Associate Degree Nursing Program
STEP-BY-STEP PROSPECTIVE STUDENT GUIDE
Traditional Track

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The Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Program will prepare students with the basic competencies to become safe practitioners in the healthcare field. Upon successful completion of the Associate of Applied Science major in Associate Degree Nursing, the graduate will be able to sit for the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN). After successful completion of this exam, the individual will be a registered nurse and can work in hospitals, day-surgery centers, rehabilitation centers, physicians' offices, home health care agencies, among other areas. The Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Program at South Texas College is approved with commendations by the Texas Board of Nursing (TBON) and is accredited by the Accreditation Commission of Education in Nursing (ACEN).

This **Guide** has been developed to provide prospective ADN students with general information about the ADN program and application process. Please follow the steps.

Selective Program

The ADN Program is a selective program with application requirements. Students must meet all program application requirements before being eligible to apply. To be considered for program admission, applications must be submitted during the application periods, as published on the Associate Degree Nursing Program webpage. Due to limited resources, some applicants who meet all program application requirements may not be admitted to the program for the current application period.

Program Selection Process

The ADN Program selection process is **Competitive Entry** and is **based on a Competitive Point System**. Points are awarded based on a Point System from: ADN pre-requisite courses, HESI A2 exam scores, STC Cumulative GPA, and other additional points as listed in the Application Form. A **Cutoff Score** is calculated for each application period based on the qualified applicant pool, the number of slots available, and may vary for each application period. Qualified applications are ranked from highest to lowest points and admission is based solely on this ranking.

The Step-by-Step Student Guide includes the following information:
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Traditional RN Track Degree Plan

The Traditional Registered Nurse (RN) Track leading to an Associate Degree in Nursing is designed for individuals who would like to pursue a nursing career. Students must meet the program application requirements before applying to the program. Upon completion of the Associate of Applied Science in Associate Degree Nursing, the graduate will be able to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN). The Traditional Track is a two-year program. Students must successfully pass every semester to continue in the program. Due to the recent COVID-19 pandemic, this program is being offered as hybrid[*].

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ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE – FALL & SPRING ADMISSION
ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING – TRADITIONAL RN TRACK

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TSI Liable

PRE-REQUISITES	CREDIT HOURS
ENGL1301 Composition[1],[2]	3
BIOL 2401 Anatomy & Physiology I	4
BIOL 2402 Anatomy & Physiology II	4
RNSG 1209 Introduction to Nursing	2

FIRST SEMESTER	
RNSG 1301 Pharmacology	3
RNSG 1513 Foundations for Nursing Practice	5
RNSG 1205 Nursing Skills I	2
RNSG 1262 Clinical I	2

SECOND SEMESTER	
RNSG 1144 Nursing Skills II	1
RNSG 1341 Common Concepts of Adult Health	3
RNSG 2161 Clinical Medical/Surgical (8 weeks)	1
RNSG 2213 Mental Health Nursing	2
RNSG 2162 Clinical Mental Health (8 weeks)	1
PSYC 2301 General Psychology	3

THIRD SEMESTER	
RNSG 1412 Nursing Care of Childbearing & Childrearing Family	4
RNSG 2260 Clinical - Pediatrics/Maternal/Infant (2nd 8 weeks)	2
RNSG 1343 Complex Concepts of Adult Health	3
RNSG 2361 Clinical Complex Medical Surgical (8 weeks)	3

FOURTH SEMESTER	
Humanities Elective[3]	3
RNSG 2331 Advanced Concepts of Adult Health	3
RNSG 2163 Clinical IV (12 weeks)	1
RNSG 2221 Professional Nursing: Leadership & Management	2
RNSG 2363 Clinical V	3

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Total 60 credit hours

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[*] Hybrid courses combine face-to-face classroom instruction with online learning. Between 51% and 85% of a Hybrid course is completed online and the rest is scheduled on-campus. Hybrid courses offer students the best of both worlds: regularly scheduled interaction with faculty, and the flexibility of a computer-based learning process.

[1] May substitute ENGL 1302 Composition II - Rhetoric

[2] Identifies courses to fulfill minimum 15 credit hours of General Education requirement

[3] Identifies courses to fulfill minimum 15 credit hours of General Education requirement

Step 1: ADMISSION TO SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE

Students are admitted to South Texas College through the provisions of *Board Policy 3200*. General admission to the College does not imply admission to the Associate Degree Nursing Programs. The Nursing and Allied Health Division offers Selective Programs with application requirements. Prospective students must meet all program application requirements before being eligible to apply to Selective Programs.

Traditional Students

South Texas College has developed a checklist to assist new students with the admission process. See the Admission Checklist. For further information or assistance, contact The Office of Admissions & Record (OAR) at 956-872-8323 or email admissions@southtexascollege.edu.

Students must have the listed requirements completed and on file before applying to the program.
- Apply for admission online at Apply Texas (www.applytexas.org)
- High School diploma or GED equivalency on file with the OAR
- Meet TSI College Readiness Standards, or TSI exemption standards

Transfer Students

Students transferring from another accredited college or university must comply with *Board Policy 3200 and 3320*. For further information or assistance, contact The Office of Admissions & Record (OAR) at 956-872-8323 or email admissions@southtexascollege.edu.

Students must have the listed requirements completed and on file before applying to the program.

- Apply for admission online at Apply Texas (www.applytexas.org)
- Submit official transcript(s) from each institution previously attended to the OAR for official transfer course evaluation
- High School diploma or GED equivalency on file with the OAR
- Meet TSI College Readiness Standards, or TSI exemption standards

Note to transfer students: When transferring credits from your former college/university to STC, only the credits transfer, not the GPA.

International Students

The college is authorized under federal law to enroll students who are valid F-1 or M-1 visa holders under the Student Exchange and Visitor Information System (SEVIS) and authorized by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). Upon initial admission to the College, international students must comply with all federal regulations in order to obtain a student visa prior to enrollment and must remain in compliance throughout the duration of study. For further information or assistance, contact the International toll-free number at 866-665-7822.

South Texas College has the following assistance for international students and should contact
Office of Admissions & Records
Residency Specialist
Email: admissions@southtexascollege.edu
956-872-2250

Step 2: STUDENT INFORMATION SESSION

The ADN Program offers **Information Sessions** for interested students. Students are **required** to complete an Information Session, virtually or by reviewing this guide, to learn about the program information & requirements, program tracks, point system-evaluation, application period, and clinical requirements. This is mandatory, due to the high volume of students seeking an Associate Nursing Degree. Students who complete the Information Session (virtually or by reviewing this guide) will need to successfully complete the Post Exam and obtain a **Certificate of Completion**, which is a document that needs to be submitted with the Associate Degree Nursing Application.

Live Virtually Information Session

Information Sessions are offered live virtually. Sessions are scheduled approximately one (1) hour and students are recommended to "book a session" via the ADN Webpage . It is recommended that the student have a copy of their official or unofficial college or university transcript for review, if applicable. During the live virtual session, the student will be able to ask questions regarding the Associate Degree Nursing Program. After attending the Virtual Live Session, the student can schedule a one-to-one follow up appointment with the ADN Advisor. Students completing the virtual live session are responsible for understanding all program requirements.

Overview of the Step-by-Step Guide

This Step-by-Step Guide is designed for students who are not able to attend a live scheduled Information Session. Once the student has read the Step-by-Step Guide, the student can schedule a follow-up appointment for individualized tailored advising. Students reading the Step-by-Step Guide are responsible for understanding all program requirements.

Certificate of Completion

Students who complete a session, either the virtually or by reviewing the Step-by-Step Guide, must successfully complete the Post Exam for the Information Session. The Certificate of Completion is available on the ADN Webpage. The certificate is one of the required documents for applying to the ADN Program. The certificate must be within the academic year of application submission.

Step 3: PROGRAM INFORMATION & REQUIREMENTS

Program Selection Criteria

The selection criteria are used to assess the applicant's score. Points are given for the following selection criteria:
1. Pre-requisites courses
2. Cumulative GPA
3. HESI A2 Exam scores
4. Additional points as listed in the application form for the specific track

Pre-requisites
All pre-requisites must be completed with a grade of "B" or better to be eligible to apply to the ADN Program.

Pre-requisite Courses	Credit Hours
ENGL1301 Composition or ENGL 1302 Rhetoric	3
BIOL 2401 Anatomy & Physiology I	4
BIOL 2402 Anatomy & Physiology II	4
RNSG 1209 Introduction to Nursing	2

ENGL1301, BIOL2401 and BIOL 2402 ***do not*** have an expiration date.

Note: For students transferring BIOL 2401 and/or BIOL 2402 with a separate lecture (3 credits) and lab (1 credit), both courses must be a grade of B or better, and both lecture and lab, must be transferred for a total of 4 credit hours.

RNSG 1209 Introduction to Nursing course is for Traditional RN Track students ***only***. The student will be granted written approval to register for the course after meeting the following requirements.

- has meet TSI College Readiness Standards, or meet TSI exemption standards
- has HESI A2 passing scores of 75% or better on each section (refer to HESI section) and are within the last two (2) years

RNSG 1209 expires every 2 years. Students cannot register for this course on their own; scores must be emailed to ADN Advisor for approval along with STC ID number and the RNSG 1209 course number for registration. This course is on a first-come first-serve basis.

Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA)
The ADN program will award students points on the program application based on the South Texas College cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher at the time of application submission. The cumulative GPA is a compilation of all courses taken at South Texas College, regardless if it was for the ADN Program. For students who are transferring courses from another college/university, the GPA does not transfer. Only the grade and credit hours are applied to the Associate Degree in Nursing.

Points will be awarded as follows:

4.00 – 3.5	2 points
3.49 – 3.0	1 point
2.90 – 2.5	0 point (students who fall in this bracket will be allowed to apply to the program, but will not be granted points on the application)

HESI A2 (Admission Assessment) Exam
The HESI A2 Exam is an admission requirement for the South Texas College ADN Program. The exam consists of academic exams and a personality profile that identifies the applicant's learning style. All students are required to take the exam, **_no exceptions_**. Total time allotted to complete the exam is 4.25 hours. The instructions to register and take the exam and frequently asked questions can be found on **FAQ FOR HESI A2 EXAM**.

Traditional Track students are required to have HESI passing scores prior to registering for RNSG1209 Introduction to Nursing, within the last two years.

Additional Points
The ADN program offers applicants the opportunity to earn Additional Points, which are not required when applying to the ADN program; however, they will assist applicants to earn additional points towards the total score. It is highly recommended for student to complete the Social & Behavioral Science and Humanities Elective. For a list of the additional points, review the Point System-Evaluation Form for the specific program track.

Social & Behavioral Science Elective
The Social & Behavioral Science Elective courses are part of the recommended criteria and are highly recommended to complete for the application process. It can result in higher ranking if completed and reflected on the STC transcript at the time of application submission. Courses must be completed prior to applying to the program. These courses are not needed to apply to the ADN Program, however, they are required to **_graduate from the ADN Program as part of the Associate Degree in Nursing_**.

Social & Behavioral Science Elective Courses	Credit Hours
PSYC 2301 General Psychology	3
or	
PSYC 2314 Lifespan Growth & Development	3

Some things to consider:
- If you have taken both, only the one with the highest grade will be considered, either A, B, or C.
- These courses do not have an expiration date
- Points are awarded as A = 1 point, B = .5 (half) point, and C = 0 point

Humanities Elective
The Humanities elective courses are part of the additional points' criteria as well and can result in higher ranking if completed and reflected on the South Texas College transcript at the time of application submission. A Humanities elective can be chosen from a list of approved courses that meets the Associate of Applied Science – Humanities Elective Options for the Associate of Applied Science Degrees.

Suggestion: If you have taken a Humanities Elective and have a grade of B or C, do not retake the same course. Choose another course from the list of approved courses. You may want to complete core curriculum courses for the RN-to-BSN program as well.

Example: A student completed ARTS1301 with a C grade. Rather than retaking the same course, it is recommended the student complete a Humanities Option, such as PHIL 2306, HUMA 1301, etc. and pass it with a higher grade to earn more points on the application.

Note to students who have earned a "CR" or "TCR" by either credit-by-exam, Advanced Placement (AP), College Level Examination Program (CLEP), Escrow and/or Credit for International Baccalaureate Diploma (IBD). Students with a "CR" or "TCR" in ENGL1301, ENGL1302 and PSYC2301 are allowed to apply to the program. However, the ADN Program will not award points for courses with "CR" or "TCR". The "CR" or "TCR" does not define a letter grade of A, B, or C to calculate points on the application, but it can be used for graduation purposes.

South Texas College Graduates

South Texas College Graduates, who have completed a certificate from **one (1)** of the following programs, will be awarded only one (1) point on the application. The Associate Degree or Certificate must be conferred on the South Texas College transcript. The Online Application will pick up only one certificate or degree.

- Patient Care Assistant - Certificate
- Licensed Vocational Nurse - Certificate
- EMT - Paramedic – Associate or Certificate

CSFH 0101 College Success for Healthcare

Students enrolled in College Success for Healthcare course are presented with an overview of the rigorous and challenging environment of healthcare education, and an understanding of the commitment needed to become a successful nursing or allied health professional. Students who complete this course with a grade of B or higher, will be granted points on the application. It is also recommended for students to take this course, if they have been out of school for a long duration of time and want to strengthen their learning skills or earn extra points on the application. Points will be awarded as A = 1 point, and B = .5 (half) point.

Repeating Courses

The ADN Program does not deduct points for retaking courses. However, the latest course grade stands and it is the one that will be considered at the time of application.

Program and Clinical Compliance Requirements

Immunization Requirements

Applicants are required to submit proof of the immunizations listed below with the program application.

- Immunization documentation but be visible to read
- Immunizations must be validated by either a stamp or signed by facility or physician
- Must be from a U.S. medical source
- Name and D.O.B. must be documented on all forms
    - Tetanus/Diphtheria/ Pertussis Tdap: Proof of dose within the last 10 years
    - Hepatitis B – complete 3 vaccine series or proof of positive serology
    - Measles/Mumps/Rubella MMR – 2 doses required or proof of positive serology
    - Varicella (Chicken Pox) – 2 doses required or proof of positive serology
    - Meningitis MCV (state requirement for students under the age of 22) – one dose within the last five years

Note: Once a student is officially admitted in the ADN Program, the student will be required to fulfill additional immunizations and clinical requirements. Further instructions will be provided to the student regarding additional immunizations and clinical requirements on your letter of acceptance and the mandatory orientation.

Criminal Background Check through Texas Board of Nursing

In compliance with the Texas Board of Nursing (TBON) requirements, **all** students must submit a criminal background through the TBON.

1. Complete the TBON Roster form to start the criminal background check. This process needs to occur 10-12 weeks prior to applying to the ADN program.
2. Email the form to clinicalaffairs@southtexascollege.edu.
3. Check your email in about 2-3 weeks from submission of the form, for an email from nobody@identogo.com
4. Schedule your appointment to get your digital fingerprints done

Upon completion of the TBON background check, the student will receive a Blue Card or an Outcome Letter from the TBON via United States Postal Service. The student must retain the Blue Card or Outcome Letter, and a copy will be required when applying to the ADN Program.

Students with a ***positive criminal history*** should complete the [TBON Roster](#) earlier. The process for students with a positive criminal history may take 6-10 months to complete. If you should get a letter from TBON questioning your history and requesting a Declatory Order, please respond to the letter accordingly.

Note: All Declatory Order decisions are determined solely by the TBON. The Outcome Letter will determine if the student can sit for the National Council Licensure Examination-RN (NCLEX-RN) after the student's criminal background has been reviewed by the TBON and successful completion of the STC ADN Program.

[Functional Abilities Standards](#)
[Functional Abilities Standards](#) are the essential functions, which every STC NAH student is expected to perform and are necessary for successful participation in the ADN Program. This form will be completed at the time the application is submitted. These are necessary in order to provide healthcare services in a safe, ethical, and legal manner. Students participating in the ADN Program are expected to demonstrate the essential functions listed in this form, with or without reasonable accommodation. These are applicable in classrooms, laboratories, and clinical settings. The STC NAH Program uses independent clinical education sites that may or may not be able to offer the same reasonable accommodations that are made available by the College.

Any student wishing to request reasonable accommodations due to a documented disability must initiate the process by contacting an ADA representative from the Office of Student Accessibility Services for information and procedures at 956-872-3077 or 956-872-2173.

YOU ARE READY TO APPLY

Requirements for Traditional RN Track when submitting Application Online

When Step 1 – 3 are complete, you are ready to apply using the Online Application. See ADN Online Application Instructions before submitting the application.

Traditional ADN Track
There are two (2) application periods per year for the **Traditional RN Track**. The number of students admitted will vary per application period. Students may apply in June, to be considered for the Fall Program and/or may apply in October, to be considered for the Spring Program. Check the ADN Webpage for specific application dates and deadlines.

Students must meet all application requirements before being eligible to apply to the ADN program. Meeting the application requirements is not a guarantee of program admission. Students must gather all the necessary documentation when submitting the application online. See ADN Online Application Instructions before submitting the application.

Application Requirements Checklist
The following items should be on the STC Student System before applying, check JagNet for verification.

☐High School transcript on file with the Office of Admissions and Records

☐TSI College Readiness Standards or TSI exemption standards

☐Pre-requisite courses with a grade of B or better in each course (ENGL1301 or ENGL 1302, BIOL2401 and BIOL2402)

☐Have accumulated a cumulative GPA of at least a 2.5 or higher with South Texas College

☐If applicable, all prerequisite courses have been transferred and are listed with STC

☐High School transcript on file with the Office of Admissions and Records

☐HESI A2 Exam Scores
- Are within the last two (2) years, and are within the eligibility period, if taken more than once
- HESI scores are 75% or higher on each section (English Language Composite, Science and Math) and an average score of the 3 components is 75% or higher
- HESI scores have been reviewed and approved by an ADN Advisor and are in the STC Student System

The following items will be uploaded to the Online Application at time of submission.

☐Certificate of Completion for attending the Information Session, either virtually or online

☐Official documentation of all required immunizations or proof of positive serology

- Tetanus/Diphtheria/ Pertussis Tdap: Proof of dose within the last 10 years
- Hepatitis B – complete 3 vaccine series or proof of positive serology
- Measles/Mumps/Rubella MMR – 2 doses required or proof of positive serology
- Varicella (Chicken Pox) – 2 doses required or proof of positive serology
- Meningitis MCV (state requirement for students under the age of 22) – one dose within the last five years

☐Blue Card or Outcome Letter from Texas Board of Nursing; upload only the front of the card with name and address

☐Functional Abilities Standards Form Read, complete, sign and upload to the online application

Point System – Evaluation Traditional ADN Track

The ADN Program selection process is based on a Point System Evaluation. The following selection criteria is used to assess the applicant's points.

I.   Pre-requisite Courses – points will be awarded as A=3 and B=2
  1. ENGL 1301 Composition or ENGL 1302
  2. BIOL 2401 Anatomy & Physiology I
  3. BIOL 2402 Anatomy & Physiology II
  4. RNSG 1209 Introduction to Nursing (within the last 2 years)

II.   HESI A2 Exam – Points will be awarded based on the **average** of the three (3) sections (English Language Composite, Science-Anatomy & Physiology, and Math with a 75% or higher on each section) and are within the last 2 years
  Points awarded based on Average
  100% - 90% = 3 points
  89% - 83% = 2 points
  82% - 75% = 1 point

III.   Cumulative GPA – points will be awarded based on the cumulative (overall) GPA at South Texas College. All students must have a cumulative GPA with South Texas College.
  4.00 – 3.5 = 2 points
  3.49 – 3.0 = 1 point
  2.90 – 2.5 = 0 point but can still apply to the program

IV.   Additional points
  ➢ PSYC 2301 General Psychology _or_ PSYC 2314 Lifespan Growth & Development, if the student has both courses, the program will consider the course with the highest grade. Points will be awarded as A = 1 points, B = .5 (half) point and C = 0 point (grade of C in this course is acceptable to **_graduate_** from the program).

  ➢ Humanities Elective (check the website Humanities Elective Options for the Associate of Applied Science Degrees for list of approved courses), if a student has more than one Humanities Elective course, the program will consider the course with the highest grade. Points will be awarded as A = 1 points, B = .5 (half) point and C = 0 point (grade of C in this course is acceptable to **_graduate_** from the program).

  ➢ South Texas College **Graduates** will be awarded **only one** (1) point for one of the following programs. The degree must be conferred on the Official South Texas College Transcript.
    ➢ Patient Care Assistant – Certificate
    ➢ Vocational Nurse – Certificate
    ➢ EMT Paramedic – Certificate/Associate

  ➢ CSFH 0101 College Success for Healthcare Course is optional. Student will be awarded points as A = 1 point, B = .5 (half) point.

The maximum points a student can earn on this Point System is twenty-one (21) points. Students are ranked from highest to lowest points. The selection for a cohort is solely based on this ranking.

The Point System Evaluation Form can be found on the ADN Webpage. Students are encouraged to explore their grades and points to improve application score. A student's goal is to be as close as possible to the maximum points. The higher the student's score, the higher the probability of being admitted.

NOTIFICATION OF APPLICATION STATUS

The South Texas College Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Program communicates via Jag email to inform all applicants of their admission status. Notification Letters will be emailed via Jag email on the specified date listed on the ADN Webpage Applications and Timelines. Students should make sure the Jag email is working for application status. This is the main form of communication of the ADN Program.

Application Status

Qualified applicants with total points **above** the cutoff score will be admitted and applicants with total points **below** the cutoff score will be denied. Applicants with total points **equal** to the cutoff score will be designated as alternates.

Applicants will receive notification of their application status as either "admitted", "alternate", or "denied" via the Jag email address. The program *does not* have a **waiting-list**. Applicants who are not admitted for the current period are encouraged to meet with the ADN Program Advisor to discuss alternative options.

Admitted Status
Admitted Applicants must officially accept their admission to the program on or before the mandatory orientation by submitting the Acceptance form (emailed with the admittance letter). The mandatory orientation will outline all the details of the program, including but not limited to additional immunizations, uniform, clinical requirements, student resources, books and class registration.

Alternate Status
Applicants with total points equal to the cutoff score will be designated as alternates and notified of their application status through Jag email. Should any of the admitted applicants decline admission; an alternate will be offered admissions to the program. A random draw (through a lottery system) of alternate applicants will be used as needed.

Denied Status
Applicants with total points below the cutoff score will be denied and notified of their application status through Jag email. Denied applicants are encouraged to meet with the ADN Program Advisor to discuss alternative options such as:
- Applying for other programs within NAH or other Divisions
- Re-applying for the next application period
- Improving score on the application

Upon the denied applicant's request, further consultation can be scheduled with the:
- ADN Program Chair
  - Applicant can meet with the ADN Program Chair after the applicant has met with the ADN Program Advisor.
- NAH Division Dean
  - Applicant can meet with the NAH Division Dean after the applicant has met with the ADN Program Advisor and ADN Program Chair.

DOSAGE AND CALCULATION MATH EXAM OVERVIEW AND PROCEDURE

Dosage and Calculation Math Exam Overview and Procedure

Procedure Overview

Proficiency in math and dosage calculation is an integral part of safe nursing care. Students who have been selected as accepted status, will be required to achieve a 100% proficiency in one (1) of the three (3) exam attempts within two (2) weeks at the start of the semester. Once the student achieves a 100% proficiency, he/she is not required to take the remaining exams

Preparation for Students

To assist the students in preparation for the math exams, the math modules are available with the ADN Advisor or by email request at ADNinfo@southtexascollege.edu. Students can prepare for the exams by utilizing the NAH CLE tutors, attending CLE Math Workshops, and purchasing a Nursing Medication Math Book (see ADN Website, under Resources for Booklist).

Procedure for Accepted Students

- Students accepted in the ADN Program will be granted three (3) attempts on Dosage and Calculation Math Exam to achieve a 100% proficiency in one (1) of the three exam attempts. Once the student achieves a 100% proficiency on the first attempt, he/she is not required to take the remaining exams and so forth.
- The Dosage and Calculation Math Exams will be:
    1. First Attempt: fifteen (15) items for 45 minutes
    2. Second Attempt: ten (10) items for 30 minutes
    3. Third Attempt: ten (10) items for 30 minutes

- The three attempts on the Dosage and Calculation Math Exam will be scheduled within two (2) weeks at the start of the semester.
- Students must use dimensional analysis on each question (as applicable) in order to receive credit for the question and must show their work on the exam sheet.
- The exams will be administered through Respondus Lockdown Browser.
- Calculators are integrated in the Respondus Lockdown Browser.
- Cell phones and electronic devices will not be allowed while testing.
- If a student is late to any one of the exams, the student will only be allotted the remaining time on the timer to take the exam. Extra time will not be allowed.
- The math exams will be graded accordingly and students will be notified of their results via Blackboard before the 2nd and 3rd exam dates.
- Students not achieving a 100% competency on third attempt will have to complete a remediation packet and submit evidence of the remediation activity.

ADN PROGRAM COST

Click link for Program Cost https://nah.southtexascollege.edu/adn/pdf/Program-Cost.pdf

FAQ FOR HESI A2 EXAM

The HESI A2 Exam is an admission requirement for the ADN Program. The exam consists of academic exams and a personality profile that identifies the applicant's learning style. All students are required to take the exam, *no exceptions*. Total time allotted to complete the exam is 4.25 hours.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. **How do I register for HESI A2 Exam?**
   - ➢ To register for your HESI Distance Testing you will need an Evolve account. Please create your account on this website [Evolve Website.](#)
   - ➢ Log into your Evolve Account and click on "HESI Assessment Student Access"
   - ➢ Click on Distance Testing

   Note: If you wish to take the Exam with *South Texas College*, follow the steps:
   - ➢ Log on to http://studentservices.southtexascollege.edu/testing/
   - ➢ Choose exam "HESI"
   - ➢ Read the instructions regarding HESI
   - ➢ Go to the HESI Store and follow the prompts to register for the exam

   Note: If you wish to take the Exam with *Prometric*, continue the steps:
   - ➢ Click on Distance Testing Tab > Register for a Distance Exam
   - ➢ Complete the required information, check box, and click the submit button
     - o Please confirm your first and last name match your government-issued photo ID with signature
     - o Click Tab on your keyboard to populate information
     - o Enter school's department ID **199281**
     - o Select the appropriate exam

SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE-ADN DISTANCE Department ID: 199821
*IMPORTANT INFORMATION:
   - ➢ Do not use the school's department ID as your student ID when creating your student Evolve account.
   - ➢ The first and last name on your Evolve account must be the same as it appears on your government issued photo ID with signature (i.e. Driver's License or Passport). You will not be admitted into the testing lab if there is any discrepancy between what is listed on your Evolve student account and what is presented on your ID.
   - ➢ Your government issued ID must include your signature and a photo that resembles your current appearance to gain admittance into the testing center (your middle name/initial is not required).

You will receive an email Confirmation Notice indicating that you may schedule your exam. Carefully review the information contained in your Confirmation Notice. If your name is not correct, or has been changed, please contact Elsevier HESI Assessment at exameligibility@elsevier.com. Failure to do so could result in forfeiture of your testing appointment and associated fees.

PLEASE NOTE:
You will receive your Eligibility ID within 1-3 business days from our receipt of your eligibility request. Please add the following email address to your email's safe sender list to avoid delays: exameligibility@elsevier.com. If you do not see the notification, please check your spam/junk folder.

2. **How much does the HESI A2 Exam cost?**
   The price for the exam is approximately $110 with Prometric. The price for the exam with South Texas College is $70. When registering for the exam, be prepared with a Debit/Credit Card. The fee is the same if you re-test on a section or all sections.

3. **Where can I take HESI?**
   You can take HESI with *South Texas College or Prometric*. To take the HESI with South Texas College, visit the [Student Assessment Center](#) and follow the prompts or refer to question 1. To take the HESI with Prometric follow the steps on the Evolve website.

4. **What is tested?**

HESI SUBJECTS TESTED	# 0F ITMES
English Language (must take all sections of the English Language section)	

   Reading Comprehension: Provides reading scenarios in order to measure reading comprehension, identifying the main idea, finding meaning of words in context, passage comprehension, making logical inferences, etc. *Recommended time: 60 minutes*   55 items*

   Vocabulary & General Knowledge: Contains vocabulary terms that are commonly used in both general English-speaking settings and in health care fields. *Recommended time: 50 minutes*   55 items*

   Grammar: Contains basic grammar, including parts of speech, important terms and their uses, commonly occurring grammatical errors, etc. *Recommended time: 50 minutes*   55 items*

   Math

   Basic Math Skills: Focuses on math skills needed for health care fields, including basic addition, subtraction, multiplication, fractions, decimals, ratio and proportion, household measures, general math facts, etc. *Recommended time: 50 minutes*   55 items*

   Science

   Anatomy and Physiology (only): Provides coverage of general terminology and anatomical structures and systems. *Recommended time: 25 minutes*   30 items

   Personality Profile (not graded, for diagnostic purposes only)

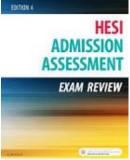   **Learning Style:** Assesses the preferred learning style. *Recommended time: 15 minutes*   14 items

   Personality Profile: Assesses personality related to preferred learning style. *Recommended time: 15 minutes*   15 items

   *Includes 50 scoring and 5 pilot items

5. **How should I prepare?**
   A study booklet is available and can be purchased at stores listed below. If it is your first-time taking HESI, it is recommended that you take BIOL2401 and BIOL2402 before taking the exam.

   HESI Admission Assessment Exam Review, latest edition, with content review and sample test questions. May be purchased at:
   - [Evolve Website](#)
   - Any major bookstore or website
   - You may also view the book at most South Texas College Center for Learning Centers (CLE)

Other resources you can use to prepare for the exam are Quizlet.com, Kahnsacademy.org, YouTube, HESI A2 apps.

6. **What scores do I have to attain on the HESI A2 Exam?**
Each <u>section</u> must be passed with a 75% or higher. Below is an example of the HESI Exam formula for the ADN Program application.

<p align="center">***Example***</p>

Section	Score
English Language Composite Score (all 7 exams)	<u>75%</u>
Science Composite Score: Anatomy & Physiology only	<u>80%</u>
Math Score	<u>88%</u>

Average score of the three sections to determine points on the application
Add 75 + 80 + 88 = 243 / 3 = 81

    HESI Points awarded based on Average
    100% - 90% = 3 points
    89% - 83% = 2 points
    82% - 75% = 1 point

7. **When will I receive my exam scores?**
Exam scores are available immediately after completion of the exam. If you are unsure if you passed your HESI Exam, please visit the ADN Advisor for clarification.

8. **Do I have to take HESI A2 if I have a Doctoral degree, Master's degree, Bachelor's degree, Associates degree, or Certificate?**
Yes, all students are required to take the exam, no exceptions.

9. **What if I don't pass the HESI A2 Exam the first time?**
You may retake the HESI Version 2 Exam after a 2-3 week waiting period. You will retest with a different version (version 2) of the exam— no student will have the same exam items twice.

If you fail the exam on the second attempt, you must wait until the next eligibility period to test. You can test for HESI A2 Exam six times per year, which is two times per eligibility period.

You can repeat the exam if you scored under 75% on a required test section and repeat that section within the same "eligibility period" as the first exam. If student decides or wishes to improve scores **(on either version 1 or version** 2), the highest score of 75% or better will be taken into consideration within the same eligibility period.
Eligibility periods are: January 1 through May 31
                           June 1 through August 31
                           September 1 through December 31

10. **Do I have to pay for the entire exam if I retest?**
Yes, the exam is the same fee whether you test for the entire exam or retest on a section(s). Please make sure you retest within the eligibility period of the first exam.

11. **How long are my A2 Exam scores valid?**
HESI scores are valid for 2 years from the time of completion.

12. **I am having technical difficulty with the website or registering for the exam?**
For technical assistance, re-activating your account, rescheduling or changes on HESI registration, contact Elsevier Client Services at 1-800-222-9570 or contact Elsevier Review & Testing via email at exameligibility@elsevier.com for further assistance.

List of Webpages and URLs

ADN Webpage

https://nah.southtexascollege.edu/adn/index.html

Admission Checklist

https://studentservices.southtexascollege.edu/checklist.html

Apply Texas

https://www.applytexas.org/adappc/gen/c_start.WBX

Board Policy 3200

Board Policy 3200 and 3320

https://admin.southtexascollege.edu/president/policies/ch3.html

Clinical Affairs Specialist

mailto:clinicalaffairs@southtexascollege.edu

Evolve Website

https://evolve.elsevier.com/

Humanities Elective Options for the Associate of Applied Science Degrees

Online Information Session

https://softchalkcloud.com/lesson/serve/8Fz5PnUsStqVgR/html

Residency Specialist

mailto:romerol@southtexascollege.edu

Student Assessment Center

https://secure.touchnet.com/C20193_ustores/web/classic/index.jsp.

TBON Application for NCLEX-RN

TBON Roster
https://nah.southtexascollege.edu/clinical_affairs_pdf/TX%20Board%20of%20Nursing%20ROSTER.pdf

Texas Board of Nursing Website
https://www.bon.texas.gov/TexasNursePortal/verifylicense.asp