



# TENNESSEE COLLEGE OF APPLIED TECHNOLOGY

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## MURFREESBORO

## Allied Health HESI Exam Instruction Guide

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### Pre-Register Process

The Tennessee College of Applied Technology – Murfreesboro’s Allied Health programs incorporate the HESI exam by Elsevier as an entrance exam. To be selected to enroll for the Dental Assisting, Central Sterile Processing Technician, Surgical Technology, or Practical Nursing program as a student, you must take and pass the HESI entrance exam. There are two types of exams that we offer depending upon which class you plan to enroll:

- HP Admission Assessment (A2):  
Dental Assisting and Central Sterile Processing Technician
- PN Admissions Assessment with Critical Thinking (A2):  
Surgical Technology and Practical Nursing

**NOTE:** We cannot transfer your scores from one test to another nor give you a test you did not pay for. If you would like to test for a different program that required a different test, you must pay for the full test again. Partial tests are unavailable for these exams. If you would like to test a specific section of the exam, you must pay for the full exam.

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### How to Schedule Your Exam

Scheduling is completed on a first come, first served basis. To schedule a HESI exam, call Cindy Knierim at 615-898-8010 Ext. 219. The maximum capacity of the Murfreesboro Campus Tech Foundation room is

20; however, due to safety concerns, this limit may be significantly lowered. If the maximum capacity is reached for date and time, you will be unable to test that day and will be asked to select a different date and time.

**The HESI Admissions Exam must be scheduled and paid for 24 hours in advance by calling the College at 615-898-8010 – Extension 129 for Scheduling – Extension 200 for Making Payment.**

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## Proctor Information

The Murfreesboro Campus proctor is Brandon Davis. The test proctor is NOT authorized to schedule the HESI exam. For additional questions about the exam, email [Brandon.Davis@TCATMurfreesboro.edu](mailto:Brandon.Davis@TCATMurfreesboro.edu) or call him at 615-898-8010 Ext. 115.

These resources may be helpful in preparation for taking the HESI exam:

- HESI Admission Assessment Exam Review, 5th Edition ISBN 9780323582261
- [Free Study Guide for the HESI Exam \(Updated 2023\) \(uniontestprep.com\)](#)
- <https://www.youtube.com/@MathwithMrJ/playlists> (fractions, ratios, etc.)
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RQc0adtgc60> (conversion of customary units of capacity)
- [www.Khanacademy.org/math/pre-algebra](http://www.Khanacademy.org/math/pre-algebra) for extra practice with some math skills
- <https://www.hesia2practicetest.com/hesi-a2-math-practice-test/> for a practice test
- [www.purplemath.com](http://www.purplemath.com)
- YouTube videos for help with specific issues (i.e., fractions)

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## Exam Day

**You must arrive on campus and check in with the receptionist by your assigned scheduled time to be able to take the exam.**

On the day of your exam, please bring with you the following items:

- One (1) valid form of ID containing your picture and a signature. Examples include but are not limited to:
  - Government-issued driver's license, including temporary license
  - Military ID
  - U.S. Learner's Permit

\*\*\*Do **NOT** bring any personal belongings with you to take the exam!\*\*\*

- Proof of purchase of your HESI exam (typically a receipt issued by the College)

\*\*\*We cannot accept a receipt for the exam purchased from another college\*\*\*

The College will provide pencils, scratch paper, and a basic calculator. You are **not permitted** to use your own calculator during the HESI assessment.

**NOTE:** Any usage or attempt of usage of a personal calculator, a cell phone, personal scratch paper, or any other electronic device not authorized by the College will result in your test being terminated and you will be asked to leave the campus. It is up to the discretion of the testing Proctor, the Vice President, and President of the College to allow you to retest in the future should your test be terminated.

The HESI exams provided by the College are time-limited. You will have **2 hours, 30 minutes** to complete the exam.

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## Rescheduling Your Exam

The College may allow you to reschedule your exam provided that all the following conditions are met:

- You are rescheduling at least **48 hours** in advance of the day of the test.
- The day you wish to reschedule to has an available slot on the posted schedule.

Ultimately, the College reserves the right to deny your rescheduling request, but we will attempt to accommodate testers as much as possible. If you are unable to reschedule your exam and you miss your scheduled testing date, you will have to pay for the exam again if you wish to take it in the future.

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## After Your Exam

After your HESI exam is complete, your score report will be printed by the Proctor. The Proctor will go over the scores with you and will allow you to ask questions if needed.

The current passing scores for the College programs are as follows:

| Program                               | Mathematics | Reading Comprehension | Critical Thinking |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Dental Assisting                      | 50          | 60                    | Not Required      |
| Central Sterile Processing Technician | 40          | 60                    | Not Required      |
| Surgical Technology                   | 70          | 70                    | Required          |
| Practical Nursing                     | 80          | 80                    | Required          |

**NOTE:** Critical Thinking does not have a set pass score. The use of this score is determined by the program instructor.

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## Testing Schedule

If you would like to retake the HESI exam, you may do so after your test is complete by calling Cindy Knierim at 615-898-8010 Ext. 129. Any score on the test that is above the passing threshold will be held for **two (2) years** by the College.

The Testing Schedule is subject to change without notice. This document is located at <https://www.tcatmurfreesboro.edu> under Future Students > Admissions > Placement Tests & Transfer Credits.

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