

## **Radiologic Technology Admission Requirements**

### **Admission Checklist**

1. Submit application for admission
2. Submit high school and all college transcripts
3. Complete HESI A2 Entrance Assessment with a 75% Score in both Reading Comprehension and Basic Math Skills
4. Complete the pre-requisite courses, anatomy & physiology I and college experience, with a final grade of C or higher  
*\*\*\*College Experience is waived if previously a full time college student at another college or university.*

**An admission interview conducted by the Faculty of the Radiologic Technology Department may be requested.**

## Northwest Iowa Community College HESI A2 Entrance Exam

The HESI A2 Admission Assessment Exam is an assessment tool used to evaluate prospective radiologic technology students and their potential for successful program completion. The HESI consists of two academic exams, as well as a personality profile that identifies the individual applicant's learning style. There is an A2 HESI Prep Book (study guide) in the NCC library that you can utilize prior to taking the exam as well as online study resources the library staff can assist you with if you are interested. The HESI Admission Assessment will consist of the following:

- Reading Comprehension-provides reading scenarios in order to measure reading comprehension, identifying the main idea, finding meaning of words in context, passage comprehension, making logical inferences, etc.
- Basic Math Skills-focuses on math skills needed for health care fields, including basic addition, subtraction, multiplication, fractions, decimals, ratio and proportion, household measures, general math facts, etc.
- Learning Style-assesses the preferred learning style of the prospective applicant and offers test-taking and study tips suited to that learning style. *This component of the test is not used as admission criteria but to simply enhance your personal study habits and academic success.*
- Personality Profile-assesses personality related to preferred learning style. *This component of the test is not used as admission criteria but to simply enhance your personal study habits and academic success.*

### Process for your assessment appointment:

1. Call the Testing Center at 1-800-352-4907 Ext. 274 to schedule your assessment. Please make your appointment **at least 48 hours prior** to your desired testing date.
2. On the day of testing, you will be required to pay the \$40.00 testing fee at the business office prior to taking the assessment. **You must bring your payment receipt to the Testing Center before you will be allowed to test.**
3. You must have a photo identification with you to present at the Testing Center. (Driver's license, school ID, etc.)
4. The exam is approximately 3 hours however you may leave when you have the test completed.
5. You must reach the required benchmark set by the NCC Radiologic Technology Faculty to be approved for admission into the radiologic technology program. The benchmark is a 75% on each section of the exam.
6. If you do not reach the required benchmark in each section, there is a 2 week waiting period before retaking the assessment. You will only need to retake the areas in which you did not reach the benchmark. (ie. Reading Comprehension and/or Basic Math Skills). You will receive recommendations for remediation after taking the exam. You will be required to remediate using these recommendations before scheduling your retake. You may take the assessment up to 3 times.
7. If after 3 attempts you have not reached the required benchmark, you must continue to remediate and continue taking college level courses as recommended by the Radiologic Technology Faculty.
8. You must wait a minimum of 3 months after the 3<sup>rd</sup> attempt to retake the HESI. The process starts over at this point.