

Information Sheet for the Nursing and Allied Health Preadmission Test

What is the HOBET/NET test?

HOBET stands for “Health Occupation Basic Entrance Test”

NET stands for “Nurse Entrance Test”

The HOBET and NET are the same test. The HOBET is normed for a variety of health occupations, while the NET is specifically normed for nursing students. Both tests assess reading, math, and basic science knowledge necessary for success in college. The test assesses effective speed in reading college level material, and also assesses learning styles. A written expression section evaluates the student’s ability to develop and organize ideas in a written format. The test takes approximately 3 hours to complete.

Why are students being tested?

The college and health technology faculty want students to succeed in their goals. When students perform poorly in basic skills their chances of success in a health science program are very poor. The HOBET and NET provide a baseline assessment. Students who achieve a certain score have a greater chance of success. Students who do not meet the minimum criteria need remediation in order to be successful.

Who must be tested?

All college option, nursing and allied health students applying for admission to any health technology program will be required to take the HOBET/NET. High School Option students are not required to take the HOBET/NET. Students who have completed an Associate of Science, Associate of Applied Science in Allied Health program or Bachelor of Science degree in a Natural Science are waived from taking the exam.

What is the minimum score?

Effective August 25, 2008, the minimum score will be a composite score of 50 percent for Allied Health and a composite score of 62% for Nursing. This will be subject to change based on numerous factors, including changes in the national norms.

What happens if a student does not achieve the minimum score?

Each department will determine criteria for admission. Nursing, Dental Hygiene, Surgical Technology, Radiologic Technology, and the Health Information Management Technology Program will require that students achieve a minimum score in order to be admitted to the program. Students who do not achieve the minimum score can attend a remediation program or can self-remediate. They can take the entrance test a second time. Students who do not achieve the minimum score a second time will be seen by a counselor to evaluate whether the health science area is an appropriate career choice. Students may also want to take COUN 1100, Career Exploration to facilitate selection of a career path.

Medical Assistant, Massage, Respiratory Therapy, Medical Laboratory Technology, Histotechnology and the Paramedic Program will not require that students achieve a minimum score in order to be admitted to the program. Students who do not achieve the minimum score will be required to attend a remediation program. The remediation courses can be taken prior to starting the program or concurrently with program requirements. Remediation must be successfully completed prior to completion of the first year of the program.

What is offered for remediation?

The five components to the remediation are listed in the course schedule book as follows:

Skills for College Success (COUN 1300): this 2 credit hour, 8 or 16 week course focuses on time management, critical thinking, note-taking and test-taking strategies.

Reading Across the Curriculum (ENGL 0220): this 2 credit hour, 16 week course focuses on methods for successful reading of college textbooks.

Essentials Skills for Algebra (MATH 0745): this 1 credit hour, 8 week course focuses on basic mathematical concepts that are essential to health technology programs.

Psychology of Effective Studying (PSYC 1050): This 1 credit hour, seminar course focuses upon skills and organization needed for studying college-level courses.

Career Exploration (COUN 1100): This 3 credit hour, 16 week course focuses on components of career choice, including career awareness, personal and educational awareness. Decision-making strategies and techniques are reviewed.

Do I have to take the entire remediation program?

The remediation is based on the individual student test result. Students must meet with a counselor to determine which courses they need to take.

How much does the HOBET/NET cost?

The fee for testing will be \$40. This will cover the cost of the test, shipping, and handling and proctor fees. The fee must be paid prior to registering for the test. The student can obtain the cashier's form from the admissions office. The form should be taken to the cashier's office in A-building, along with cash, a check or credit card. The student will receive a receipt and one will be sent to the Science & Health division.

Students who receive financial aid should call the Financial Aid office at 525-7070 to find out if financial aid can be applied to the cost of the test. Students who receive benefits from the Board of Vocational Rehabilitation (BVR) or Workforce Investment Act (WIA) should contact the counselor from that agency to determine if the cost of the test will be included in their funding package.

Do I need to register for the test?

Yes, students must register through the Learning Center by the registration deadline. Students may register in person in Room A1044 or by phone at 440-525-7019. Payment is required prior to registration.

How will students receive the results of their test?

The student will receive a letter from the college with a copy of their test results. Students who do not achieve the minimum score will be advised to see their counselor in order to discuss remediation.

When should students take the HOBET/NET?

A student can take the test whenever they choose. Some students may want to take the test before they take any prerequisite courses in their area of interest. Other students may choose to take the test after they have completed the prerequisites. The test must be taken prior to applying to the Nursing and Allied Health program of interest.

When will the test be offered?

The test will be offered as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Registration/Payment Deadline</u>
May 21, 2009	Thursday	6:00 p.m.	H-1095	May 7, 2009
June 13, 2009	Saturday	9:00 a.m.	H-1095	June 1, 2009
July 15, 2009	Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	H-1095	July 2, 2009
August 11, 2009	Tuesday	1:00 p.m.	H-1095	July 28, 2009
September 17, 2009	Thursday	6:00 p.m.	H-1095	September 3, 2009
October 24, 2009	Saturday	9:00 a.m.	H-1095	October 10, 2009
November 11, 2009	Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	H-101	October 28, 2009
December 15, 2010	Tuesday	1:00 p.m.	A-2013	December 1, 2010
January 14, 2010	Thursday	6:00 p.m.		January 5, 2010
February 20, 2010	Saturday	9:00 a.m.		February 7, 2010

What do students need to bring to the test?

Students should bring their cashier's receipt showing proof of payment, a picture ID and two #2 pencils. A calculator is not permitted, as this test is assessing basic math abilities.

No scratch paper, study guides or notes are permitted.

Can students prepare for the test?

Preparation is optional. There will be a copy of the study guide on reserve in the college library and for purchase in the bookstore. Students can also attend the remediation courses to prepare for the test. Information about the remediation program is available through the counseling department (440-525-7200).

Who can students contact if they have any questions?

Students can call the counseling department at 440-525-7200, or the Science and Health Division office at 440-525-7180.

Can I transfer results of the HOBET or NET test from another school?

Yes, the results can be transferred as long as they are sent directly from the test company to the admission department. The student may contact ERI directly. A slight fee for this service is required by the test company. For additional information call 1-800-292-2273. The address is:

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