



HESI A2 Exam Policy

Nursing Admissions Assessment Exam

Admission Assessment Exam

The HESI A2 Exam is required in order to pursue entry into the CNMs Nursing Program, UNM College of Nursing and UNM Valencia's Nursing Program. A 75% score on all sub-tests and a 75% composite score are required for both CNM Nursing Program and the UNM College of Nursing. The NMNEC HESI A2 is a computerized exam consisting of six (6) sections: grammar, reading comprehension, vocabulary and general knowledge, biology, chemistry, and math. You will have 4.5 hours to complete the exam. Results of the exam are good for one (1) year. You are only allowed to take the test twice in any twelve-month period. The second attempt must be a minimum of 45 days after the first attempt. If a student does not pass the exam after two attempts, they must wait until one year from the date of their first exam attempt before they are eligible to test again.

This year UNM Valencia will be offering the HESI entrance exam September 2025 - May 2026. The exam is \$55.00 + tax. All exams will begin promptly at 9:00 am. Please be in the nursing building at least 15 minutes prior to the exam to set up and login.

Scheduling/Registration

Sign up to take the HESI A2 contact the nursing department via email vcnursing@unm.edu or call 505-925-8870. Testing will only occur on the scheduled dates listed below. A maximum of 15 students per day can register for the HESI entrance exam. After you sign up, you will receive an email to register and pay for the exam.

You **must register** for the exam; no students without registration will be allowed to take the exam. Seating is limited for each date and registration will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Seating is not guaranteed until the exam fee has been paid.

Once you have registered and paid for your exam, you will need to go to the [Elsevier HESI Registration page](#) to create your Evolve username and password. You must bring this username and password to the exam and any retests.



Location

***University of New Mexico – Valencia
280 La Entrada Rd. Los Lunas, NM 87031
(SCC 2nd floor, above nursing program)***

Check with the receptionist's desk on the 2nd floor.

Additional Information

- A photo ID is required for check-in.
- Please arrive 15 minutes prior to start of exam.
- No outside materials will be allowed (i.e. cell phones, books, notebooks, calculators, electronic devices, etc.).
- You will be provided with pencils and paper. A calculator will be available for you to use in the exam.

Nursing Classroom

The exam is conducted using the NCLEX (The nursing licensure exam) testing rules. You must have a photo ID and your cell phone in order to take the exam. You will be required to place your cell phone with your ID in a bag that will be secured. If you do not surrender your cell phone, you will not be able to take the exam. There will also be no watches, large bracelets, or hats of any kind allowed in the testing area. If you arrive wearing a watch, it will need to be placed in the bag with your cell phone. You will not be able to take any purses, backpacks, or bags with you to your computer station. It is recommended that you not bring them; however, you will be able to leave them in the Nursing classroom.

Cancellation and Rescheduling Policy

The HESI A2 Exam is non-refundable. Rescheduled exams will only be accepted in the event of a family emergency or illness. Documentation will be required, and approval will be at the discretion of UNM VC Nursing Program Director, Morgan Samp.

Please plan ahead. UNM Valencia will only test on the dates below. After those dates testing will halt until next year.



HESI Admissions Assessment Review Book:

Applicants should prepare for this exam. Link below to study material.

[eBook – HESI Admission Assessment](#) = \$36.09 (ISBN: 9780443115479)

[Print Book – HESI Admission Assessment](#) = \$43.99 (ISBN: 9780443114090)

Scheduled Exam Dates 2026

Additional dates may be add as needed

Date	Time
Monday, February 9, 2026	09:00 – 13:30
Thursday, March 5, 2026	09:00 – 13:30
Tuesday, March 17, 2026	09:00 – 13:30
Wednesday, March 18, 2026	09:00 – 13:30
Thursday, March 19, 2026	09:00 – 13:30
Monday, March 23, 2026	09:00 – 13:30
Thursday, April 9, 2026	09:00 – 13:30
Monday, April 20, 2026	09:00 – 13:30
Thursday, May 7, 2026	09:00 – 13:30
Tuesday, May 19, 2026	09:00 – 13:30