

Greater Johnstown Career and Technology Center

Practical Nursing Program

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Dear Applicant:

Applicants interested in attending the Practical Nursing Program must take a pre-entrance exam to be considered for admission. The Practical Nursing Program uses the Elsevier HESI Admission Assessment, 4th Edition, which is given on the computer. Applicants are permitted to test twice within a 1-year period of time. Applicants are required when necessary to retake the entire HESI Exam and must schedule at least 30 days after the first test date. Scores are valid for one year.

Pre-entrance testing for admission to the Practical Nursing Program at GJCTC. You must call to register for the testing session. Please arrive fifteen minutes before testing is scheduled to start. Be prepared to submit your photo identification and sign in for the session. The testing session will begin promptly at 10:00AM unless another time is listed. Applicants will not be permitted to test or enter the testing area if they arrive late. The testing fee will not be refunded if you arrive late or do not attend the testing session. The testing dates are located on the website

The testing fee is \$60.00 and must be paid when you register. Payment will be accepted by MasterCard, Visa, or Discover card by calling 814 266-6073 x201. This fee is non-refundable. The testing will take approximately 3-4 hours. Please plan your day accordingly. Applicants should bring photo identification.

You must be prepared to pay the \$100 registration fee on the day of pre-entrance testing should you pass the exam. This registration fee can be paid by cash, check debit/credit card. Checks should be made out to GJCTC. Applicants failing to submit the \$100 deposit at the time of the interview will not be considered for admission until the deposit is received. Interviews for admittance into the Practical Nursing program for those with passing scores will begin immediately after the testing session is over. Depending on when you finish the exam, there may be a waiting period in between the testing session and your interview. It is in your best interest to have a clear schedule on the day of testing to allow for both the test and the interview.

The Elsevier HESI Exam is a challenging exam that is considered a good predictor of success in a practical nursing program. It is essential to prepare for this test. Very few people pass the test without studying. There is a study guide available on the www.elsevier.com website. The ISBN for the study guide is 9780323353786. Practical nursing entrance exam practice books are also available at bookstores and Amazon.com. Please invest the time to make yourself successful.

If you have any questions about admission or the pre-entrance testing, please call Justin Spanko, Career Coach, at 814-266-6073 x233.

Sincerely,

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