

NORTHWOOD TECHNICAL COLLEGE  
ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING  
STUDENT POLICIES

## **HESI TESTING AND REMEDIATION POLICY**

All students enrolled in the Northwood Technical College nursing program will take assigned nationally normed Health Education Systems, Inc. (HESI) specialty exams in each course and a Registered Nurse (RN) Exit Exam in a course in the final semester of the program. HESI specialty exams are designed to measure the student's ability to apply concepts related to specific clinical nursing content areas. They are used to prepare the nursing students for the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX), the final exam to becoming a Registered Nurse. Research demonstrates students scoring above 900 on the HESI RN Exit Exam are highly predictive of NCLEX success. To prepare for the comprehensive RN Exit Exam, students are required to remediate after each specialty exam according to the prescribed plan of study that accompanies the HESI feedback. Students must provide documentation of remediation after each specialty exam.

**Purpose:** The purpose of remediation is to improve student's critical thinking, reasoning skills, and test taking strategies to achieve NCLEX success.

Following HESI Specialty and Exit Exams, students are required to remediate, and the remediation requirements are dependent on each individual student's HESI score for each exam. HESI Exam Scores can be indicative of the student's level of risk for success in the program and on NCLEX. Students with lower HESI scores require more intense remediation.

**Procedure:** Students, faculty, and appropriate staff will use the following guidelines for all testing remediation. Students receive their HESI Exam reports and correlating online remediation within 48 hours of the exam being closed. From their HESI Exam student report, students can develop their personal plan for remediation using the following guidelines unless otherwise instructed.

**Specialty examinations:** Exams are administered in various nursing courses. Prior to taking a proctored specialty exam, students will complete EAQs in the specialty area and review provided rationale to assist in preparing for the proctored exam. The students also take the HESI Practice tests to assist in preparing them for the specialty exams. Students can also create individualized quizzes (EAQs) based on personal progress. Following proctored test administration, students receive a score and an online remediation plan for each question missed. Remediation for each question has multiple content items and may include practice questions. Students must spend the amount of time listed below in online remediation. Students may also add the content area reviews to their individual study plans for future remediation. However, evidence of remediation and time (hours spent) *must be in the online content areas* to be tracked.

**HESI RN Exit examination:** The HESI RN Exit examination is administered in the Transitions course. An online remediation plan is developed for each question missed. All students must remediate according to the following guidelines and submit proof of remediation before taking a second exit examination. Students should aim for a 900 or higher benchmark score on the HESI exam before sitting for the NCLEX examination.

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**HESI Exam Points**

Students will be awarded 100% of assigned class points for each specialty or exit exam if a score of 900 or above is achieved on the first attempt of the exam. All students will remediate according to the following guidelines and retake a second version of the exam, as applicable. Please see the course syllabus for specific grading details.

**Student Remediation Plans based on HESI scores are as follows:**

HESI Score 900 and above	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Remediation is not required when student scores above 900 on Version 1 or Version 2 of the HESI Specialty exams.</li> </ol>
HESI Score 800 – 899	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Complete online remediation provided in HESI Student Access specific to the Exam. A minimum of one hour of study is required. *</li> <li>2. Develop two 15-question custom quizzes in Evolve Adaptive Quizzing in two content areas of weakness based on your HESI Exam Student Report. Continue to take quizzes in that content area until 80% correct is achieved. **One quiz must address the content area of the exam. For example: HESI Specialty Maternity - content Labor and Delivery.</li> </ol>
HESI Score 700 – 799	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Complete online remediation provided in HESI Student Access specific to the Exam. A minimum of two hours of study is required.*</li> <li>2. Develop three 15-question custom quizzes in Evolve Adaptive Quizzing in three content areas of weakness based on your HESI Exam Student Report. Continue to take quizzes in that content area until 80% correct is achieved.** One quiz must address the content area of the exam. For example: HESI Specialty Maternity - content Labor and Delivery.</li> </ol>
HESI Score 600 – 699	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Complete online remediation provided in HESI Student Access specific to the Exam. A minimum of three hours is required.*</li> <li>2. Develop four 15-question custom quizzes in Evolve Adaptive Quizzing in four content areas of weakness based on your HESI Exam Student Report. Continue to take quizzes in that content area until 80% correct is achieved.** One quiz must address the content area of the exam. For example: HESI Specialty Maternity - content Labor and Delivery.</li> </ol>
HESI Score 599 or below	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Complete online remediation provided in HESI Student Access specific to the Exam. A minimum of four hours is required.*</li> <li>2. Develop five 15-question custom quizzes in Evolve Adaptive Quizzing in five content areas of weakness based on your HESI Exam Student Report. Continue to take quizzes in that content area until 80% correct is achieved.** One quiz must address the content area of the exam. For example: HESI Specialty Maternity - content Labor and Delivery.</li> </ol>

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\*Students must be logged into their HESI Student Access account and the online test-specific remediation content for the number of hours specified. Do not print and log out of HESI remediation to study. Time spent in remediation content is monitored and students can break up the required remediation hours into multiple sessions.

\*\*When using Elsevier Adaptive Quizzing (EAQs) as remediation after HESI exams, use Custom Exams and not Mastery Exams. Additionally, it is advised that only one content area be selected for each weakness area (as opposed to combining multiple topic areas into a quiz with more questions).

\*\*\* Faculty will not check HESI remediation time until HESI remediation is submitted. It is the student's responsibility to keep track of their remediation time.

**Specialty Exam Grading for Exams in which only 1 Attempt is Allowed**

If the student does not take the exam, they will be unable to meet the course competencies. If a student has an extenuating circumstance for missing the exam, they must discuss this with their instructor as soon as possible as to retake the exam.

Failure to turn in remediation by the due date will result in: Full remediation (4 hours of online remediation and 5 EAQs). It will not go by their score. If remediation is not submitted by the final due date provided the course instructor, the student will either withdraw from or fail the course as they will be unable to meet the course competencies.

900 or over you will receive 10 points or equivalent of 100% upon successful completion of remediation by due date.

800-899 you will receive 9 points or equivalent of 90% upon successful completion of remediation by due date.

700-799 you will receive 8 points or equivalent of 80% upon successful completion of remediation by due date.

600-699 you will receive 7 points or equivalent of 70% upon successful completion of remediation by due date.

599 or below you will receive 6 points or equivalent of 60% upon successful completion of remediation by due date.

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**Specialty Exam Grading for Exams in which 2 Attempts are Allowed**

If the student does not take the exam, they will be unable to meet the course competencies. If a student has an extenuating circumstance for missing the exam, they must discuss this with their instructor as soon as possible as to retake the exam.

If the first attempt 900 or over, the student will receive 10 points or equivalent of 100%. No remediation is required.

All others must complete remediation prior to a second attempt by the due date. If remediation for attempt 1 is not completed by the due date, the student will not meet the course competencies and will need to withdraw. If remediation is due after the withdrawal date, the student will fail the course for not meeting the course competencies.

Students will only get two attempts on a specialty exam with two versions. Students will remediate again following their second attempt based on their score.

- 2nd attempt 900 or over—Student will receive 9 points or equivalent of 90% upon successful completion of remediation by due date.
- 2nd attempt 800-899—Student will receive 8 points or equivalent of 80% upon successful completion of remediation by due date.
- 2nd attempt 700-799—Student will receive 7 points or equivalent of 70% upon successful completion of remediation by due date.
- 2nd attempt 600-699—Student will receive 6 points or equivalent of 60% upon successful completion of remediation by due date.
- 2nd attempt 599 or below—Student will receive 5 points or equivalent of 50% upon successful completion of remediation by due date.

**HESI score is given after remediation is completed. If the student does not complete the remediation, they will not be able to meet the competencies of the course. The student will need to withdraw or will fail if the remediation is after the withdrawal date.**