



HUDSON VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE NURSING INFORMATION

Thank you for your interest in Hudson Valley Community College's (HVCC) nursing program!

Program Options

HVCC's nursing program offers several options:

The One-Year Advanced Option (NUA) is an accelerated one-year Nursing option which allows students, who possess substantial college coursework, the ability to complete the Associate of Applied Science program in one year. Students begin the program in the summer (May) and complete their studies the following May.

*Please note, the following courses need to be completed prior to enrollment for consideration into this program: English Composition I, Anatomy & Physiology I and II, Microbiology and General Psychology.

Preference for the One-Year Advanced Option will be given to those that already possess or will possess a bachelor's degree by the May start.

The Day Option (NUR) is structured as a two-year full-time model with core/clinical nursing courses beginning with the first semester when accepted to the nursing program begin the fall of the year that you begin the program. Instruction is in a fall/spring format.

The Weekend Option is structured as a two-year full-time model with core/clinical nursing courses beginning with the first fall semester. Instruction is in a fall/spring format.

The Evening Option (NIR) is structured as a four-year part-time model with core/clinical nursing courses beginning two years after the point of acceptance. The evening program may be completed in less than four years depending on transfer credit and space availability.

Additional Consideration

Please note that additional consideration may be given to veterans and those applicants who are currently employed at the local health care facilities located in Albany, Rensselaer, Schenectady or Saratoga County. If you are currently employed at one of the local health care facilities, please have your employer submit a letter to the Admissions Office (admissions@hvcc.edu) indicating support for the nursing program.

About the Program

This Nursing program is one of the most popular programs at Hudson Valley Community College, and for this reason, there are more applicants than there are spaces available. Admission to the Nursing program is considered competitive.

- The Day, Weekend and Evening programs are a **FALL start only**.
- The One-Year Advanced program is a **summer (May) start only (but the application has to be submitted to the fall term)**. If you are applying to the One-Year Advanced option, please submit a letter of intent stating why you are interested in Nursing, why HVCC and why in a one-year format to admissions@hvcc.edu separately from your application.
- **There is no spring (January) start for any Nursing program option.**
- Please note that **all** application requirements (admissions application, transcripts from high school and college and HESI-A2 Exam Scores), must be submitted to the Admissions Office by **February 1st** in order to be considered for this program.

Pre-Requisites

The following are the requirements you must meet in order to apply for the **Nursing program** (this includes all options).

In High School, with no time limit restriction, Biology, Chemistry and Algebra or one unit of equivalent math with:

- **75 or above in each prerequisite course with a passing Regents exam**
- **85 or above in each prerequisite course without passing Regents exam**
- **75 or above in each prerequisite course from out of state and out of country high schools**
- **As well as a 75 or above total cumulative high school average.**
- **Adult Education classes are considered to be non-regents and require an 85 or above to meet the requirement.**

If the above prerequisites have not been satisfied during high school, they may be taken at Hudson Valley Community College or another college, with no time limit restriction. The acceptable grades for Hudson Valley courses of these pre-requisites are a minimum of:

- **BIOL 105 or 109: Grade of C or better**
- **CHEM 095, 100 or 105: Grade of B or better for Chemistry 095 and C or better for 100 and 105**
- **MATH 099: Grade of B or better**

In addition to the above pre-requisites, the following coursework must be completed with a C or better within 5 years of the start of the program; or completed with a C or better prior to entering NUR 201:

- **Anatomy & Physiology I and II**
- **Microbiology**
- **Developmental Psychology**

Pre-requisites can be taken at other colleges. You should consult with the **Admissions Office** at Hudson Valley Community College to find out if those classes meet the minimum criteria. Generally, credit bearing pre-requisite courses will require a C or above and non-credit will require a B or above.

Health Education Systems Incorporated-A2 Admission Assessment Exam (HESI-A2)

Once you have applied with all of the pre-requisites fulfilled by the deadline, you will be notified to take the HESI-A2 Exam. **Your score on this test will determine your ranking for admission.** Applicants are allowed to take and submit up to two sets of HESI-A2 test scores. Approximately 75% or more of the applicants that meet the minimum prerequisites and take the HESI-A2 test scores test get accepted to the program. ***We require 70% in each of the subject main subject areas as well as a cumulative total score of 70% for day, weekend, evening and one-year advanced options.***

The HESI-A2 admission assessment exam is required for admission to Hudson Valley Community College's Nursing program. This intensive course will provide review instruction in the four academic areas that the test covers:

- **English: 55 test items**
Reading comprehension, Vocabulary, English (grammar, sentence structure and vocabulary)
- **Mathematics: 55 test items**
Focuses on math skills needed for health care fields, including basic addition, subtraction, multiplication, fractions, decimals, ratio and proportion, household measures, and general math facts that are useful, for example, when calculating drug dosages and solutions.
- **Science: 30 test items**
Anatomy & Physiology (coverage of general terminology and anatomical structures and systems), Biology, Chemistry
- **Learner Profile: 19 Test items**
Learning style and personality profile

Registering and Taking the HESI-A2

Use the following instructions to create a ProctorU and Evolve account in order to register and take the HESI-A2 exam.

CREATE A PROCTORU ACCOUNT

If you **DO NOT** already have a ProctorU account, go to

<https://go.proctoru.com/students/users/new?institution=2124> to sign up with an Elsevier – HESI enrollment.

If you **DO** have a ProctorU account through your institution, you'll need to add a new enrollment with Elsevier in order to take your HESI exams. To do this, follow the steps below:

1. Go to <https://go.proctoru.com/session/new> to your existing account.
2. Click the dropdown by your name in the upper right corner and **select Account Settings**.
3. Scroll to where you see Enrollments and click **Add Enrollment**.
4. Find and select ****Elsevier – HESI****.
5. Click **Update Account** at the bottom of the page.

CREATE AN EVOLVE ACCOUNT

Use the following steps to create an Evolve account and register for HESI Student Access:

1. Visit <https://evolve.elsevier.com/cs/>
2. Choose: *I am a student*.
3. Under the box that says *HESI Secured Exams*, click on the link **Register for Results and Remediation**.
4. Click on the blue **Register** button.
5. This will take you to *My Cart*. Click the blue **Checkout/Redeem** button at the bottom of the page. Now you must create an Evolve account or sign into an existing one.
6. Now, you will either create an account or sign into an existing one. Either sign in with your username and password or create one now by filling in the fields. *Note: Your username will be auto generated and will be a combination of your first initial, your last name, and a number or series of numbers.*

SCHEDULE AN EXAM ON PROCTORU

Follow these steps to make sure you schedule the right exam:

1. After creating an account, log in at www.proctoru.com/portal/elsevier-hesi and click the button that says **Schedule New Session**.
2. In the dropdown labeled "Confirm your institution," **select **Elsevier – HESI****.
3. In the dropdown labeled "Select a term," **select the name of the college or university** where you're taking your nursing course.
4. In the dropdown labeled "Select your exam," **select the option that matches this naming convention: Cohort ID/Exam Name**. For example, Spring 2020/HESI Exit Exam. *NOTE: If you are unsure what to select here, please contact your instructor.*
5. Click **Find Sessions**.
6. On the left side, select the **date and time** you'd like to take your exam. If you don't see any good options for your selected date and time, please try another date and/or time. *Note: Please schedule at least 72 hours in advance of the date/time you want to take your exam.*

DOWNLOAD THE PROCTORU EXTENSION

For the best exam experience, download the [Chrome extension](#) or the [Firefox extension](#) prior to the scheduled date and time of your exam.

CHECK YOUR EQUIPMENT

Make sure your computer meets the [minimum requirements outlined on this page](#). We strongly recommend you [test your equipment](#) before exam day. If any part of your equipment fails the test, you can start a live chat with our representatives by clicking the "Need Help? Chat Now!" button in the lower right of your account screen. You can also check out our [Exam Readiness Guide](#) to make sure you know exactly what will happen during the exam start process.

Best Practices for HESI Exams

ATTENTION: PLEASE REVIEW THE UPDATED ELSEVIER – HESI | PROCTORU EXAM RULES

Effective Date: September 6, 2022

Clean Desk Policy

All desks must be completely cleared off and free from any books, notes, drinks, snacks, etc. regardless of exam type and service line

Valid Government Issued Photo ID

All test-takers, regardless of exam type and service line, will be required to present a valid Government Issued Photo ID at the time of their exam.

Online Calculator Only

No graphing, scientific, or other handheld calculators are allowed during the exam. The HESI platform has a built-in calculator that can be used.

White Boards Only

Scratch paper will no longer be allowed. Students must use a white board or a 1 sheet of paper inside a transparency sleeve used with a dry erase marker that is to be erased at the end of the exam prior to disconnecting from ProctorU's platform.

No Headphones

No headphones/ ear plugs are to be allowed unless an accommodation is listed for the test taker by the instructor prior to the test taker's scheduled appointment.

Technical Standards

All applicants accepted into the Nursing Program must be able to meet the department's technical standards as outlined below. Hudson Valley Community College's Center for Access and Assistive Technology will provide accommodations for students with documented disabilities.

Technical Standards for Admission, Promotion and Graduation

Technical Standards are non-academic criteria used in the admission, promotion and graduation of students. Technical Standards are published discipline specific essentials critical for the safe and reasonable practice of Nursing.

Technical Standards are a concrete statement of the minimum physical, sensory/motor, communication, behavioral/social, mental/emotional and environmental requirements for normal and safe professional function. They are intended to inform the prospective student/professional of the attributes, characteristics and abilities essential to dental hygiene practice. Professional competency is the summation of many cognitive, affective and psychomotor skills. The College has a moral and ethical responsibility to select, educate and certify competent and safe students and practitioners. Patient health and safety is the sole benchmark against which we measure all performance requirements, including the Technical Standards addressed in this document.

An [Applicant Technical Standards form \(PDF\)](#) must be signed and returned to the Nursing program.

Technical Standards

- Must be able to demonstrate appropriate observation and assessment nursing care skills. Reading charts, flow sheets, monitors, and thermometers. Assessment of patient skin color, pupils, wound healing. Drawing up and administering medications.
- Must be able to demonstrate the ability to monitor and assess health needs. Auscultation of blood pressure, breath sounds, heart sounds, bowel sounds. Hearing alarms, call bells, cries for help by clients and staff. Auditory ability to converse with clients, families and co-workers. Understanding mechanically reproduced voices such as on audiotape.
- Communication abilities sufficient for interaction with others in verbal and written form. Follow verbal and written instructions.

- Clearly communicate with other health care providers by appropriately documenting the nursing interventions provided and the clients' responses. Provide effective client teaching, consult with other health care providers in a professional manner.
- Ability to meet the physical demands of providing nursing care - lifting, moving, carrying, pushing and supporting clients, equipment and other objects independently. Standing, bending, walking and sitting while working directly with clients and co-workers and documenting care. In addition to the physical capabilities required during the classroom and laboratory sessions, clinical education includes moving briskly between patient care areas, and meeting the mental and physical demands of 12-hour shifts on both day and night rotations.
- Tactile dexterity sufficient for physical assessment. Perform palpation, functions of physical examination and/or those related to therapeutic intervention, e.g. insertions of a catheter, giving injections.
- Gross and fine motor abilities sufficient to provide safe and effective nursing care. Perform vital signs, CPR, physical assessment, use equipment, hanging IVs and tube feedings, drawing up and giving injections. Demonstrate the ability to document nursing interventions and patient care.

If you have a documented disability and require reasonable accommodations to meet the technical standards, please contact the Center for Access and Assistive Technology.

For information on services for students with disabilities or if you have a question regarding these technical standards please call or write to:

DeAnne Martocci
Director, Center for Access and Assistive Technology
Siek Campus Center, Room 130
Phone: (518) 629-7154
T.D.D.: (518) 629-7596
Fax: (518) 629-4831

Please feel free to write a separate letter and to forward any reports, articles, or other information that would be helpful in providing support. NOTE: Appropriate documentation must be supplied in order to secure the requested accommodations. The completed form and related correspondence should be returned to the Center for Access and Assistive Technology, Siek Campus Center Room 130, Hudson Valley Community College, 80 Vandenberg Ave., Troy, NY 12180.