

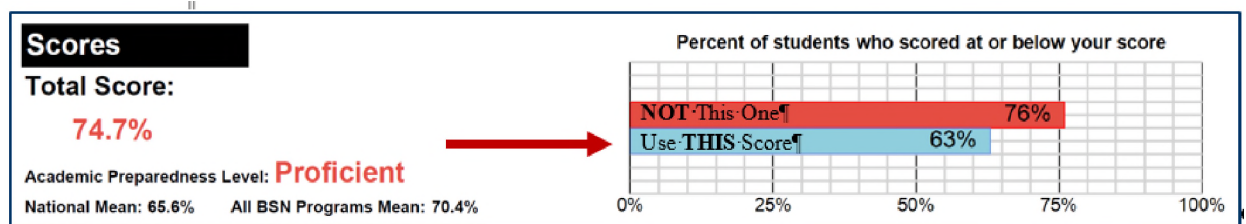
## Orvis School of Nursing Admissions Process for Pre-Licensure BSN Program Fall 2020 Application Cycle (Updated May 2020)

**Students must meet the following requirements to apply to the nursing major.**

1. Submit a formal application to the Orvis School of Nursing by the date specified by the Student Affairs (SAC) committee. No more than 13 prerequisite credits can be in progress during the application period. No more than one science course (4 credits) may be taken in the application period.
2. Earn at least a 'C' grade in all prerequisite courses. The cumulative grade-point average earned in selected prerequisite courses is used, in part, to determine which students are selected to the upper-division nursing major. *For students petitioning for S/U grades for Spring 2020 courses used in calculating the pre-nursing GPA, the course must be retaken for a grade before applying to Orvis.*
3. Complete all prerequisite course requirements for the major by the end of spring semester for fall admission and by the end of fall semester for spring admission to the nursing major. Any repeated course must have a letter grade posted to the student's transcript. A student may not apply to the nursing major while enrolled in a course that has previously received a mark of withdraw, incomplete, audit, or grade less than C.
4. Class Repeat Policy for the Traditional BSN Program: For admission purposes, the grades for the first two enrollment attempts in a given course will be averaged for this BSN program admission application. Any prerequisite required for this program admission application is subject to this policy. Students can enroll in any courses multiple times to better comprehend the class content, but only the first two enrollments will be used to calculate the prerequisite GPA for admission. *For students petitioning for S/U grades for Spring 2020 will be allowed to retake the course the following semester without it counting as an attempt.*
5. Students must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 in selected pre-nursing courses to qualify for application to the upper-division nursing major.
  - a. BIOL 223 A/L (Anatomy & Physiology I)
  - b. BIOL 224 A/L (Anatomy & Physiology II)
  - c. BIOL 251 (Microbiology)
  - d. CHEM 121 A/L (General Chemistry)
  - e. CHEM 220 A/L (Organic Chemistry)
  - f. MATH  $\geq$  126 (Pre-Calculus)
  - g. NUTR 223 (Principles of Nutrition)
  - h. HDFS 201 (Lifespan Human Development)
  - i. NURS 300 (Medical Math & Medical Terminology)
  - j. Communication (Several Options)
6. Transfer credits taken for S/U credit from an institution that does not offer letter grades are evaluated on an individual basis.
7. To accommodate COVID-related testing center closures, students will complete **either** the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) – **OR** – the Health Education Systems Inc (HESI) Admission Assessment (A<sup>2</sup>) exam no later than September 16, 2020. HESI A<sup>2</sup> and TEAS

exam results will be evaluated based on the percentile rank associated with the cumulative score received on the exam. Exam scores must reflect an exam date within twelve months of application. A minimum benchmark score is not required for either exam to apply to the Traditional BSN Spring 2021 cohort.

8. **If you took the TEAS Exam:** Applicants will enter their percentile score into the GPA/Point Calculator. Please enter the percentile number in the BLUE bar on your score report into the GPA Calculator. This is the percentile rank that compares your performance to BSN program applicants.



9. TEAS test scores from other institutions will be accepted if taken within 1 year of application to Orvis; however, applicants will need to request an official copy of their TEAS Discover/Transcript from ATI to be sent directly to the University of Nevada, Reno BSN Program (Orvis). Only the *latest* exam results can be used when applying to Orvis. Test results will not be accepted if submitted directly by the applicant.
10. **If you took the HESI A2 Exam:** The HESI score report does not provide a percentile ranking. The percentile rankings on page three reflect the percentile data provided from HESI (see page 4). Please enter the percentile rank that corresponds with your cumulative HESI score into the GPA Calculator.

The HESI exam may be taken one time per application cycle with a maximum of three total attempts. The most recent attempt will be used for each application cycle. Scores are valid for two rolling calendar years. The exam must be the University of Nevada, Reno – Distance Testing Exam. Scores from other institutions will not be accepted. *Please note that the HESI A2 results will no longer be accepted starting the Spring 2021 application cycle for Fall 2021 Admission. The TEAS test results will be required of all applicants at that time.*

11. Applicants who have not yet scheduled their admission exam are strongly encouraged to register for the TEAS exam. The TEAS exam can be completed remotely in the comfort and safety of your own home. A similar remote proctoring process is not available for the HESI A2 exam.
12. The Orvis School of Nursing actively supports the University of Nevada, Reno's policies that ensure equal opportunity/ affirmative action and diversity.

## **Prelicensure Program Application Process**

1. Applications are reviewed by the Undergraduate Program Officer, the Associate Dean of Undergraduate programs, and the chair of the Student Affairs committee.
2. Applications that do not meet minimum requirements will not be considered. The applicant will receive a letter stating the reason(s) the application was not reviewed.
3. Applications that meet minimum requirements will be evaluated through a point- based matrix (see below).
4. Applicants will be ranked from highest to lowest based on the application matrix. Applicants with the top 64 matrix scores will be offered provisional admission to the OSN pre-licensure program.
  - a. In the event of a tie, the tie-breaking candidate will be selected using the HESI Cumulative Percentile Score – **OR** – TEAS Cumulative Percentile Score

## Orvis School of Nursing Traditional BSN Admission Criteria Point Matrix\*

Points	0	0.5	1	1.5	2	2.5	3
Nevada High School Graduate	No	-	Yes	-	-	-	-
Completed NSHE Pre-requisite Credits	0-20	21-39	$\geq 40$	-	-	-	-
Pre-Nursing GPA**	< 3.40	3.40 - 3.499	3.50 - 3.599	3.60 - 3.699	3.70 - 3.799	3.80 - 3.899	3.90 - 4.00
HESI Cumulative Percentile Score	<50 <sup>th</sup>	50 <sup>th</sup> – 60 <sup>th</sup>	61 <sup>st</sup> – 69 <sup>th</sup>	70 <sup>th</sup> – 79 <sup>th</sup>	80 <sup>th</sup> – 89 <sup>th</sup>	90 <sup>th</sup> – 94 <sup>th</sup>	95 <sup>th</sup> – 99 <sup>th</sup>
TEAS Cumulative Percentile Score	<50 <sup>th</sup>	50 <sup>th</sup> – 60 <sup>th</sup>	61 <sup>st</sup> – 69 <sup>th</sup>	70 <sup>th</sup> – 79 <sup>th</sup>	80 <sup>th</sup> – 89 <sup>th</sup>	90 <sup>th</sup> – 94 <sup>th</sup>	95 <sup>th</sup> – 99 <sup>th</sup>
Military Veteran or Active Duty Miliary	No	-	-	-	Yes	-	-

\*For Fall 2020 Application Cohort for Spring 2021 Admission

\*\*Pre-Nursing GPA Includes: CHEM 121A/L, CHEM 220 A/L, BIOL 223 A/L, BIOL 224 A/L, BIOL 251 A/L, NUTR 223, HDFS 201, MATH  $\geq 126$ , Communications, NURS 300



## HESI Admissions Assessment RN Percentiles (2018-2019)

### HESI RN Admissions Assessment

HESI Admissions Assessment (A2) scores are calculated using a simple percentage correct calculation. This document contains the percentile rank data for a cumulative score across the following four subject areas: Anatomy and Physiology, Grammar, Math, and Reading Comprehension.

Score	Percentile	Score	Percentile
50	0.81	75	37.10
51	1.04	76	40.66
52	1.32	77	44.44
53	1.68	78	48.11
54	2.08	79	51.78
55	2.62	80	55.61
56	3.11	81	59.64
57	3.70	82	63.67
58	4.46	83	67.64
59	5.39	84	71.55
60	6.33	85	75.56
61	7.43	86	79.30
62	8.53	87	82.91
63	9.79	88	86.43
64	11.02	89	89.56
65	12.62	90	92.20
66	14.33	91	94.60
67	16.34	92	96.53
68	18.32	93	97.78
69	20.43	94	98.79
70	22.73	95	99.47
71	25.28	96	99.78
72	27.92	97	99.92
73	30.88	98	99.98
74	33.86	99	99.99