admission Assessment = $45.99 (ISBN: 9780443114090)

Scheduled Exam Dates 2026

Additional dates may be added as needed

Date	Time
Wednesday, October 7, 2026	09:00 – 13:30
Thursday, October 22, 2026	09:00 – 13:30
Tuesday, November 10, 2026	09:00 – 13:30
Monday, November 16, 2026	09:00 – 13:30
Monday, December 7, 2026	09:00 – 13:30
Thursday, December 10, 2026	09:00 – 13:30

Spring 2027 HESI Dates:
Spring 2027 HESI testing dates will be announced at the end of January. Exams will be scheduled between February and May 2027. More information regarding specific testing dates and registration details will be provided once the schedule is finalized.

Test Sections:

- **Biology** 30-item exam. Recommended time: 25 minutes.
- **Chemistry** 30-item exam. Recommended time: 25 minutes.
- **Grammar** 55-item exam. Recommended time: 50 minutes.
- **Math** 55-item exam. Recommended time: 50 minutes.
- **Reading Comprehension** 55-item exam. Recommended time: 60 minutes.
- **Vocabulary and General Knowledge** 55-item exam. Recommended time: 50 minutes.

You will have 4.5 hours to complete the exam.

Minimum Required Scores:

- Biology 75 or above
- Chemistry 75 or above
- Grammar 75 or above
- Math 75 or above
- Reading Comprehension 75 or above
- Vocabulary and General Knowledge 75 or above

Scores are valid for one (1) year.

Retakes:

- You are only allowed to take the test twice in any twelve-month period.
- The second attempt must be a minimum of 30 days after the first attempt.
- If a student *does not achieve* the required passing scores after two attempts, they must wait one year from the date of their first exam attempt before they are eligible to take the test again.
- A minimum 30-day waiting period is required between all HESI exam attempts. This requirement applies even when a student becomes eligible for a new testing cycle based on the one-year reset date. Eligibility to test *does not override* the 30-day waiting period requirement.

Accommodations:

Students requiring testing accommodations for the HESI A2 should contact UNM – Valencia Nursing Program prior to registering. You must have valid documentation from accessibility services on file.

If you have any questions regarding the NMNEC HESI A2 Exam, please contact the UNM – Valencia Nursing Program at 505-925-8870 or vcnursing@unm.edu