The Catholic University Of America
Washington, D.C.

Students who apply to Catholic University's Second Degree BSN Program in the School of Nursing are required to take the Health Education System Incorporated Admissions Assessment exam, otherwise known as the HESI A2 exam.

The HESI exam can be taken at any Prometric testing center - for a list of locations nationwide, please contact Prometric. Students applying to the Second Degree Nursing program should contact Megan Podboy at podboy@cua.edu to obtain the HESI exam code for Catholic University. We encourage prospective students to prepare for the test by taking a practice HESI exam, or by purchasing a study booklet.

Students are only permitted to take the exam once in a one-year application period. The HESI A2 is a comprehensive exam to assess the following areas:

English Language

Provides scenarios in order to measure reading comprehension, including identifying the main idea, finding meaning of words in context, and making logical inferences.

Tests knowledge of everyday vocabulary terms, as well as vocabulary used in healthcare fields.

Assesses knowledge of basic grammar, including parts of speech, important terms and their uses in grammar, commonly occurring grammatical errors and more.

Mathematics

Focuses on math skills needed for healthcare fields, including basic addition, subtraction, multiplication, fractions, decimals, ratio and proportion, household measures and general math facts.

Science

Covers biology basics, water, biological molecules, metabolism, cells, cellular respiration, photosynthesis and more.

Contains test items that cover matter, chemical equations and reactions, the periodic table, atomic structure, nuclear chemistry, chemical bonding and more.

Provides coverage of general terminology and anatomical structures and systems.

Should you have and questions regarding the HESI A2 exam or the Second Degree Nursing application, please contact the School of Nursing at 202-319-6462 or at cua-nursing@cua.edu.