

HESI A2 and Bridge Mobility Testing Consent and Regulations for Ancilla LPN to RN Bridge Nursing Program Applicants

You must schedule each test sitting at least 5 business days in advance!

✚ **Contact the Ancilla Nursing Office** for advising and course planning *as soon as possible* if you haven't already.

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Both the HESI A-2 and Bridge Mobility Exams are required for application to the LPN to RN Bridge Nursing Program!

HESI A-2 Information:

- The scores from the HESI A2 test will help you gain acceptance to the Bridge nursing program. It is better to **over-study** and achieve test scores the first time than to not study enough and need to retake it. **The test fee is \$35.** Any retakes will cost **\$35 each, regardless of whether you retake one test section or the whole test.**
- The test may be taken in separate sections, i.e. Math one week, Grammar the next week, and so on. You will only be charged the \$35 for the entire test, not each test sitting. **However, you must schedule each test sitting at least 5 business days in advance!**
- You have 90 days to complete the entire battery of tests. If you fail to complete any tests within that 90 day time table, you will need to purchase another test subset for \$35. The 90 day time limit starts from the date you take your first test.
- Any required A-2 exam score between 75%-80% will **require** students to take NR 010 Nursing Concepts. This course **must** be completed with a "pass" on the initial attempt or the student will be administratively withdrawn from the LPN to RN bridge program and will be ineligible for re-admission.

Bridge Mobility Exam Information:

- Ancilla College LPN to RN Bridge Program LPN to RN Mobility Exam recommended minimum score is 850.
- Cost of the LPN to RN Mobility Exam is **\$50.**
- **NOTE:** The **student** is responsible for taking copies of all score results from the Center for Student Achievement to the Nursing Division Administrative Assistant (Office C-136).

Students testing for application to the Ancilla College nursing program are required to read and sign below:

I have received a copy of the Bridge Mobility and A-2 testing rules and suggestions for preparation. If I violate any of the testing rules or requirements by cheating or attempting to circumvent the testing procedures, I will permanently forfeit all applications for Ancilla College nursing and health science programs.

Signed _____

Date _____

Print name _____

CSA Representative Initials: _____

Ancilla College A-2 Testing Rules:

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- Allow yourself ample time to take the tests! You are allowed 6 hours to complete any test in one sitting (including the Bridge Mobility Exam).
- The average test time is 2-4 hours for all A-2 sections. **However, there is a 2 hour time limit for taking the Essay!!** You may use a dictionary for the **Essay ONLY** and a calculator for the Math.
- If you do not pass all sections on the first take of the A-2 test (\$35 fee), you **must** retest. Any A-2 retakes will cost \$35 each, regardless of whether you retake one test section or the whole test. Prior to A-2 testing the **first** time, we strongly recommend an in-depth review using the HESI A2 Study Guide available in the Ancilla College Bookstore (\$30 approx. cost).
- If you **score below 70%** on the first take for Grammar, Reading Comprehension, or Math, you will be required to use the Accuplacer diagnostic; this is a diagnostic test (\$5 per section) that will pinpoint your areas of weakness for a particular subject. You will then be required to take the results of that test to an Ancilla College tutor and receive tutoring. Your tutoring sessions must be documented, and you can only resume testing after approval from a Center for Student Achievement staff member. You will then need to pay the \$35 retake fee for HESI.
- If you do not meet for an appropriate time with a tutor, consistently miss appointments, or choose not to use an Ancilla tutor, you will then be required to use the Advancer tutorial; this consists of a diagnostic test (\$15 per section), and a separate tutorial (\$50). Once completed and approved by the Center for Student Achievement Staff, you will then need to pay the \$35 retake fee for HESI.
- If you **score between 70-74%** on the first take any section, **you are required to see a tutor** before testing a second time. A **signed note from the tutor is required** and must be turned into a staff member in the Center for Student Achievement before testing a second time.
- If you fail the test on the **second** attempt, you will be advised to take the corresponding course(s) for remediation. You will also be unable to apply to the nursing program until the following year, with all rules in place for admission at that time. Passing scores are good for up to two years from testing the section passed date. Depending on when you took the tests, some test scores may expire at different times.
- Students may elect to re-test **ONLY** the section(s) in which they did not achieve a passing score, **or** they may re-test over all sections; however, **only the most recent** score will count towards the admissions process, **not** the highest score.
- Placement **scores between 75% and 80%** on one or more of the indicated test(s) will **require** students to take NR 010 Nursing Concepts. This course **must** be completed with a "pass" on the initial attempt or the student will be administratively withdrawn from the Nursing Program and will be ineligible for re-admission.

NOTE: You, the student, are responsible for conveying printed score results to the Nursing Department (Office C-136). You are given two copies of your score(s) after completing the test session(s). One is for your records, and one is to turn in with your Nursing application. There will be a \$5 charge for additional copies.

Scheduling note: It is important that you plan enough time to complete testing; the A-2 test takes an average of 2.5 hours to complete as does the Mobility exam. Fridays are the best days to test. Appointments must be scheduled at least 5 days in advance. The Center for Student Achievement may also designate specific testing times at the discretion of the Test Center Supervisor; in those cases, testing will be available only during those times. If you are scheduled to take for tests on one day and once you begin the tests you decide you want to reschedule one of the tests, it will be five days before you can take that rescheduled test.

Scoring:

1.) Bridge Mobility Exam:

Recommended minimum score is 850. You may only take this test ONCE!

2.) The HESI A-2 cutoff scores for the Ancilla College Nursing Program are as follows:

1. Anatomy & Physiology 75%
2. Arithmetic 75%
3. Reading Comprehension 75%
4. Vocabulary 75%
5. Grammar (sentence skills) 75%
6. Writing **15

*Scores for Learning Styles, Personality Styles, Biology, and Chemistry are required with no minimum prerequisite.

***This is a different essay than the one taken for entrance into the college or the essay required as your nursing philosophy for your application to the program.*

If the required A-2 scores are not attained:

Please see the Center for Student Achievement Lab personnel for further instructions.
Connie – ext. 364 or 302; Front Desk – 302

How to prepare:

- ✓ Begin to review **as soon as possible** for the HESI A-2 and Bridge Mobility Exams are **BOTH** required for acceptance into the Bridge nursing program!! Plan to review **extensively before** taking the tests.
- ✓ The best way to prepare for the A-2 is to purchase the HESI A2 Study Guide in the Ancilla College Bookstore (approximately \$30) or view the College Library's copy. We strongly recommend that you start early *to be **certain*** you have reviewed enough to pass the tests.
- ✓ The best way to prepare for the Bridge Mobility Exam is to study an **NCLEX-RN** review guide. You may purchase or request a copy from the Ancilla College Library Reserves: see the librarian. We strongly recommend that you start early *to be **certain*** you have reviewed enough to achieve the recommended score.
- ✓ Since the HESI A-2 contains questions over basic skills, FREE handouts available from the Center for Student Achievement (or online at <http://www.ancilla.edu/student-life/placement-testing.htm>) can be used to review. These reviews, however, **do not** present questions the same way the HESI A-2 will, and the HESI A-2 contains questions over subjects other than basic skills. Therefore, **you are strongly encouraged to use the HESI A-2 Study Guide in addition to these free handouts.**
- ✓ The Center for Student Achievement also has study guides for the Anatomy & Physiology test. (If you have taken A&P I and II at Ancilla, please retain the study guides used in those classes, as they are the same as those in the CSA.) Any Anatomy & Physiology textbook will help you in filling out the study guides. There are ten study guides total. Manage your study time well and focus most on material that is unclear.
- ✓ An excellent web-based source of basic grammar skills reviews can be found at: <http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/index2.htm>. This site will help you pinpoint the area(s) you need to refresh. The most common areas that require practice are: comma splices, run-on sentences, modifiers and their placement, noun-verb agreement, subject-verb agreement, and dependent/independent clauses.