



PN Program Admission Criteria Requirements

All interested applicants' intent on pursuing admission into Hocking College's School of Nursing are initially admitted into the College of Arts, Business and Science (ABS) in the Associate of Science (AS) Degree Program and may begin taking general education courses (GECs) which are designated (have a non-NT nomenclature designation preceding the specified number) as being included in the desired pre-licensure nursing program of study in which the applicant is intent on enrolling. The GECs are identified in the Curriculum Plan (sheet) for the respective nursing program and are available under the majors heading **Allied Health and Nursing** and the Webpage for the respective nursing track or program. However, the learner needs to be aware that taking GECs prior to entering the nursing major may affect the total credit hour load they carry in an academic term and hence will most likely affect financial aid eligibility and award. Financial aid will not cover additional courses that are not listed in a student's major plan of study. The A.S. Degree Program is a pathway providing basic subject content that provides a foundation on which nursing knowledge is expanded on in the respective pre-licensure nursing education program the applicant desires to pursue undertaking.

The School of Nursing uses a selective intake process for Admission into the **Diploma in Practical Nursing (PN) Program**, the **PN2RN transitional track**, and the **Associate of Applied Science in Nursing (AASN) Degree / Registered Nursing (RN) Program**. Admission into the program hinges on a prospective applicant having done the three (3) criterion listed below and the promptness in which these items are performed to satisfy file completion requirements.

- 1) Submission of official transcript from high school or GED and all post-secondary academic institutions in which the applicant had enrolled, attended, or graduated. Document(s) must be either mailed to the Registrar and Records Office at Hocking College or sent via email by a transcript service to registrar@hocking.edu

- 2) Submission of documentation verifying current, active issuance of having a certificate as a state tested nurse aide (STNA) in Ohio, certification as a medical assistant (CMA), or certification as an emergency medical technician-paramedic (EMT-P); EMT Basic is not recognized for fulfilling this requirement. Documentation must be submitted to the Hocking College School of Nursing Office, Davidson Hall 217, 3301 Hocking Parkway, Nelsonville, OH 45764 or may be turned in at the School of Nursing located in Davidson Hall on the second floor, office #217. **The applicant's nursing assistive/paraprofessional personnel certification must be current (not have lapsed) and remain active at the time the nursing student begins their first clinical nursing course in the pre-licensure nursing program in which they enroll and are admitted.**
- 3) Register to take the HESI A2 (A2 = Admission Assessment) Examination at Hocking College Davidson Hall (main campus) by contacting Leanna Grey, Nursing Office Manager, Phone 740-753-6350 OR email greyl32771@hocking.edu to schedule your testing appointment. Detailed information about preparing for the HESI A2 Exam and the established benchmarks which must be attained is described in more detail below.

The HESI A2 Exam is a standardized test designed to assess/evaluate the learner's knowledge of these education concepts that are the basis for the body of information that forms the foundation for the art and science of the nursing profession and is frequently chosen by pre-licensure nursing education programs as part of admission criteria. Hocking College School of Nursing does not accept an applicant's HESI A2 Exam scores from any other pre-licensure nursing program.

Space is limited for registering to reserve your test date and time and scheduling requests are managed on a first come, first served basis. **Walk-ins are not permitted.** Testing dates are available is either a morning (9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.) OR an afternoon (12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.) session Monday – Friday on designated dates. The learner has four (4) hours to complete the exam. The learner will pay on-line onsite at your confirmed appointment date and time using a major debit/credit card; cost is \$40.00 which is subject to change without notice. Registrants must provide a current, valid, non-expired photo ID, have an existing valid e-mail address, and must also know their Hocking College student ID number to expedite registration at the time and date scheduled for their HESI A2 Exam testing.

The HESI A2 Exam consists of four subject areas

- general knowledge and vocabulary,
- reading comprehension,
- math concepts, and
- basic/general science topics with an emphasis on anatomy (structures in an organism such as the human body) and physiology (how the organism's structures function or work to sustain life)

The applicant must achieve a benchmark or target score of 70% or higher in each of the four subject areas to satisfy the requirement for the School of Nursing's admission criterion for the Diploma in Practical Nursing (PN) Program.

Following completion of the exam, the learner will receive an individual analysis of his/her performance which will identify subject areas where they excelled and met or exceeded the established threshold for the pre-licensure nursing program in which they desire to seek admission. In addition, the analysis will identify areas that are below the established benchmark and indicate content areas in which additional review and study is recommended. The learner can obtain more information about their individual testing performance at [Elsevier's HESI Review & Testing](#).

Elsevier, which is a renowned publisher of literature and other materials common to nursing education, has a HESI A2 Examination textbook which covers test taking tips and provides sample practice questions that may be used as a resource for the learner to use in their study efforts to achieve success in each of these subject content areas. In addition, the learner can search the Internet using the terms "HESI A2 Exam practice questions" and will find that there are a variety of websites that provide sample questions at no cost. In answering questions, it is important if the learner does not answer the item correctly that he/she review the rationale (explanation) for why their answer was not the correct response; this review is an important component of the learning process and should assist to reinforce knowledge along with identify a topic or concept that the learner may need to devote additional time and effort in their study preparation for eventual success on this content area.

The HESI A2 Exam may be taken a maximum of three (3) times for admission consideration into a HC School of Nursing pre-licensure nursing education program. Each testing attempt requires scheduling a separate appointment date, time, and payment of the exam fee. HESI A2 Exam scores achieved from testing completed at Hocking College are valid indefinitely.

If you do not achieve the designated benchmark in ALL subject areas for the respective nursing program you are intending to enroll after your second attempt,

you will be required to submit documentation confirming that you have completed remediation (serious review of area(s) identified as being below threshold) before being able to register for a third attempt on the HESI A2 Exam.

Contact the School of Nursing's main office at 740-753-6376 or in person at Davidson Hall, 2nd floor, Nursing Department Office #217 for additional information about available remediation options.

The HESI A2 Exam may be taken a maximum of three (3) times. If an applicant exhausts all three (3) attempts on the HESI A2 Exam and has not been successful in achieving the required benchmark in all subject areas, the applicant will be ineligible for admission into a HC School of Nursing pre-licensure nursing education program of study. Should an applicant find themselves in this situation, the applicant should meet with their assigned academic advisor to explore and discuss other available career options which the learner may be interested and eligible to pursue in HC's School of Allied Health if he/she in fact still desires to pursue a career in a health care discipline or profession.

The applicant is assigned a clinical/theory/technical cohort (class/group) academic start term based upon date of their successful completion of ALL School of Nursing admission file criterion. Upon acceptance of the invitation to enroll in the respective nursing program, the student's program of study is changed to reflect enrollment in a nursing major wherein the student will enroll in the first semester of nursing core technical (indicated by a NT designation in course nomenclature) courses identified in the respective Curriculum Plan of Study.

It is the applicant's responsibility to monitor their admission file completion status and to keep things current/up-to-date.