Thank you for your interest in the Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) program at MassBay Community College.

What is the HESI A2 exam? This exam 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. For more specific details about this exam, click [here](#).

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.

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

Prometric Test Center (# 5235)
27 WORMWOOD ST.
TOWER POINT
BOSTON, MA 02110
617-345-8980

Prometric Test Center (#’s 5331, 5332)
1330 BEACON ST.
SUITE 355 3RD. FLOOR
BROOKLINE, MA 02446
617-278-3970

Prometric Test Center (#5855)
8 NEW ENGLAND EXECUTIVE PARK
SUITE #230
BURLINGTON, MA 01803
781-221-7860

Prometric Test Center (#’s 5,6)
146 W. BOYLSTON DRIVE
WORCESTER, MA 01606
(508)853-7250
When am I eligible to take the exam? Review MassBay’s Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) program and acceptance requirements on the website and have met the following admission pre-requisites:

- Freshman English I (EN101) with a grade of C or higher.
- MassBay placement into College Algebra (MA102) or Pre-Calculus Mathematics (MA104) or completion of Intermediate Algebra (MA098) with a grade of C or higher.
- Completion of Chemistry I with a grade of C + or higher. (High School Chemistry or College Chemistry (CH101) within 10 years of acceptance into the nursing program.
- Successful completion of Reading Assessment Test with a score of 72 or better. Refer to the Competitive Programs Admissions Requirements.
- Completion of HL 111 Essentials of Nutrition and PS 101 Introduction to Psychology with a C or better;
- Completion of BI 115 Anatomy and Physiology I; B I 116 Anatomy and Physiology II and BI123 Fundamentals of Microbiology within a five (5) year time frame with a grade of C+ or better at the time student records are reviewed for matriculation into the nursing program. Students cannot have multiple attempts to achieve a C+ or higher in any science course within the required 5 year period. Students can repeat a science course only once.

How do I apply to MassBay for authorization to take the exam? After review of your application and transcripts, and having met the pre-requisite requirements, the applicant will be issued an acknowledgment receipt from MassBay’s Nursing Admissions Office, including information regarding the HESI A2 Exam Registration. All applicants must have an email address. If you do not have an email address, you may contact Yahoo.com or Hotmail.com to obtain a free email address.

How do I register to take the exam? To become eligible to take your HESI A2 exam at any Prometric Testing Center, you must execute three steps:

Step 1: Create your Evolve student account by accessing the Evolve/Elsevier website here.

(Click on the "Register for a HESI Exam" link (located under the Quick Links in left margin).

(Click on the green “REGISTER” button and follow the prompts to create your Evolve student account.

IMPORTANT: The name and address information you provide to obtain your Evolve student account must be the same as it appears on your government-issued photo ID. You will not be admitted into the Prometric testing center if there is any discrepancy between what it is listed on your Evolve student account and what is presented on your government-issued photo ID. The Prometric testing center staff will not make any exceptions.

Step 2: Register For Your Exam: Login to your Evolve student account and register. See document titled “How to Become Eligible” for step by step instructions to complete this process. MassBay’s Exam Eligibility (Department ID) code is: 199249.
Step 3: Schedule Your Exam at Prometric: Once you have received your exam eligibility ID from the Evolve/Elsevier, you may schedule your exam with Prometric in one of two ways:

   via http://www.prometric.com/Elsevier/default.htm

   OR

   contact Prometric’s Regional Registration Center 1-800-481-6457

**When do I receive my Evolve Eligibility ID?** You will receive your Eligibility ID in approximately 1-3 business days of receipt of your request. You will receive a Confirmation Notice via email indicating that you may schedule your exam and how to pay for the exam. Please carefully review the information contained in your Confirmation Notice. You will need to indicate that you will be taking the "RN Admissions Assessment #1" exam. If any of the information is incorrect, or if the information has changed, please contact Elsevier Review and Testing at exameligibility@elsevier.com.

**How do I make an appointment to take the exam at Prometric?** Your Confirmation Notice you received via email provides instructions on how to schedule your exam with Prometric, either online or by telephone. For complete details, please click here.

**When are the testing dates for Fall 2012 admission consideration?**
Testing for Version I: September 1, 2011 through April 2, 2012
Testing for Version II: To be Announced

**How much does the exam cost?** The cost for applicants to take the test is $90 per test administration. Payment methods available include Visa, MasterCard and American Express.

**How can I prepare for the exam?** HESI publishes a review book specifically for this exam, Evolve Reach Admission Assessment Exam Review, 2nd Edition, Copyright 2008 by Mosby, Inc., an affiliate of Elsevier Inc. This book can be purchased thru Amazon or at bookstores such as Barnes and Noble. Cost is approximately $30.

**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.
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 month, 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. Additionally, MassBay's Nursing and Admission staff will have access to your score report monthly. It is important that you take and pass the exam early enough (six weeks) to allow time for your results to be reviewed by MassBay’s Admission Staff to meet the admission deadlines. EXAM RESULTS ARE REQUIRED TO BE SUBMITTED AS A PART OF THE APPLICATION PROCESS.

How can I print my exam scores? As part of your application for admission, you must include your HESI-A2 score report. Your results will be available within two weeks of taking your exam. This is why we highly, highly recommend taking the test BEFORE .......Month/Date.

1. Ensure you have the latest Adobe Acrobat Reader installed.
2. Visit http://evolve.elsevier.com
3. Click "Student Site"
4. Log in with your Evolve username and password
5. Click "Reach Testing and Remediation"
6. Click "My Exams and Remediation"
7. Click the plus sign ("+") next to "Admission Exam Report"
8. You will see a link for each of the seven areas of the exam. Click on each area, then click "Results Report" for each area. Print out the report for each area and include each report in your admissions packet.
9. Important Note: The School of Nursing requires detailed reports from each section of the exam.

What is the passing score? There is no stated "passing score". Admission to MassBay's Associate Degree Nursing (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. HESI A2 exam scores of 75% or better in both the Science Composite (Biology, A&P, Chemistry) and the Overall Composite (all seven academic exams combined) are recommended. Consideration for admission will be given to all students whose scores are better than 60%. But, a preference is given to students who score 75% or better in both areas (Science Composite and Overall Composite), and to those students who have a score of 750 or higher in the Critical Thinking assessment.

Can I Re-Take the exam? Yes. Students can retake the exam (RN Admissions Assessment #2) a total of 4 times. There must be a 6-month period between each exam. HESI exams are only good for one year and then the exam must be retaken ONLY if previous score is under the Composite Score of 75% on the Version I exam, in both the Science Composite (Biology, A&P, Chemistry) and the Overall Composite (all seven academic exams combined). If a student fails to achieve the 75% score on the second attempt, he/she must wait one semester (6-months) in order to retest. Students are permitted to re-test at cost of $90 per test administration.
Can I take the HESI A2 if I have taken it before? Yes, MassBay’s Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) program policy allows the exam to be taken three times. A waiting period of at least 6-months is required between test dates before retesting. Failure to wait the 6-months waiting period for retesting may result in denial of acceptance. You may reschedule to take the HESI as listed above. When you receive your Eligibility ID# to schedule your retest, you will need to indicate you will be taking the RN Admissions Assessment #2. Refunds are not available if you take the wrong exam. MassBay will accept the HESI A-2 scores if the applicant has taken the exam through an approved Elsevier testing site and completed all sections of the exam required by MassBay’s Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) program.

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 website or call Prometric’s contact center at 1-200-481-6457. 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. You may use the Reschedule/Cancel option on this Web site or call Prometric’s contact center at: 800-481-6457; Prometric’s Web site is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

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.