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| Page 1 of 2 | HESI POLICY | Approval Date: | April 15, 2022 |
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| Policy: | <p>In addition to successful completion of coursework, students are required to participate in the Health Education Systems Incorporated (HESI) Testing Program. The HESI Testing Program includes independent review of selected nursing content and completion of standardized tests. This standardized assessment package will be used prior to admission and throughout the entire nursing program as an academic measuring tool and as a focused remediation tool.</p> <p>Specific standardized tests have been selected for progression in nursing and require attainment of a designated score. The School of Nursing Faculty and its faculty reserve the right to add new assessments when available and to require remediation assignments when needed for identified student learning needs. Mandatory participation by all Pre-licensure Nursing students is required for the HESI Testing Program and the NCLEX-RN Review course. Students who do not comply with the payment schedule will be unable to complete the assignments/testing for each course and may receive an “F” for the nursing course. All pre-licensure students are also required to attend an external NCLEX Review course offered by the VSU School of Nursing.</p> |
| Purpose: | <p>The testing program correlates with success in nursing by using scheduled exams that are required for progression. Students are required to achieve a target score (identified through psychometric analysis) on standardized tests throughout the nursing curriculum. Scores are identified through psychometric analysis as consistent with success in nursing and reflect VSU School of Nursing’s academic standards for student performance. As data on test performance is developed and as the benchmarks for academic achievement in the nursing program advance, scores may change. The actual score is also dependent upon which version of the test is administered. Students may request information regarding the required score for each test administered by contacting the School of Nursing Administrative office.</p> |
| Procedure: | <p>HESI Admission Assessment (A2) Exam</p> <p>As part of the competitive admissions process for the BSN traditional and BSN accelerated programs, the HESI A2 Exam is an <u>admission requirement</u> for all applicants. The student is responsible for ensuring the results of the HESI A2 exam have been received by the School of Nursing by the application deadline.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All applicants must complete these designated sections: Math, Reading Comprehension, Vocabulary and General Knowledge, Grammar, Anatomy |

& Physiology, Learning Style, Personality Profile, and Critical Thinking (pre- & post-program). The Undergraduate nursing program utilizes the results of the HESI A2 exam in a manner to meet the needs of each specific program. The benchmark for the exam in our program is a 75 in each of the following areas: Math, Reading Comprehension, Vocabulary and General Knowledge, Grammar, and Anatomy & Physiology.

2. Applicants have two (2) attempts to complete the HESI A2 Exam within an application cycle, with the highest score used for program selection. The scores are valid for one (1) year post examination date.

HESI Specialty Exams

HESI exams will be administered in each semester throughout the program.

1. Students will take one or two HESI exams during each semester. The exam will be scheduled by the instructor. The HESI exam 1 will be scheduled at midterm. The HESI exam 2 will be scheduled at the end of the semester.
2. HESI specialty exams will be given in
 - NURS 3102
 - NURS 3111
 - NURS 3202
 - NURS 4114
 - NURS 4124
3. The HESI Exit exam will be given in the senior 2 course NURS 4224.
4. The benchmark score for each exam is 850.
5. The conversion score for the HESI exam 2 specialty exam will be recorded as 5% of the total course grade.
6. If the student does not achieve 850 or better on the first HESI exam, he/she will be required to spend **a minimum amount of time** in HESI remediation.

| HESI Exam Score | Remediation Requirement |
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| 850 or greater | Remediation encouraged, not required |
| 750 to 849 | 3 hours of remediation |
| 650 to 749 | 4 hours of remediation |
| Less than 650 | 5 hours of remediation |

7. The HESI exam 1 results will direct the remediation plan. Begin remediation with Essential Packets first.
 - Remediation must be focused on areas of greatest weakness.
 - **STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE REMEDIATION PRIOR TO HESI EXAM 2.** This will be the students “ticket to test” for the HESI exam 2 attempt.
 - Any work completed prior to the HESI exam 1 **DOES NOT** count toward remediation time.

8. If the student does not meet the benchmark of 850 on the second HESI, the instructor will provide written referral to the SPARC Director for further remediation.

HESI Exit Exam

1. Students will take HESI EXIT EXAM twice during the capstone course (NURS 4224).
2. If the student does not achieve 850 or better on the first HESI exam, he/she will be required to spend a **minimum amount of time** in HESI remediation.

| HESI Exam Score | Remediation Requirement |
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| 850 or greater | Remediation encouraged, not required |
| 750 to 849 | 6 hours of remediation |
| 650 to 749 | 8 hours of remediation |
| Less than 650 | 10 hours of remediation |

3. The HESI Exit exam 1 results will direct the remediation plan. Begin with the Essential Packets first.
 - Remediation must be focused on areas of greatest weakness.
 - **STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE REMEDIATION PRIOR TO HESI EXAM 2.** This will be the students “ticket to test” for the HESI exam 2 attempt.
 - Any work completed prior to the HESI exam 1 **DOES NOT** count toward remediation time.
4. If the student does not meet the benchmark of 850 on the HESI Exit Exam 2, the student will meet with the SPARC director to develop a preparation plan for the NCLEX exam.