FALL 2015 ADMISSION TESTING REQUIREMENTS

Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the ADN program at MassBay CC. One of the admission requirements for this program is that you take the HESI A² Admissions Assessment examination. As a professional educational program, the ADN Program is a limited-entry program. To be considered for admission, students are required to successfully complete 1) all course prerequisites, and; 2) the designated HESI A2 entrance exam. This examination is computer-based and will only be offered at Prometric Testing Centers. This exam is not offered on any MassBay campus location.

Registering for the HESI is a multi-step process and can take up to a week to complete. This includes: 1) Set up an EVOLVE account; 2) Request a testing ID through EVOLVE; 3) Registering with Prometric for the exam. Applicants can only request a testing identification number during open test dates shown below.

Test Dates:
- Window No. 1: August 1, 2014 – December 31, 2014 (for both day and evening program admission review by 2/15/15)
- Window No. 2: January 2, 2015 – May 15, 2015 (for both day and evening program admission review by 5/30/15)

Test Versions:
- Window No. 1: HESI A² (Admissions Assessment) with Critical Thinking, Version I (A2 V-1 w/CT)
- Window No. 2: HESI A² (Admissions Assessment) with Critical Thinking, Version II (A2 V-1 w/CT)

Test Cost:
- Version I or II: $95 per test administration
- Re-test: $95 per test administration

When to Take the Exam
Students typically take the HESI A2 during the fall semester immediately prior to applying to their ADN program of choice (day or evening). Students should have completed all prerequisites, or be currently enrolled in those courses, before taking the HESI A2. Seats in MassBay’s ADN program are limited. It is recommended that you take the exam and have your application acted upon as early as possible. Discuss your readiness with your academic advisor or admissions counselor.

Please carefully read the following pages of this document for more details about how to prepare for the exam, interpreting your exam scores, and other pertinent information about the exam. If you have questions about the exam not covered in this document, please email Stephen Hartry at: shartry@massbay.edu
About the HESI Admission Assessment™ (A²)

The HESI Admission Assessment™ (A²) is an internet based, timed (4-hour), multiple choice exam evaluating your knowledge in four major categories: English language, math, science, and personality. These exams include seven academic subjects; reading comprehension, vocabulary and general knowledge, grammar, basic math skills, biology, chemistry and anatomy and physiology. The exam also has three non-academic assessments; critical thinking, learning style and personality style. Test takers should allow approximately four (4) hours to complete the examination. When you take the test, you are required to know which sections you need to take, as the test center personnel will not know. You will need the following exam sub-test modules for MassBay’s ADN program.

Math: 50-item exam. Focuses on math skills needed for health care fields, including basic addition, subtraction, multiplication, fractions, decimals, ratio and proportion, household measures, general math facts, etc.

Reading Comprehension: 50-item exam. Provides reading scenarios in order to measure reading comprehension, including: identifying the main idea, finding meaning of words in context, passage comprehension, making logical inferences, etc. The reading scenarios are provided as screen pop-ups, and students can move around the windows to see the entire scenario.

Vocabulary and General Knowledge: 50-item exam. Contains basic vocabulary terms that are commonly used in both general English speaking and in the health care fields.

Grammar: 50-item exam. Contains basic grammar, including: parts of speech, important terms and their uses in grammar, commonly occurring grammatical errors, etc.

Anatomy and Physiology (A&P): 25-item exam. Provides coverage of general terminology and anatomical structures and systems.

Biology: 25-item exam. Covers biology basics, water, biological molecules, metabolism, cells, cellular respiration, photosynthesis, etc.

Chemistry: 25-item exam. Contains test items that cover matter, chemical equations and reactions, the periodic table, atomic structure, nuclear chemistry, chemical bonding, etc.

Critical Thinking: 30 item assessment of critical thinking ability. This exam is a multiple-choice, 30-item, assessment of critical thinking ability covering five specific areas: analysis of data, argument analysis, prioritization of care, problem solving and resolution biases/ethical Dilemma. All answers are correct; however, each answer chosen reflects a different degree critical thinking skills. Scores range from 0-1000. The higher the score, the better the ability to think critically within the discipline of nursing.

Personality & Learning Styles: Uses concepts related to introversion and extroversion to classify the student’s personality style. Explanations are provided to let the student know how to use his/her personality style to be successful in a nursing education program, and offers test-taking and study tips. The style assessments are NOT required for admission to MassBay’s ADN program.

Note: Although a covered topic in the HESI Admission Exam review book, MassBay does not require applicants to take the Physics sub-test.
Why do I need to take the HESI A2 exam? One of the admission requirements for MassBay’s Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) program is that you take the HESI A2 Admission Assessment examination. MassBay’s Department of Nursing has selected the HESI A2 exam because it is specifically written as a nursing school entrance exam, and is supported by research which correlates performance on this exam with nursing school success. It is our desire to select students who have the most potential for success with nursing school.

How can I prepare for the exam? HESI publishes a review book specifically for this exam, *Evolve Reach Admission Assessment Exam Review, 3rd Edition*, Copyright 2013, by Mosby, Inc., an affiliate of Elsevier Inc. ISBN: 978-1-4557-0333-3. This book can be purchased thru Amazon or at bookstores such as Barnes and Noble, and is also available for purchase through MassBay’s bookstore. Cost is approximately $40. It offers complete content review and nearly 400 practice questions on the topics typically found on admission exams, including math, reading comprehension, vocabulary, grammar, biology, chemistry, anatomy and physiology. **Note: MassBay does not require applicants to take the Physics sub-test so you don’t need to study this section of the review book.**

Where is the exam given? The exam is only administered at Prometric Testing Centers. There are several Prometric Testing Center locations provided for you in the greater Boston and surrounding area:

- **PROMETRIC TEST CENTER No. 5331**
  930 Commonwealth Ave
  Suite LL1
  Boston, MA 02215

- **PROMETRIC TEST CENTER No. 5135**
  239 Causeway Street
  Suite 301
  Boston, MA 02114

- **PROMETRIC TEST CENTER No. 5855**
  8 NEW ENGLAND EXECUTIVE PARK
  SUITE #230
  BURLINGTON, MA 01803

- **PROMETRIC TEST CENTER No. 2504**
  800 Turnpike Street
  Suite 203
  North Andover, MA 01845

- **PROMETRIC TEST CENTER No. 5194**
  1324 Belmont Street
  Suite 103
  Brockton, MA 02301

- **PROMETRIC TEST CENTER No. 0005**
  32 Millbrook Street
  WORCESTER, MA 01606
How do I register to take the exam? To become eligible to take your HESI A2 exam at any Prometric Testing Center, please follow the steps outlined in the PDF instruction sheet accessible on our website.

MassBay’s ADN program Dept. ID is 199249

When should I arrive at the Prometric Testing Center? You should arrive at your designated Prometric location at least 30 minutes prior to your scheduled testing time for registration. If you are late in arriving, you will not be allowed to test and will forfeit your exam fee.

What do I need to bring to the exam? You should bring: (1) A Government-issued photo ID; (2) Eligibility ID; and (3) Car keys. No other items will be allowed in the testing lab. The identification document must contain your photograph. All other personal items must be locked in a locker for test security purposes, so please limit what you bring to the testing center. It is very important that you register for the exam under the same name and personal information listed on your government-issued ID. You will not be admitted into the testing lab if there is any discrepancy between what is entered into the system (by Elsevier) and what is presented on your ID. Failure to meet this requirement will result in forfeiture of your testing appointment and associated fees.

Is the test timed? Yes, the applicant will be given four (4) hours to complete all sections of the exam. At the end of 4-hours, the exam shuts off. You must attempt and complete ALL seven academic subject sub-tests and the Critical Thinking assessment within the four hour period. Otherwise, your score report will be considered incomplete. Students who have incomplete scores for any of the academic subject sub-tests, or have an incomplete score for the Critical Thinking assessment, will not be eligible for the nursing program admission review process. Please manage your allotted 4-hour test time accordingly.

Can I use a calculator for the math exam? Yes, there is a drop-down calculator on the exam screen that can be used. However, you may not use (and you should not bring) your own calculator or any other device with a calculator function.

How will I know my score? You will have immediate feedback online of the scores at the time of testing, section by section. Within a few days, your scores will be sent to the email address associated with your Evolve student account. The results will include your scores on all sections of the exam you complete as well as a break-down of your performance, and you will have access online after the exam at your Evolve Account.
What is the passing score? Admission to MassBay’s ADN program is highly competitive and is not guaranteed, even if you meet a test score criteria. Each application is evaluated on the strength of the credentials you present and judged against equally strong applications. Of course, the higher your HESI A2 score, the stronger your application becomes. A minimum HESI Admission (A2) exam score of 75% or better in all academic subtest scores is required except in Chemistry, which requires a subtest score of at least 65%.

What can I do to strengthen (remediate) my areas of knowledge after the Admission exam? Access to remediation materials is available to students after any A2 Admission Assessment Exam. The last section of the student’s individual exam score report identifies all missed questions by specialty area, topic and sub-topic. This is the information that HESI uses to create links in each student’s individualized, online remediation plan. Once a student logs into their Evolve account on the day (or two) following the exam, any test item topic the student missed on the exam will have links provided for the student to review remediation content from Elsevier textbooks. Targeted specifically to each student’s unique knowledge deficits as identified on their score reports, students receive specific feedback about subjects answered incorrectly and detailed analyses to help them bolster their performance on subsequent exams. Students don’t get access to the entire Elsevier textbooks, only to the relevant piece of content related to the item missed on the test. Students can then save these remediation knowledge materials in their personal learning folders, which can be stored electronically or printed out to facilitate your learning objectives. We STRONGLY recommend that students take advantage of these customized study materials. Please click here for step-by-step instructions on accessing your remediation content.

Can I re-take the exam? Yes. There must be a 6-month period between each exam. HESI exams are only good for two years, and then the exam must be retaken. Students are permitted to re-test at cost of $95 per test administration. Failure to wait the 6-months waiting period for retesting will result in the score being ineligible for the nursing program admission review process.

Will MassBay accept my HESI A2 score if I have taken at another college? MassBay will accept an applicant’s HESI A2 scores if the applicant has taken the exam through an approved Elsevier testing site within the previous 12-months, and if the score report indicates completion of all sections of the exam required by MassBay’s Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) program.

I've previously taken the TEAS exam, will MassBay accept my TEAS score in place of the HESI? If you have applied to another program and have taken the most recent version of the TEAS test, adjusted subtest scores of 58% or better in English, reading, science and math may be considered at the discretion of the admissions committee.

What is the exam Reschedule/Cancel Policy? To reschedule or cancel a testing appointment, you must do so at least five (5) calendar days or more prior to your appointment, or additional fees or fee forfeiture may apply. You may use the Reschedule/Cancel option on the Prometric website or call Prometric’s contact center at 1-800-481-6457. Prometric’s website is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

For Reschedule requests made thirty (30) calendar days or more prior to the appointment date, no fee is assessed. For those made less than thirty (30) days, but more than five (5) calendar days prior to the appointment date, a fee of $15.00 is assessed per request. For those made less than five (5) calendar days prior to the appointment date, a fee of $60 is assessed per request.
For Cancellations made five (5) or more calendar days prior to the appointment date, a full refund will be given. For those made less than five (5) calendar days prior to the appointment date, no refund will be given.

What if I have a disability and require a special accommodation? Special accommodations enable all candidates to test on a level playing field and can include a sign language interpreter, additional testing time, or a reader and/or recorder for sight impaired candidates. They may also include permission to bring special items into the testing room for medical purposes (i.e. food, drink, medication, devices that make sounds, etc.). Requests for special accommodations must be reasonable, approved based upon appropriate documentation, and arranged for prior to your scheduled examination. The student must provide all special accommodation documents to MassBay's Office of Disability Services for review and approval. MassBay will then submit the request for accommodations, via email, to Elsevier. Elsevier will review the request to ensure compliance with Elsevier's testing policies. Upon approval, Elsevier will provide MassBay with authorization and pricing information. MassBay will need to provide written acceptance of conditions before the student can be scheduled to test at Prometric with special accommodations. The process of applying to MassBay and registering a disability may take several weeks to a few months. There may be an additional wait period of 2 to 4 weeks to arrange your testing date once your disability has been registered. We suggest that any student requiring a special accommodation begin this process as soon as possible.

Additional Admission Requirements
A physical examination, proof of immunization status, criminal background check, and Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers (CPR) are required prior to enrollment in the program. Students will be provided with necessary information to complete these activities in the acceptance letter or during a pre-admission orientation session.