SAN JACINTO COLLEGE CENTRAL

Associate Degree Nursing Program Admission Criteria

Students applying for admission to the Associate Degree Nursing program must complete the following items:

1. San Jacinto College Application. (www.sanjac.edu)
2. Submit official copies of all non-San Jacinto College transcripts. (Office of Enrollment Services)
3. Program prerequisites (allowed no more than two in progress)
4. Associate Degree Nursing Program Application. (www.sanjac.edu/nursing)
5. HESI A2 Admission Test (http://www.sanjac.edu/node/6651)
6. Valid receipt of Criminal Background Check and Drug Screening (must be completed during application period).

Please carefully read details below:

(1) Application for Admission to San Jacinto College via our website at www.sjcd.edu (provided online).

(2) Official transcripts:

(A) High school graduates and GED recipients, never having attended college, must have an official transcript from their high school or GED testing center mailed directly to the Central Campus Office of Enrollment Services. Applicants enrolled in their senior year of high school should contact the Central Campus Office of Enrollment Services regarding transcript requirements.

(B) College transcripts – Applicants must have official transcripts from all colleges previously attended mailed directly to the Central Campus Office of Enrollment Services. Transcripts should be requested as soon as possible; do not wait until the application period beginning dates of April 1st or September 1st to request transcripts. All courses completed outside the San Jacinto College District should be evaluated by enrollment services, a Transcript Evaluation form can be downloaded from the San Jacinto College website. A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 is required for all applicants.

(3) Completion of the following pre-requisite courses:

ENGL 1301 Composition I

MATH 1314 College Algebra OR MATH 1333 Contemporary Mathematics for Technical Programs (or higher level MATH course)

BIOL 2401 Human Anatomy and Physiology I*

BIOL 2402 Human Anatomy and Physiology II*

BIOL 2420 Microbiology and Pathology* (or BIOL 2421 Introductory Microbiology*)
*Biology courses must be taken within the last five years with no grade less than a “C. If you receive 2 or more grades of ‘D’ or ‘F’ in a Biology course, you must wait five years to apply for the ADN Program.

+ Earning one ‘D’ or ‘F’ in a Biology course will result in Probationary Admission.

(4) Associate Degree Nursing Program Application (provided online) during application periods at www.sanjac.edu/nursing.

(5) Official test scores – Applicants seeking admission must submit official HESI scores to the Central Campus Office of Enrollment Services during the application period. A composite score of 75% and a score of 75% in EACH section is required. The Learning Styles sections is also required but will not be used in determining admission. Please visit http://www.sanjac.edu/node/6651 (Testing Center - HESI website) for available test dates on campus.

(6) To be completed via PreCheck, Inc. and Deer Park Family Clinic, respectively. (See page 3)

Note: To ensure accuracy, identify all names used at prior institutions that may differ from the name submitted on the ADN Program Application.

**Selection Criteria**

Students who apply for admission to the Associate Degree Nursing program will be selected on the basis of the highest scores on the Admission Scoring Rubric (page 9). *A minimum overall and prerequisite 2.5 GPA is required.* Students are strongly encouraged to contact an Admissions Counselor in the counseling center to assist with the Nursing Admission process. Please contact the counseling office at (281) 998-6150 extension 1014.

Students must apply for admission to the Associate Degree Nursing program by submitting an application (available only during the application period at www.sanjac.edu/nursing) and all required official documents at the same time to the Central Campus Office of Enrollment Services during the application period stated below:

**Application Periods**

**April 1 – June 1: Fall Term**

**September 1 – November 1: Spring Term**


**Transcripts and Test Scores**

Students should request transcripts and test scores be mailed directly to the Central Campus Office of Enrollment Services as soon as possible. You will need to fill out a Transcript Evaluation Form if transferring any courses. Do not send documents to the North Campus or the South Campus. It is imperative the Central Campus Office of Enrollment Services be made aware of all names utilized on prior documents if names differ from the Associate Degree Nursing General/Transition Applications.

**Criminal Background and Drug Screening**

A drug screening **WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS** will be required prior to admission. You must go to Deer Park Family Clinic, **during the application period**, for your screening. The address is 2910 Center Street, Deer Park, Texas; phone number: 281-479-5941. Please tell them you are a potential San Jacinto College Central Nursing student so we will get the results. The cost of this screening is $25.00. You will be required to have a picture I.D. and your social security number. **Turn in receipt to Enrollment Services.**

A criminal background check **WITH A CLEAR RECORD** will be required before you will be considered for admission. You will need to request this from PreCheck, Inc. **During the application period**, go to [www.precheck.com](http://www.precheck.com) → click on ‘Student Check’ on the right → click on ‘Order Student Background Check’ (above and to the left of ‘Student Check’) → under School, select San Jacinto College Central–Nursing → under Program, select ‘Nursing’ → Click ‘Submit’. The cost of the background check is $52.50. **Turn in receipt to Enrollment Services.**

*If you believe your background check will reflect on you negatively, you must complete a Declaratory Order Form via [http://www.bon.state.tx.us/olv/pdfs/DOapp.pdf](http://www.bon.state.tx.us/olv/pdfs/DOapp.pdf). The response letter from the Texas Board of Nursing must be submitted to the Associate Degree Nursing Office before the end of the application period.*

**Health**

After students have been selected by the above procedure, a physical examination must be passed prior to entry into the program. This exam must be consistent with the policies of the teaching hospitals or agencies to which they are assigned for clinical experience. Physical exams may be scheduled with a private physician utilizing the forms issued by the Associate Degree Nursing Program upon acceptance. The examination must demonstrate that the student is physically fit, free from communicable diseases and immune (*proven by titers*) to Rubella, Measles, Mumps, and Varicella, Hepatitis A and Hepatitis B. Also required are updated Tetanus (less than 5 years), yearly TB screenings and flu vaccines during flu season.

All students admitted to a health science program are expected to maintain the highest personal standards of conduct consistent with the professional standards as perceived by the Associate Degree Nursing faculty and professional personnel in the agencies used as extended campus sites. Any information indicating that such standards are not maintained is subject to review by faculty and may result in a recommendation to the College for dismissal from the program. Evidence of physical and emotional fitness upon admission and throughout the program is expected and is subject to review by the Associate Degree Nursing Department and medical opinion or policy of hospitals/agencies which are used as extended campus sites for assigned educational experience.
Nursing Admissions- HESI Testing

Testing Logistics

The HESI is a computerized test with a maximum of 3.5 hours allowed to complete the entire examination. Candidates must be aware each question has a different point value. It is suggested that an applicant supply an answer for each test question; however, two individuals who have the same number of correct answers may earn a different overall score based on the weight of the test questions.

An applicant must achieve a minimum score of 75% on each individual test.

Applicants may only repeat the test once (Version 2) if they do not achieve the minimum test score(s) on Version 1 in a given academic year (September 1 – August 31).

Applicants are encouraged to utilize the HESI Admission Assessment Study Guide when preparing for the examination. The HESI Admission Assessment Study Guide may be purchased at the official HESI website (http://www.us.elsevierhealth.com/product.jsp?sid=&lid=&isbn=9781416056355&sgCountry=US&isbn=9781416056355).

San Jacinto College Central offers the HESI Test before and during each application period. It is strongly suggested you take the HESI Test on the Central campus; however, you may take it at any other location as long as you complete all sections required and use your Evolve account to have official transcripts emailed to tiffany.newby@sjcd.edu. Should you decided to take the test at an alternate location, The san Jacinto College Central Department ID is 198971.

Critical Information

Upon completion of a test, an instant score report will be displayed. THE TESTING CENTER WILL NOT INTERPRET OR ADVISE APPLICANTS REGARDING HESI TEST RESULTS. Comprehensive test score reports will be emailed to individual applicants by HESI. Applicants may also obtain an official HESI transcript by accessing individual student accounts at the HESI website (http://evolve.elsevier.com/staticPages/s_index.html).
HESI A2 Exam – Required Sections

**Reading Comprehension**
This examination contains reading scenarios related to health care topics which measure the applicants reading comprehension, ability to identify the main idea, determining the meaning of words in context, making logical inferences, etc.

*A minimum score of 75% is required.*

**Note: This includes all subsections of Reading Comprehension → 1) Meaning-Word Use 2) Conclusions 3) Implications and 4) Understanding**

**Vocabulary**
This examination contains vocabulary terms that are commonly used in both general English speaking and in health care fields.

*A minimum score of 75% is required.*

**Grammar**
This examination contains basic grammar, including parts of speech, important terms and their uses in grammar, commonly occurring grammatical errors, etc.

*A minimum score of 75% is required.*

**SCIENCE**

**Biology**
This examination covers biology basics including water, biological molecules, metabolism, cells, cellular respiration, photosynthesis, etc.

*A minimum score of 75% is required.*

**Anatomy & Physiology**
This examination contains test items reviewing general terminology and anatomical structures and systems.

*A minimum score of 75% is required.*

**MATH**
This exam includes items related to math concepts required for health care fields including addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, fractions, decimals, ratio and proportion, household measures, and general math facts (Roman numerals, military time, etc.).

*A minimum score of 75% is required.*

**Learning Styles**
This assessment determines the preferred learning style of the applicant and offers test-taking and study tips best suited for the individual's learning style and relates these recommendations to nursing curricula. *Not used in determining acceptance into the ADN Program.*
HESI A2: Frequently Asked Questions

- HESI scores are valid for three (3) years.
- Your highest scores are accepted.
- The test can only be taken twice during an academic year (September 1- August 31). If the test is taken more than twice in an application period, the first test scores will be used for application scoring purposes.
- The cost of the test is $74 on campus ($34.00 to order the test on the HESI site, and $40 for the Testing Center proctor fee). Obtaining testing costs elsewhere is the responsibility of the applicant.
- A minimum score of 75 on the tests are required before applying to the program.
- The test MUST be completed at least 1 week prior to the application deadline.
- Students must bring proof of registration and payment to the Testing Center.

1. What are my responsibilities prior to testing?

You are required to set up an account before visiting the Testing Center. This can be done via https://www.hesiinet.com/. Click on ‘Take My Exam’ → Click on ‘Don't Have a Evolve Username?’ → Click on ‘Register for Evolve Testing and Remediation’. After filling in your personal information, you will be given your user name and password.

2. What do I need to bring to the exam?

- Photo ID
- Pen & Pencil
- Wear layered clothing that will allow you to be comfortable in any room temperature.

3. How can I prepare?

Review related class notes and/or nursing entrance exam review books. HESI publishes a review book specifically for this exam. If you have taken the exam previously, you can review content related to missed items through the website: http://www.hesiinet.com

HESI Information

Does the Testing Center have study materials available for the HESI exam?

The Testing Center does not have study materials available for the HESI exam; however, the study guide for Evolve Reach Admission Assessment Exam Review (HESI A2) can be purchased online.

How do I register to take the HESI exam? Is there a form I can mail in?

1. Pre-registration on the Evolve site (see #1 on page 6) with a fee of $34.
2. $40 payment is required to register at the San Jacinto Testing Center. Examinees must register in person at the Testing Center. You cannot schedule with the San Jacinto Testing Center by phone or online for this exam.
To register in person, you must first visit the Testing Center and provide proof of your account creation on the Evolve website before you will be given the opportunity to sign up for the HESI on campus. You will then pay the $40 fee at the Business Office. Payment can be made by cash, check or money order (payable to SJCD), Visa, or MasterCard. Your appointment will be confirmed, in person, upon providing your receipt to the staff in the Testing Center.

Seating is limited on each exam date, thus we recommend registering well in advance of the date you prefer to test if it is close to the application deadline.

When is the HESI exam given?

See the testing schedule (http://www.sanjac.edu/node/6651) for dates available at the San Jacinto College Testing Center or one of the listed sites. The HESI exam will be administered several times prior to each application deadline.

How much time should I plan to spend taking the HESI exam?

There is a 3.5 hour time limit that begins when instructions are read to examinees. However, the average time utilized to complete the exam is two and a half to three hours. This can and will vary.

What do I need to bring with me on the day I am scheduled to test?

Please arrive no later than 15 minutes prior to your scheduled appointment for check-in. You will be required to have your Evolve Account Username and Password to take the test. Please memorize or write them down. All examinees must have photo ID on the day of exam to be admitted. Scratch paper and pencils will be supplied for examinees.

Can I bring a calculator to use on the exam?

Outside calculators are not permitted. A calculator is built into the HESI software and scratch paper is provided.

What if I need to reschedule prior to my scheduled appointment? What if something comes up and I miss my scheduled appointment?

The Testing center does not allow rescheduling. When you schedule a test date at the Testing Center, you will be required to sign a document stating you understand this. You are not allowed to reschedule.

I didn't score high enough to apply for the nursing program. How soon can I retest?

If you wish to take the exam on the Central Campus, you have authorization to retest on the next available test date. Again, you are only permitted to take it twice during one academic year (September 1 – August 1).
ALL applicants to the Associate Degree Nursing program

will be notified by email regarding their program admission status.

Applicants not selected for admission to the Associate Degree Nursing program must reapply the following application period. Applicants accepted for admission, but failing to enroll in courses, must also reapply.

Please make copies of all documents submitted. It is the responsibility of every applicant to monitor the process and determine the Central Campus Office of Enrollment Services has received all documentation and the applicant has been included in the applicant pool for selection to the nursing program. It is strongly recommended applicants contact the Central Campus Office of Enrollment Services monthly to monitor the status of their documentation. Do not mail a request form for required documentation and assume the documents will arrive by the cut-off date.

The Central Campus Office of Enrollment Services must receive all documentation by 5:00 p.m. on the date of the close of the application period. Applicants missing documentation after 5:00 p.m. on the date of the close of the application period will not be included in the applicant pool.

Meeting minimum requirements does not guarantee admission into the Associate Degree Nursing Program.

Please make sure you closely monitor your email account 4-5 weeks after the application period closes. This includes your Spam/Junk folders. Your emailed acceptance/denial letter will come from tiffany.newby@sjcd.edu. Please add this email address to your ‘Contact’ or ‘Safe Senders’ list on your email account.
## Associate Degree Nursing Admission Scoring Rubric

**The minimum score required to apply is 5. The maximum score possible is 30.**

### 1. Grades:

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### 2. If you repeated BIOL 2401/2402/2420/2421 due to a "D" or "F" grade, subtract 2 points for each course repeated.

| Points | -2 |

If you have 2 or more failures in BIOL 2401/2402/2420/2421, you are not eligible to apply to the program until 5 years (after the most recent failure) have passed. *Example: Failures in Fall 2007 or later render you ineligible to apply for Fall 2012.*

If you have 2 or more failures in any RNSG course, you are not eligible to apply to the program until 2 years (after the most recent failure) have passed. *Example: Failures in Fall 2010 or later render you ineligible to apply for Fall 2012.*

### 3. HESI Exam

**Must have a 75% on all areas of the HESI exam.**

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