

HESI Testing and Remediation

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Purpose

To promote nursing program excellence, HESI evaluation data are used to drive the curriculum with the goal to measure student achievement of course outcomes, determine gaps in the curriculum, compare student achievement with like populations, and achieve consistently high NCLEX-RN pass rates.

Policy

1. Student signs and submits *Acknowledgement of BYU-Idaho HESI Testing and Remediation Policy* (Appendix 1) in the first semester; the document is kept in the student's permanent file.
2. The HESI exams will be counted as 20% of the total course grade (See grading conversion chart below). **A benchmark score of 850 is the standard for all specialty courses.**
 - a. Students will be allowed to take both versions of the HESI and can use their highest HESI grade for the course.
 - b. Students who score less than 850 on the first version must remediate and take the second version.
 - c. NURS 490: Students will take three HESI Exit exams throughout the semester. The average of all three HESI exams will be counted at 20% of the total course grade and entered as the final HESI score.
3. Course grades, which include exams, assignments, adaptive quizzing, and HESI scores impact student progression. In order to progress to the next semester or graduation, students must complete course assignments and earn a minimum course grade of a C- (74%).
4. Failure to take scheduled HESI exam(s) results in a zero grade for that exam.
5. Two course failures, either in a single semester or subsequent semester will result in dismissal from the BYU-Idaho Nursing program
6. Any failed course will need to be repeated based on space availability. A student will not be allowed to register for other nursing courses until a passing grade is achieved.

Grading Scale Conversion Chart

HESI Grade	Grade	HESI Grade	Grade
>1000	100%	830-839	60%
950-999	95%	800-829	50%
900-949	90%	750-799	40%
875-899	85%	700-749	30%
850-874	80%	600-699	20%
845-849	73%	500-599	10%
840-844	70%	<499	0

Remediation

1. Students who do not achieve required progression benchmarks, including the required benchmark score on any HESI exam will complete a remediation plan and contract for approval by theory course faculty. Remediation detailed in the contract will be completed within a specified time, depending on the date of the second HESI proctored exam. The student will provide the completed contract to the faculty at least 24 hours prior to the planned exam time, and with faculty approval, be eligible to sit for a second, parallel version exam. This HESI parallel re-take exam may be taken one time.
2. Students receive HESI Exam reports and correlating online remediation within 0-72 hours after exam is closed. The personal remediation plan is developed based on the HESI Exam student report.
3. Students will utilize their HESI score and resources to direct their remediation and further learning. HESI exams will be used as a predictive tool for at risk students.
4. Students must complete testing and remediation with academic integrity; use of illegally obtained test content, sharing of information and working with other students is considered academic dishonesty and may lead to student dismissal from the BSN program. The BYU-Idaho Nursing program reserves the right to nullify scores and re-administer an exam, at student expense, based on the results of an investigation indicating that student(s) may have had prior knowledge of the exam/question content.
5. To allow adequate time for remediation, faculty will allow approximately 2 weeks between the first and second HESI attempt.

Appendix 1

Student Acknowledgement of BYU-Idaho HESI Testing and Remediation Policy

- ☐ I acknowledge both receipt and understanding of the BYU-Idaho *HESI Testing and Remediation Policy*.
- ☐ I understand that I will sit for HESI Specialty exams every semester, as well as the HESI E² Exit exam at the end of the nursing program.
- ☐ I understand that course grades, which include assignments, online discussions, quizzing, and HESI scores impact my grade in the nursing program. I understand that I must achieve the minimum course grade 74% (C-) on course assignments.
- ☐ I understand that my HESI Specialty exam will be converted via the *grading scale conversion chart* and that this grade counts as 20% of my course grade.
- ☐ I understand that I will be required to create and complete a remediation contract based on my HESI Exam student report if I score ≤ 850 .
- ☐ I understand that I will be dismissed from the nursing program if I use illegally obtained test content, sharing of information regarding any HESI exam/question content.
- ☐ I understand that any failed course will need to be repeated based on space availability.
- ☐ I understand that I will not be allowed to register for other nursing courses until a passing grade is achieved.
- ☐ I understand that two course failures, either in a single semester or subsequent semester may result in dismissal from the BYU-Idaho Nursing program.

Student Name (Print): _____

Student Signature: _____

Student Advisor Name (print): _____

Date: _____

Appendix 2
Remediation Plan Contract Template

Remediation Plan and Contract			
Name		Date	
Class		HESI Attempt	
HESI Score		Re-test Date	
Remediation due		Approved by	
<input type="checkbox"/> Complete all items provided in HESI remediation			
<input type="checkbox"/> EAQ topics based on Nursing, HESI, and QSEN Concepts (List concepts below)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Case Study topics (List topics below)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional recommendations			

Return HESI remediation contract to faculty 24 hours prior to taking the exam.

Student Signature _____

Faculty Signature _____

(Student retains a copy of *Remediation Plan and Contract*; original goes in the student's file)