

WISCONSIN INDIANHEAD TECHNICAL COLLEGE  
ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING  
STUDENT HANDBOOK

**HESI TESTING AND REMEDIATION POLICY**

All students enrolled in the Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College nursing program will take assigned nationally normed HESI specialty exams in each course and an Exit PN or RN Exam in a course in the final semester of the program. Students should aim to achieve a score of 900 or higher on each exam. Research demonstrates that scores in this range on the HESI Exit Exam are highly predictive of NCLEX success. To prepare for the comprehensive 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, prior to sitting for the respective course final examinations.

**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. Students can also create individualized exams 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 on-line content areas* to be tracked.

**HESI Exit examination** - The HESI Exit examination is administered during the final semester of the PN or RN year. 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.

**HESI Proctored 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 proctored exam. All students will remediate according

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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. 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 one 15 question custom quiz in Evolve Adaptive Quizzing in two content area of weakness based on your HESI Exam Student Report. Continue to take quizzes in that content area until 80% correct is achieved. ***</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 two hours of study is required. **</li> <li>2. Develop two 15 question custom quizzes in Evolve Adaptive Quizzing in two content area of weakness based on your HESI Exam Student Report. Continue to take quizzes in that content area until 80% correct is achieved. ***</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 three hours of study is required. **</li> <li>2. Develop three 15 question custom quizzes in Evolve Adaptive Quizzing in three content area of weakness based on your HESI Exam Student Report. Continue to take quizzes in that content area until 80% correct is achieved. ***</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 four hours is required. **</li> <li>2. Develop four 15 question custom quizzes in Evolve Adaptive Quizzing in four content area of weakness based on your HESI Exam Student Report. Continue to take quizzes in that content area until 80% correct is achieved. ***</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 five hours is required. **</li> <li>2. Develop five 15 question custom quizzes in Evolve Adaptive Quizzing in five content area of weakness based on your HESI Exam Student Report. Continue to take quizzes in that content area until 80% correct is achieved. ***</li> </ol>

\*\*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

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study. Time spent in remediation content is monitored and students can break up the required remediation hours into multiple sessions.

\*\*\*When using Adaptive Quizzing 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).

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

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.

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

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

1st attempt 900 or over you will receive 10 points or equivalent of 100% upon successful completion of remediation by due date.

All others must complete remediation in advance of second attempt.

You will only get two attempts on a specialty exam. You will remediate again following your second attempt based on your score.

2nd attempt 900 or over you will receive 9 points or equivalent of 90% upon successful completion of remediation by due date.

2nd attempt 800-899 you will receive 8 points or equivalent of 80% upon successful completion of remediation by due date.

2nd attempt 700-799 you will receive 7 points or equivalent of 70% upon successful completion of remediation by due date.

2nd attempt 600-699 you will receive 6 points or equivalent of 60% upon successful completion of remediation by due date.

2nd attempt 500 or below you will receive 5 points or equivalent of 50% upon successful completion of remediation by due date.

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**HESI score is given after remediation is completed. If remediation is not completed by due date, student receives a “0” on the HESI exam and still needs to complete the remediation. If the student does not complete the remediation, they will not be able to meet the competencies of the course.**

**HESI Exam Absence Policy:**

- **For HESI exams for which students are allowed two attempts:** if a student misses an exam, his or her grade will be based on the one exam attempt that was completed with a 10% deduction. The student will need to remediate based on the initial score for the attempt that was taken and again for category below that score (double remediation).
  - Example: Student scores 800 on first attempt. She must follow the remediation policy for that score. She misses the second attempt. A score of 70% is recorded for her grade and she must remediate again based on a score in the 700s.
- **For HESI exams for which students are allowed one attempt:** if a student misses an exam, his or her grade will be zero for that portion of the course grade.