

Thank you for your interest in the Practical Nursing Career Certificate (CC) program at Florida State College at Jacksonville.

Additional Admissions Requirements:

1. Provide Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE) scores*. Must have a minimum score of 572 in language, 563 in reading, and 577 in math to be considered for admission. ***(In order to graduate, students must have a minimum score of 631 in language, 617 in reading, and 657 in math.)*** Students with a TABE exemption will receive a maximum score for the test.
2. Provide HESI Admission Assessment (A2) scores*. **Applicants are expected to take a complete HESI A2 exam consisting of 9 sub-tests in one sitting prior to the application deadline.** Scores on the following subtests are considered for admission: reading, vocabulary, grammar, math. The four subtest scores must *average* 75% or higher to be considered for admission. Each subtest (reading, vocabulary, grammar, math) must also have a minimum score of 70% to be eligible for admission to the program.

Applicants' test scores are translated into points. For example, a score of 81% provides 81 points toward admission. Possible points = 100

Students may earn additional points by achieving certain subtest scores, up to a maximum of 20 points. The score ranges required to earn additional points for a subtest are as follows:

80.0-89.99% = 3 additional points for each subscore

90.0-100% = 5 additional points for each subscore

The points earned from the HESI A2 determines who is offered admission. The total maximum points possible = 120. For your reference, the rubric used to determine admission ranking is included below. ****If tests are not taken at the college, you must submit official scores of all subsets to any FSCJ assessment center.***

Practical Nursing Admissions Rubric

HESI A2	Maximum Points Points	Scores	Points earned Bonus points for Subscores 80.0-89.99% + 3 points 90.0-100% + 5 points
Average Score of all 4 subtests	100		
Reading	3- 5 bonus		
Vocabulary	3- 5 bonus		
Grammar	3- 5 bonus		
Math	3- 5 bonus		
TOTAL	120		

3. Students who apply to the Practical Nursing Program should try to complete their TABE assessment and HESI A2 Exam prior to submitting their application. If a student qualifies for a TABE waiver, they must visit any FSCJ Assessment and Certification Center to have the TABE waiver entered in their student record.
4. Below are helpful links, which provide information and answers to many questions about the Practical Nursing Program and requirements for applying. Click on the links below to get:

- answers to [FAQs about the TABE assessment](#).
- answers to [FAQs about the HESI A2 Exam](#)
- access to [SkillSurfer and HESI A2 Practice Tests](#).

You must be logged into your MyFSCJ student account when attempting to access this link. You can also access through your MyFSCJ student account:

Click **Useful Links Tile**

Click **BrainFuse Online Tutoring** on the Top Left

Hover cursor over **Academic Tools** drop down menu and select **SkillSurfer**.

Click and expand the first tool – **College Entrance Test Prep**

Scroll to the bottom of this expanded tool. Under **Nursing Entrance Exams**, click on **HESI** and gain access to the HESI A2 Practice Tests. You also have access to the other study materials in SkillSurfer.

5. When the application deadline is reached, all completed applications will be ranked and the 24 students with the highest scores will be offered acceptance. Students selected for admission will have a specified amount of time to notify the Practical Nursing Advisor they are accepting the seat. Failure to notify the Practical Nursing Advisor as indicated in the acceptance email will result in forfeiture of the seat. If a seat is forfeited, the next eligible applicant on the ranked list will be offered the seat.
6. If you start your enrollment in the PN program, you must finish the PN program before applying to another nursing program.

7. Students will be notified through their FSCJ Student email of their admissions status after all applications have been reviewed and processed. Students can anticipate being notified approximately **one month** following the application deadline. Information concerning a student's admissions status will not be given via telephone.

8. Following acceptance into the program, all students must complete the following:

- Criminal Background check with fingerprints
- Drug Screen

The above information is due by the date specified on your admission documents, which will also provide guidance on initiating these requirements. Students cannot be enrolled into any classes until these requirements are met.

If you have questions or need assistance, please reach out to us by email at pn@fscj.edu