

Guidelines for Students Taking the A² Exam

What is the Evolve Reach A² Exam?

The Admissions Assessment (A²) Exam is really a battery of individual tests designed to assess a student's basic knowledge and skills and to predict his/her classroom success. The A² consists of nine different exams (at Mott, we will be testing students in seven of the nine areas). The exams include academically-oriented exams as well as two personal assessment exams. The areas tested at Mott Community College will include the following

Academically-Oriented Exams

Math
Reading Comprehension
Grammar
Vocabulary
Anatomy & Physiology

Personal Assessment Exams

Learning Styles
Personality Profiles

The exams are computer-based and will be administered during a single session. Results will be available at the end of the exam session.

What do the exam scores mean to me?

Although each of the academically-oriented exams is scored, only scores in the following areas will be used to determine eligibility for the Mott Nursing Program: *math, reading comprehension, grammar, vocabulary, and anatomy and physiology*. The scores summarize your basic academic knowledge and skills in each area. They also assist faculty to determine if a program applicant may benefit from enrichment courses, study skills courses, or remediation of basic knowledge courses. The two personal inventories offer you insight into your individual study habits, learning preferences, and dispositions as related to academic achievement. Overall, the scores will help to determine if your academic readiness is adequate for the rigors of the nursing curriculum. Results on the A² are utilized along with other program requirements to determine a student's eligibility for the Nursing program.

What scores do I need to achieve?

A minimum score of 75% is required on each of the required academically-oriented exams (that is, *math, reading comprehension, grammar, vocabulary, and anatomy and physiology*). *Students who score 75% on four of the five areas of the test **and** have a 75% cumulative, or summary score, will be considered to have passed the exam. Students who score below 75% on more than one area of the test must retest, taking all component tests again.* These scores are intended to support you to identify strengths and weaknesses, and to serve as guides for remediation.

How do I register for the test?

There are two steps to the registration process: 1) Contact the MCC Testing Center (ML 3107; 810-762-0406) for testing date availability. The staff in the Testing Center will email you an Internet link to pre-purchase access to the *HESI A²*. 2) Go to the site provided by the Testing Center and purchase exam access for the *Admission Assessment*.

Exam access purchase requires the use of a valid credit or credit/debit card (cash, checks or money orders are not accepted). All orders are final, with no refund. Upon completion of the exam access purchase, a receipt will be sent by email. A printed copy of the receipt must be presented to the testing center at the time of the scheduled exam session.

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What is the cost and how do I pay?

Exam access is purchased online from Evolve Reach. The cost is \$35-40.00 and must be paid by credit card or credit/debit card.

What will taking the test be like?

The test is an online, computer-based test. The A² will be proctored by a member of the Testing Center staff.

Each section of the A² is a separate examination. Each item on an exam is separate from other items. Once an answer is submitted, it cannot be changed and the test item cannot be viewed again. Likewise, once an exam is completed it cannot be accessed again. After completion of each single exam, the main menu will offer selection of the next exam. Scores for completed exams are displayed on the menu. A detailed display is also available at the completion of the entire testing session.

What about exam security?

The A² is a secure exam, proctored by a member of the Testing Center staff. Each student must agree to access the exam in a responsible, secure and civil manner and in accordance with the terms and conditions of the *Confidentiality Agreement* provided with each exam. Picture ID and a copy of the receipt of purchase are required to test. No other items will be allowed in the immediate testing area. Books, backpacks, and other items must be left at the front of the exam room.

How long is the exam?

Each single exam requires 15-50 minutes to complete, depending on the type and length of the exam. Most students will require about 4 to 4 ½ hours to complete all of the required exams. A maximum, total time of 5 ½ is allotted for the exam.

Will I be able to use a calculator on the Mathematics portion of the test?

The calculator available on the exam screen may be used for math calculations. You may not use your personal computer, smart phone, or other devices during testing.

When will I receive my score?

Exams are scored electronically and are available at the end of each separate exam. A Nursing Program Coordinator can view results with you by appointment. The Coordinator also can assist the student to develop a remediation plan if necessary. Call the Health Sciences office to schedule an appointment (810-762-0317).

What if I do not receive a passing score?

If a student fails to achieve a passing score, he/she may retest after remediation. A passing score (in four of the five areas and a 75% composite, or summary score) is required for eligibility and admission to the Nursing Program. *The HESI A² is limited to two attempts to achieve the required scores. Students must wait at least two weeks between testing attempts.*

How do I prepare for the test? When should I take it?

The *Admission Assessment Exam Review* book (published by Elsevier-Evolve) is available for student use in the MCC Library or the *HESI Admission Assessment Exam Review* book may be purchased at the Mott Book Store or online. You should plan to take the exam shortly after completing your Anatomy and Physiology courses. The A² may not be taken less than two weeks before the program application deadline.

What if I miss my testing date?

It may be possible to reschedule in another testing section by contacting the Testing Center at 810-762-0406.

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