
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 the *Acknowledgement of BYU-Idaho HESI Testing and Remediation Policy* (Appendix 1) in their first semester.
2. The HESI exams will be weighted as 10-20% of the final course grade based on the individual nursing course. HESI provides the conversion score for each student after taking each exam and is calculated by multiplying the earned HESI score by 9%. Students will be allowed to take both versions of the specialty HESI and can use their highest score for the course grade.
 - a. **A benchmark score of 850 is the standard for all HESI specialty exams.**
 - b. Students who score **less than 850** on the first version, are highly encouraged to complete their Personalized Learning Plan (PLP) and **must** take the second version to emphasize the importance of mastering foundational knowledge and skills necessary for safe and effective nursing practice.
 - c. NURS 490: Students will take three HESI exit exams throughout the semester that will be weighted according to the course syllabi.
3. Course grades, which include assignments, adaptive quizzing, course exams and HESI exams impact student progression. In order to progress to the next semester or graduation, students must complete course assignments to achieve the minimum course grade of a C- (74%).
4. Failure to take scheduled HESI exam(s) will result in a zero grade for that exam

Remediation

1. Students should receive a HESI exam report with their conversion score and Personalized Learning Plan (PLP) within 0-24 hours after taking their exam and will utilize these resources to direct their remediation and further learning. HESI exams will be used as a predictive tool for at risk students.
2. The PLP's are recommended for all students, however those that score below the required benchmark of 850, are highly encouraged to complete their plan prior to taking the second version of the proctored HESI exam. These plans are specific to each student and the questions missed on the exam. They will contain content to review in the form of short text excerpts, osmosis videos, case studies to apply the content to a relevant patient scenario, and quiz questions to assess learning. The second version of the HESI exam may be taken one time.
3. 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 program.
4. 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 7-14 days between the first and second HESI attempts.

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 exit exams in the last semester of the nursing program.
- ☐ I understand that course grades, which include assignments, adaptive quizzing, course exams and HESI exams impact my grade and progression in the nursing program. In order to progress, I must complete course assignments to achieve the minimum course grade of a 74% (C-).
- ☐ I understand that my HESI course grade will be converted using the HESI conversion score chart (found in the course modules) and that this grade counts as 10-20% of my final grade based on the individual course.
- ☐ I understand that if I score <850, I will be highly encouraged to review and complete the Personalized Learning Plan based on my HESI exam student report prior to taking the second version of the exam.
- ☐ I understand that I may be dismissed from the nursing program if I use illegally obtained test content, share information, or work with other students regarding any HESI exam/question content.

Student Name (Print): _____

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____