

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

Additional Admissions Requirements:

1. Students who apply to the Practical Nursing Program should complete their Basic Skills assessment and HESI A2 Exam prior to the application deadline.
2. ***If tests are not taken at the college, you must submit official scores of all tests to any FSCJ assessment center prior to the application deadline.***
3. Required Assessments are:
 - **Basic Skills assessment waiver or scores.**
 - Check with the FSCJ Assessment center to determine qualification for a waiver and/or testing requirements.
 - If a test is required, you will take the CASAS test in Reading and Math. Your scores must be at least 249 in Reading and 245 in Math.
 - **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' HESI A2 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 sub-score
 - 90.0-100% = 5 additional points for each sub-score

- The total 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.

Practical Nursing Admissions Rubric

HESI A2	Your Scores	Plus Bonus Points	Total Points earned (Your score + bonus points)
Average of all 4 subtests: <u>(GMR+READ+VOC+MATH)</u> 4		0	
Reading		3 or 5	
Vocabulary		3 or 5	
Grammar		3 or 5	
Math		3 or 5	
TOTAL			Up to 120 Possible

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 CASAS 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 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.
 - 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. Following acceptance into the program, all students must complete the following:
 - Criminal Background check with fingerprints
 - Drug Screen
 8. 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.
 9. If you have questions or need assistance, please reach out to us by email at pn@fscj.edu