

Southwest Texas College Radiologic Technology Program

Health Education Systems Incorporated Admission Assessment (HESI A2)

All Radiologic Technology applicants must take the HESI A2 exam in person. The exam is administered in the Radiologic Technology computer lab on the SWTX Uvalde campus, H102 (Witt Building).

The HESI A2 Admissions Assessment exam is a comprehensive exam that evaluates the academic and social skills of new applicants to the Radiologic Technology program. A brief explanation of each subject area that will be tested is as follows:

English Language

- **Reading Comprehension (55 test items, 60 minutes):** Provides reading scenarios in order to measure reading comprehension, identifying the main idea, finding the meaning of words in context, passage comprehension, and making logical inferences.
- **Vocabulary and General Knowledge (55 test items, 50 minutes):** Contains vocabulary terms that are used commonly in both general English speaking and in the health care fields.
- **Grammar (55 test items, 50 minutes):** Contains basic grammar, including parts of speech, important terms and their uses, and commonly occurring grammatical errors.

Math

- **Basic Math Skills (55 test items, 50 minutes):** Focuses on math skills needed for health care fields, including basic addition, subtraction, multiplication, fractions, decimals, ratio and proportions, household measures, and general math facts.

Science

- **Anatomy and Physiology (30 test items, 25 minutes):** Provides coverage of general terminology and anatomical structures and systems.

Learner Profile (not included in points)

- **Learning Style (14 test items, 15 minutes):** Assesses the preferred learning style of the prospective applicant; offers test-taking and study tips suited to that learning style.
- **Personality Profile (15 items, 15 minutes):** Assesses personality related to preferred learning style.

Critical Thinking (25 test items, 38 minutes)

- Provides a “snapshot” of critical thinking ability in situations encountered in healthcare settings.
- A total score is reflective of abilities in the following 5 categories:
 - Problem Solving
 - Biases and Ethical Dilemmas
 - Argument Analysis
 - Analysis of Data
 - Prioritization of Care

Preparation for the exam

A study guide can be purchased from various online retailers. Elsevier/Evolve publishes the *HESI Admission Assessment Exam Review* guide which is also available for purchase through their website:

<https://evolve.elsevier.com/cs/product/9780443114090?role=student>

Set up, Paying, and Scheduling the exam

Step 1: Set up an account with Evolve

- Go to <https://evolve.elsevier.com>
- Click "I'm a Student"
- Under HESI Secured Exams, select "Register for Results and Remediation"
- Click "Register"
- Scroll down and click "Proceed to Checkout/Redeem"
- Complete fields
 - Email address: use your college email (preferred)
 - First/last name
 - Phone
 - Password/confirm password
 - Institution Country: United States
 - Institution State: Texas
 - Institution name: type in "Southwest" and scroll down to "Southwest Texas Junior College (Uvalde)"
 - Program type: scroll down to "Radiologic/Imaging Technology"
 - Year of graduation: pick any year
 - Student ID: you do not have to fill this field out
- Click "Continue"
- Click "Submit"
- You must take note of your Evolve username and password as you will need them on test day. We will not be able to retrieve that information for you.
 - To find your user name, go to Account at the top-right and select "Account Settings"

Step 2: Purchase Exam

- The cost of the exam is \$65 per attempt (limit of two attempts)
- To make your payment, log in to Evolve using the link below and then click on the "Student Access" link where you will be instructed to complete the required payment information.
 - First attempt payment link:
 - <https://hesistudentaccess.elsevier.com/payments.html?PaymentID=28181>
 - Second attempt payment link:
 - <https://hesistudentaccess.elsevier.com/payments.html?PaymentID=28180>
- If you have any questions or are having trouble making the payment please visit Evolve Support at <https://service.elsevier.com/app/overview/evolve/>

Step 3: Schedule your exam

- Space for testing is limited to 20 students per date
- You must contact the program director (Bonnie Esquivel 830-591-7290) or clinical coordinator (Denise Vanderlick 830-591-2912) to schedule your exam once you have purchased the exam
- Exam dates and times will be announced and published for the Fall 2024 and Spring 2025 semester

Testing Guidelines

When you arrive for your scheduled appointment, you will be required to present a clear and valid ID to verify your identity.

Please arrive at least 10 minutes before your exam time. If, for any reason, you arrive after the exam has begun, you will not be permitted to enter the exam room and will have to reschedule.

You must have your Evolve username and password to access the exam. If you do not, you will be turned away and will need to reschedule.

You are not permitted to take anything into the testing area with you. We will provide an area for you to place your phone, smartwatch, backpack, keys, headphones, earbuds, etc. during testing, however, SWTX is not responsible for the safety of, lost, or stolen items.

You will be provided paper, a writing utensil, and may use the calculator on the computer during the exam.

The entire exam will take approximately 5 hours and 15 minutes. If a bathroom break is needed, you may leave the room; however, the exam time will continue to count down. An additional 15 minutes have been factored into the exam time to account for bathroom breaks.

You may bring a drink into the testing area only if it is in a container with a tight-fitting lid. You will not be given a lunch break and you are not permitted to leave the building at any time, for any reason.

Accommodations

Students with a documented disability needing testing accommodations must contact a Disability Support Services representative (see below) at least 2 weeks before scheduling an exam.

Uvalde: Audrey Sturdevant (830) 591-2908

Crystal City-Del Rio: Eva De Anda (830) 703-593

Eagle Pass: Alexya Herrera (830) 758-4156

How your exam score will be used in consideration of program acceptance.

Acceptance to the SWTX Radiologic Technology program is based on a graded point value system. No minimum score is required on the exam; however, the composite score and each subject score will be converted to points. The higher your composite score and grade for each subject area tested, the more points you will be awarded.

The HESI A2 exam may only be taken twice per application period to achieve better scores. Students must wait at least 1 month between attempts to allow for remediation. Evolve HESI provides electronic remediation content that is available at no cost to you. Content can be added to a printable study packet to assist with preparing for reexamination.

If you have taken the HESI A2 exam for another college/university, you may submit those official scores to the SWTX Radiologic Technology program. The exam must have been taken within the past 12 months of the SWTX Rad Tech application deadline (May 15, 2025). Exam scores must be submitted by the application deadline.

If you choose to retest a 2nd time, only scores from the 2nd attempt will be considered.