

# Lake Michigan College Nursing Program

## HESI A2 exam and TOEFL iBT test Information Packet

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### **This packet includes:**

1. Information about the TOEFL iBT test for non-native English speaker (NNES) students

*The TOEFL iBT test is required for non-native English speaking students **only**. The TOEFL iBT must be taken **before** the HESI A2.*

2. Information on setting up the HESI A2 exam for ALL Nursing applicants

*The HESI A2 is required for **ALL** Nursing applicants.*

For more information on either of these requirements, please contact the Nursing Department at [nursing@lakemichigancollege.edu](mailto:nursing@lakemichigancollege.edu) or the Health Sciences Office at [healthsciences@lakemichigancollege.edu](mailto:healthsciences@lakemichigancollege.edu)

For Advising appointments to discuss application requirements for the Nursing program, contact Student Services at 269.927.8128

# TOEFL iBT Test Information – Nursing

## Non-native English Speaker (NNES) Students ONLY

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For all applicants planning to apply for consideration for the Fall 2020 program and onward who have learned English as a Second Language (ESL), the TOEFL is a requirement for entry into the Nursing Program. This is in addition to the HESI A2 score requirements.

**NNES students must complete the TOEFL with a minimum overall score of 84 and a Speaking minimum subscore of 26.**

**The TOEFL iBT test MUST be taken **BEFORE** the HESI A2!**

TOEFL iBT score requirements are different for the Nursing Program than for Lake Michigan College general admission. This is based on recommendations from the *National Council of State Boards of Nursing* (NCSBN) to assure that students who are admitted to the program are able to be successful and can perform their duties safely and effectively.

**What is the TOEFL iBT? Why do I need to take it?** NCSBN's recommendation regarding the English proficiency-passing standard of 84 with a minimum speaking score of 26 for TOEFL iBT is consistent with the previous passing standard recommended for TOEFL, IELTS and the level of English proficiency needed to perform entry-level nursing safely and effectively. Additionally, this recommendation is consistent with the NCSBN policy position on International Nurse Immigration, which states that "domestic and international nurses need to [be] proficient in written and spoken English skills" (NCSBN, 2009).

**How do I take the TOEFL iBT?** NNES students can sign up to take the TOEFL iBT test by going to Educational Testing Services at [www.ETS.org](http://www.ETS.org). Click on *TOEFL* from the options along the bottom of the page. When you select TOEFL, you will be taken to the TOEFL webpage. You can click on *Register for the Test*, *About the Test*, *Frequently Asked Questions*, and more. TOEFL iBT scores should be submitted to Lake Michigan College directly from Educational Testing Services (ETS). This helps to ensure that the score reports that we receive from students are authentic and properly processed.

Students must request that the test provider send **official** score reports to LMC. They can make this request either at the end of the exam for TOEFL iBT or they can contact ETS to request a copy of the score report be sent to LMC (see instructions on the ESL web page at LMC: [www.lakemichigancollege.edu/esl](http://www.lakemichigancollege.edu/esl)).

**Can I retake the TOEFL iBT?** After taking the TOEFL iBT exam for the first time, students who score below an 84 overall score and below a 26 in Speaking subscore can retake the exam for a higher score within one month of taking it the first time. After the second attempt, the student must wait at least 3 months or before the next application deadline to take the test again for a third time to reach the cut scores.

**How long are my scores valid?** Per ETS, TOEFL iBT scores are valid for up to two years.

# HESI A2 Registration Information – Nursing

## ALL Nursing Applicants

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### Information for Nursing Applicants preparing to take the HESI A2 admission assessment

- Schedule to take the HESI A2** at any of the LMC Testing Centers by going to <https://www.lakemichigancollege.edu/placement/out-of-class-testing>
  - Students must register for the exam at least 48 hours in advance.
  - The HESI A2 must be completed by the application deadline for Nursing (May 12th). It is highly recommended that students complete the HESI A2 during the fall semester before applying to the nursing program.
- Create an Evolve account:** See screen shots on the next few pages for “Registering for your HESI A2 Exam – Nursing Program”
- Once you have created an Evolve account, **call the Testing Center** at: (269) 927-6173 to obtain **a payment ID code** for the HESI A2. Once you have received the payment code, login to your Evolve account, select **HESI Assessment-Student access>Payments**. Enter your payment ID code and billing information. The cost is approximately \$50. After payment confirmation, a proof of payment statement will be displayed and stored in your account under **Payment History**.
- PREPARE!** There are many resources you can use to study for the HESI A2. LMC students are ONLY required to take the Reading Comprehension, Grammar, Vocabulary, Mathematics, and Critical Thinking portions of the exam. Please focus your studies on these areas. The LMC Benton Harbor Campus library has copies of 500 evolve reach (HESI) A2 questions to know by test day that can be checked out and used to prepare. You can also purchase the HESI Study Guide at: <https://evolve.elsevier.com/cs/product/9780323431132?role=student>
  - Other free online resources include:*
    - <http://www.mometrix.com/academy/hesi-a2-test/>
    - <https://www.test-guide.com/free-hesi-a2-practice-tests.html>
    - <https://www.testprepreview.com/hesia2.htm>
- Take the exam:** Report to the appropriate Testing Center to test
  - Benton Harbor Campus: Todd Center Room 2201
  - South Haven Campus: Room 123
  - Niles at Bertrand Crossing: Room 111

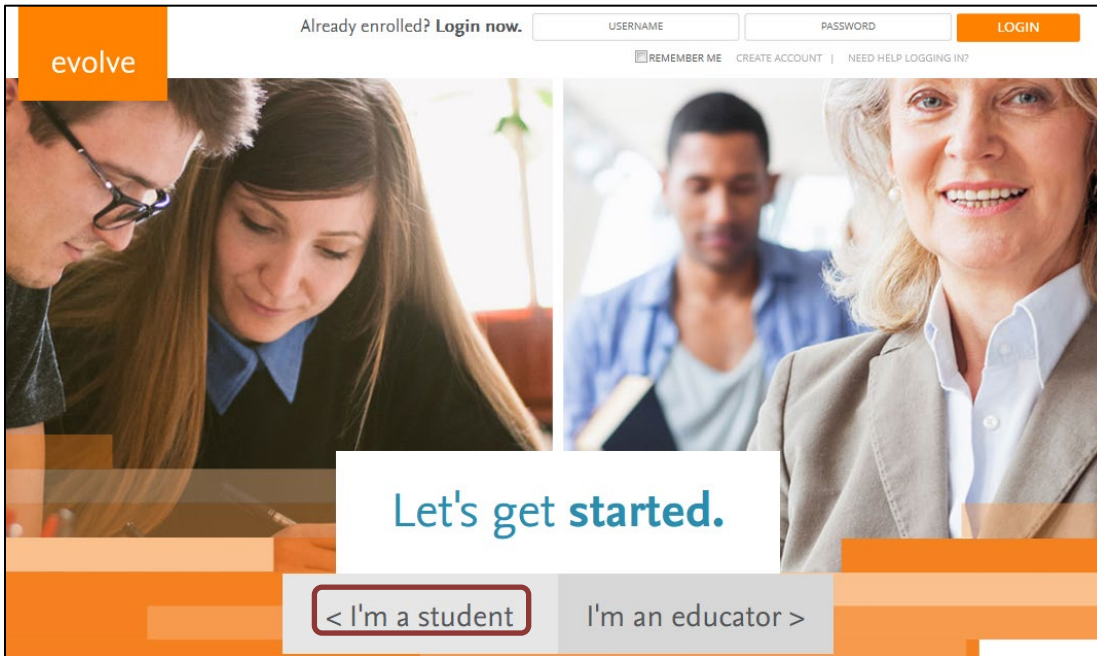
Please arrive *15 minutes before* your scheduled testing time. Students must present *a photo ID to test*; acceptable forms include passports, drivers’ licenses, or student ID cards. Once you have checked in and logged in to the exam, you will have access to the entire HESI A2 exam, but you only need to take the Reading Comprehension, Grammar, Vocabulary, Mathematics\* and Critical Thinking

portions of the exam. The exam is not timed, but it may take you approximately 3 hours to complete the exam so plan accordingly.

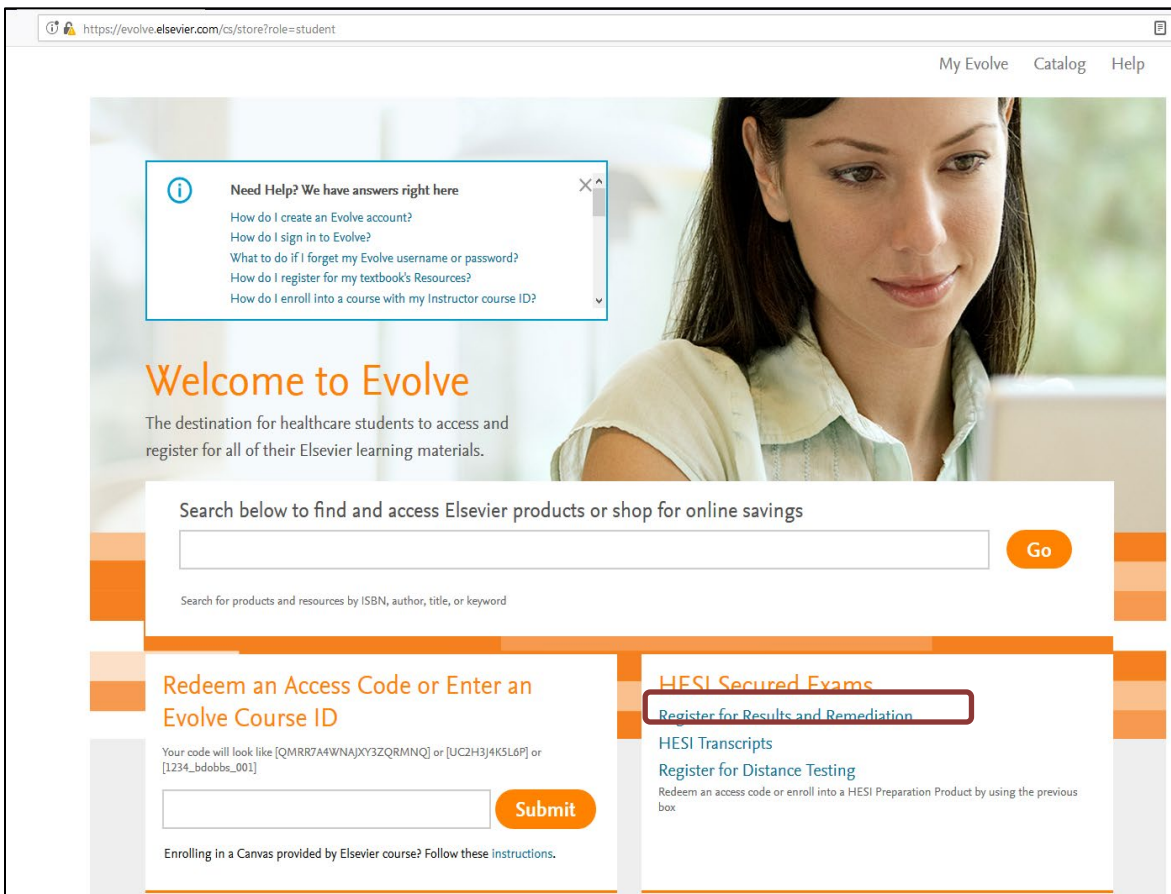
- How do I pass? Students must score a total composite score of at least 75 in order to pass and be eligible for the Nursing Program. Students will be able to see their score immediately after completing the exam. There is no minimum score required for the Critical Thinking exam. The score on this may be used to enhance your nursing application score.
- Can I retake the exam? If you do not achieve an overall composite score of 75 for the three sections (Reading Comprehension, Grammar, Mathematics and Vocabulary) you may have **ONE** opportunity to retake the **entire** exam. Even if a student scores >75 on a subtest (such as Grammar) but does not achieve an overall composite score of 75, they must take the entire exam over. We strongly recommend that you wait at least 60 days before retaking the exam. Students will be required to pay the full fee (approximately \$55) to retake the exam. Students will need to follow the procedure above to register for the second HESI A2. If you do not pass the second HESI A2, you are ineligible for admission into the nursing program.
- What if I passed the HESI A2 in the past but did not get into the nursing program, do I have to take it again? HESI A2 exam scores taken at LMC are valid for 5 years from the date they were taken. If a student took the HESI A2 at another institution, they **must** take it again at LMC for admission into the nursing program.
- Anything else I should know? Upon request, students with disabilities, with documentation on file in the Student Outreach and Support Services Office, will be provided special testing accommodations. Please contact the Testing Center to confirm accommodations once you have made your testing appointment. Students may request disability-related test accommodations through the Student Outreach and Support Services Office at (269) 927-8866.
- Questions? If you have questions about the testing process or the exam, please contact:
  - The **Health Sciences Office** at [healthsciences@lakemichigancollege.edu](mailto:healthsciences@lakemichigancollege.edu), or the **Nursing Department** at [nursing@lakemichigancollege.edu](mailto:nursing@lakemichigancollege.edu).
  - The **LMC Testing Center** at:  
(269) 927-6173 or [assessmentcenter@lakemichigancollege.edu](mailto:assessmentcenter@lakemichigancollege.edu)

# Registering for your HESI A2 Exam – Nursing Program

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- Click **Register for Results and Remediation**.



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**To add HESI Student Access to your new or existing Evolve Account, click the "Register" button.**

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The screenshot shows the 'My Cart' page on the Elsevier website. The URL is <https://evolve.elsevier.com/cs/cart/orderSummary/12415410>. The page is in the 'Confirmation' stage of the checkout process. The order number is 12415410. The cart contains one item: 'HESI Registration', priced at \$0.00. Below the item list, a yellow information box with a red border contains the following text: 'You are now registered for a student HESI account. You can access your log in credentials by clicking My Account and selecting Account Settings. When you return to My Evolve you will see a HESI Assessment section in your Content List. Click the link for Student Access to get started.' The bottom of the page shows a summary of costs: Subtotal: \$0.00, Discount/Promotion: (\$0.00), Shipping: Free, Estimated Tax (0%): \$0.00, and Total: \$0.00.

Go back to **My Evolve**. You will now see HESI Assessment in My Content

The screenshot shows the 'My Evolve' page on the Elsevier website. The URL is <https://evolve.elsevier.com/cs/myEvolve>. The page displays the 'My Content' section, which is circled in red. It includes a message: 'To add more content, visit the catalog.' and a link: 'View your back-ordered items'. Below this, there is a card for 'HESI Assessment' with a 'Student Access' link. The page also features a 'My Evolve' sidebar with options for 'My Content', 'Starred', and 'Archived'. The footer contains the Elsevier logo, copyright information (© 2018 Elsevier Inc.), and social media links.

Click on **Student Access**.

Click on **Payment** tab. Use the **payment ID code given to you by the Testing Center** to continue.

Enter your payment method and complete the remainder of the information to purchase.

**REMEMBER**: the HESI A2 MUST be completed prior to applying to the Nursing program. Allow yourself enough time to re-test if necessary. We STRONGLY ENCOURAGE students to take the HESI A2 **at least** one semester prior to applying to the program. Scores are good for 5 years, so you will not be harmed by testing early!

**Nursing program applicants planning to enter the program in Fall of 2020 and after:** the HESI A2 will now include a Math portion. All students, even those who have taken the HESI A2 previously will need to complete the Math section. The three scores for Vocabulary, Reading comprehension, and Grammar will be averaged together. Math will be scored separately. You need a score of 75 or higher in both areas in order to be eligible for the Nursing program. You still only have two attempts at the HESI A2 as a whole. If you take the Math portion separately, it will not be considered a repeat unless you do not meet the score of 75 minimum and must re-test.