

# Indiana State University School of Nursing Baccalaureate Nursing Program

## Integrated Assessment Platforms Frequently Asked Questions

### What is Kaplan?

- Kaplan Nursing is an educational partner that offers resources to increase content learning and test preparation throughout the program.
- Kaplan Resources are required and utilized from the sophomore to the senior year in the undergraduate nursing program.
- Focused Review (FR) tools can help students prepare more efficiently, as well as increase confidence and familiarity with content and computerized NCLEX-RN.
- Integrated Testing (IT) provides an assessment of learning, as well-as identification of strengths and weaknesses in each course.
- Kaplan also includes orientation to resources, e-books, online tutorials, topical remediation, NCLEX-RN style question banks, clinical resources, and a robust NCLEX Prep course with a study plan.

### What is Elsevier (HESI)?

- HESI Testing and Assessment is an educational partner that offers resources to increase content learning and test preparation throughout the program.
- HESI Resources are required and utilized from the sophomore to the senior year in the undergraduate nursing program.
- Elsevier Adaptive Quizzing, NGN Assessments, and HESI personalized student remediation tools can help students prepare more efficiently, as well as increase confidence and familiarity with content and computerized NCLEX-RN.
- Integrated Testing (IT) provides an assessment of learning, as well-as identification of strengths and weaknesses in each course.
- HESI also includes orientation to resources, e-books, online tutorials, topical remediation, NCLEX-RN style question banks, clinical resources, and a robust HESI Readiness for NCLEX dashboard that will begin giving you an early NCLEX pass predictability starting with the first exam.
- HESI isn't just one exam. It's a suite of products, including exams, to help students prepare for their board exams (most commonly the NCLEX® exams for nursing). In most cases, individual schools select the specific HESI exams and prep-products that will be made available to their students.
- The products chosen by the schools include exams that can be taken before students ever enter the program, exams and prep-products offered throughout

individual courses, and a comprehensive exit exam that covers the entire curriculum.

- Questions on HESI exams are written at the critical-thinking level – like those that students will see on the board exam. That means the questions on HESI exams are often more challenging than some of the other practice questions students will see throughout their education. So, while HESI can be tough, so is the NCLEX® and every other board examination. And the more often students are exposed to the rigorous style of questions they'll see on the NCLEX® or certification exam, the more comfortable and confident they'll be when they take the actual exam.

### When do I take Assessments?

Students will be required to take a minimum of one assessment per semester.

### Are my assessments proctored?

- Typically, Kaplan and/or HESI exams are proctored.

I'm a transfer student requesting credit for nursing courses from another institution and have not taken Kaplan or Elsevier Assessments. Can I receive equivalent credit for transfer NURS courses without taking the corresponding proctored assessments?

- Transfer students are held to the same assessment requirements as matriculating students.
- Transfer credit will not be awarded for approved nursing courses until the designated assessments are satisfactorily completed.

I am taking my Nursing (NURS/NURC) Courses in my track. How should I use my assessment resources?

- Kaplan:
  - In conjunction with respective course assignments, you can use the appropriate Focused Review resources to help you study and assess your learning. In courses designated for Kaplan examination, a list of non-proctored computerized practice examinations will be provided by the instructor. The practice examination results provide a structure for focused review. Near the end of the course, you will take a computerized comprehensive proctored examination. This will tell you how you did in comparison to other nursing students from nursing programs across the nation. A portion of your course grade will reflect this performance (see Kaplan Nursing – Integrated Testing (IT) Deluxe Program Policy and Procedures).
  - You will be required to do additional remediation if you do not achieve the minimum required individual score. This is further explained in the Kaplan Nursing – Integrated Testing (IT) Deluxe Program Policy and Procedures document.

- The number of Kaplan examinations required in a nursing course varies and depends on the course content or level in the program.
- Elsevier (HESI):
  - In conjunction with respective course assignments, you can use the appropriate Adaptive Quizzing, NGN assessments, HESI remediation after each HESI exam, and the HESI Live Review resources to help you study and assess your learning. In courses designated for HESI Assessment, a list of non-proctored computerized practice adaptive examinations will be provided by the instructor to help you prepare. Near the end of the course, you will take a computerized comprehensive proctored examination. This will tell you how you did in comparison to other nursing students from nursing programs across the nation. A portion of your course grade will reflect this performance (see HESI Assessments – Integrated Testing (IT) Deluxe Program Policy and Procedures).
  - You will be required to do additional remediation if you do not achieve the minimum required individual score. This is further explained in the HESI Assessments – Integrated Testing (IT) Deluxe Program Policy and Procedures document.
  - The number of HESI Assessments required in a nursing course varies and depends on the course content or level in the program.

#### What is a percentile ranking?

- Nurse-educator content experts and independent Psychometricians participated in setting percentile rankings that allow comparison to students across the nation.
- Our assessment platforms work with ISU SON to set standards/benchmarks that are appropriate to each courses' assessment(s).

#### What is Reflective Remediation?

- Reflective Remediation means to review the content or concept areas in which your knowledge was deficient. Information on remediation is on the testing platforms. In addition, respective textbooks and lecture notes should also be used for review.

#### I didn't pass the second attempt of my proctored assessment. How are points calculated for having completed all the required remediation between attempts?

- If the minimum second-attempt standard/benchmark is not achieved and the student successfully completes all required remediation as determined by course faculty, a score will be calculated as follows:
 

Points Awarded = (Score on Second Attempt divided by Standard/Benchmark Second Attempt) X 75% of total points possible on the Assessment in the course.
- Here is an example:  
In this example, let's say the minimum score to pass the second attempt was 79% and the course points for the assessment are 50. If the student earned a 76% on the second attempt, here is how the math looks:

$$76/79 \times 75\% \times 50 = 36.07$$

- If the student **does not** successfully complete all required remediation and does not achieve the minimum second attempt standard/benchmark, a score of zero will be earned.
- Important Note: Remediation expectations for NURS/NURC 490 are different than other NURS/NURC courses.

#### What about when I am a senior preparing to graduate?

- During your last semester in the nursing program, you will receive additional online NCLEX-RN Prep resources. You will also take a comprehensive predictor assessment. The assessment(s) are designed to reflect the content areas of the current NCLEX-RN licensing examination blueprint. This tool provides information on the student's probability of NCLEX® success, as well as detailed information about strengths and weaknesses. Students are required to meet the set standard/benchmark for this assessment to receive a grade in the designated course and to complete the Baccalaureate Nursing Program.

#### How do I purchase these platforms?

- Kaplan:
  - Students will receive an email from Kaplan with payment instructions and deadline.
  - Students will make payments via their Kaplan online accounts under the Manage Account option or by calling 877-572-8457.
  - Accounts not paid by the deadline will be deactivated. Deactivated students will need to call 877-572-8457 to make payment in full and request reactivation of the account.
  - Failure to make Kaplan payments can result in course failures due to missing required course assignments and tests and could result in dismissal. Late assignments or make-up exams due to nonpayment will not be accepted.
- Elsevier/HESI:
  - Students will receive an email from their instructor with payment instructions and deadline to make the payment.
  - Students will make payments via their HESI/Evolve online accounts under the HESI Student Access option through our [Evolve website](#)
  - Failure to make HESI payments can result in course failures due to missing required course assignments and tests and could result in dismissal. Late assignments or make-up exams due to nonpayment will not be accepted.

#### What if I am a campus student and need to reschedule an assessment?

- Prior to the scheduled assessment, you must *notify your instructor and the Testing Assistant (812-237-2726) or designee* of your inability to sit for the assessment to plan for another assessment opportunity. To be permitted an alternate assessment date and time, the absence must meet all course requirements as an excused absence. If the absence is not an excused absence, you will not be able to reschedule the assessment and will receive 0.
- Due to multiple factors (adequate time to verify practice and remediation, length of time required for administration of assessment(s), multiple assessments to be administered, large number of students taking the assessment), there may be limited availability of instructor, Testing Office staff, assessment dates, and/or space for re-scheduling the assessment. Therefore, it is the student's responsibility to plan with the Testing Assistant and your instructor, *in a timely manner*.
- Rescheduling after the end of the semester is restricted to emergency circumstances.
- Students who do not complete a required proctored assessment by the end of the semester (other than in emergency circumstances) will not receive any of the possible points assigned by the instructor to the missed proctored assessment.

#### What if I am a distance student and need to reschedule an assessment?

- Prior to the scheduled assessment, you must *reschedule your exam on the proctoring system, within the time frame allotted for the assessment*.
- Rescheduling after the end of the semester is restricted to emergency circumstances.
- Students who do not complete a required proctored assessment by the end of the semester (other than in emergency circumstances) will not receive any of the possible points assigned by the instructor to the missed proctored assessment.

#### What if I am repeating or re-enrolling in a dropped course that has required proctored assessments?

- **All** students repeating or re-enrolling **must also repeat all proctored assessments required for that course**. Alternate versions may be used.
- This includes students **who have been successful** in meeting or exceeding the required standard/benchmark specific to the repeated course.

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