



VALLEY COLLEGE

Student Catalog Addendum

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This Catalog Addendum contains information for the updates to the Nursing programs (Practical Nursing programs offered at the Cleveland and Fairlawn locations. Nursing Associate degree programs offered at the Beckley and Martinsburg locations.)

Under the Assessment Test section, (pages 11-12) the language below will replace what is in our current catalog. Please note references for exam scores from other colleges have been removed. **Exam scores from other colleges are no longer accepted. 2) The six-month waiting period is required if the applicant fails the HESI three times. The references for extending circumstances have been removed. The text in yellow highlighted has been added to the policy.**

Students who are interested in enrolling in Practical Nursing or Nursing programs must successfully pass the HESI examination.

Assessment Test for Practical Nursing: Qualifying applicants for the Practical Nursing program must achieve a minimum score of 70% on the HESI entrance exam. Each attempt at the HESI Entrance Exam is to be completed within a four-hour time limit and will encompass all portions of the exam. Passing scores remain valid for up to 24 months prior to submission. Each applicant is allowed a maximum of three attempts to pass the HESI exam. If an applicant does not pass the exam within these three attempts, all prior scores will be invalidated. A six-month waiting period—beginning from the date of the third failed attempt—will be required before retesting. A fee may be charged for additional test attempts. **Valley College does reserve the right to evaluate composite scores between 68% and 69.99% to determine if a 4th attempt could be granted. The Director of Institutional Effectiveness will make the final determination.** Valley College maintains a strict academic integrity policy during proctored HESI entrance exams. The College may use cameras and/or a lockdown browser in the testing room. Applicants found in violation of this policy will be disqualified from enrolling in the program and may be barred from testing or enrolling in any Valley College program. More details about the requirements of the Academic Integrity Policy, please refer to the Student Policy Section in this Catalog.

Assessment Test for Nursing: HESI Entrance Exam (HESI A2). The HESI A2 exam is a proctored exam administered at Valley College. **Each attempt at the HESI Entrance Exam is to be completed within a four-hour time limit. Passing scores remain valid for up to 24 months prior to submission and exam scores from other colleges will not be accepted. Each applicant is allowed a maximum of three attempts to pass the HESI exam. HESI A2 assesses students' proficiency in core academic areas: Math, Reading Comprehension, Vocabulary and Grammar. If an applicant does not pass within these three attempts, all prior scores will be invalidated. A six-month waiting period—beginning from the date of the third failed attempt—will be required before retesting.** The minimum passing score for admission to the ADN program is at least a 75% in each of two main categories (cumulative Math and cumulative English) and a 75% composite score. The score will round up or down to the nearest whole number. **Valley College does reserve the right to evaluate composite scores between 73% and 74.99% to determine if a 4th attempt could be granted. The Director of Institutional Effectiveness will make the final determination.** More details about the requirements of the exam, retesting, and the scoring of the exam are explained in the ADN handbook posted on the Catalog webpage. <https://valley.edu/catalog/> More details about the requirements of the Academic Integrity Policy, please refer to the Student Policy Section in this Catalog.