



GUIDELINES FOR SUCCESS FOR STUDENTS CONSIDERING NURSING

Typically over 900 students apply for approximately 120 openings each year in the Nursing Program at Macomb. The Nursing Program is highly competitive so you want to be at your academic best when you attempt to enter the program. The following information was developed to give you an idea of the skills needed to be successful in taking the HESI entrance exam, as well as guiding you to be successful once you are in the program.

Use your COMPASS/ESL scores and course placements to determine your strengths and weaknesses.

READING

It is important to have good reading skills. Most college textbooks are written at a 14th grade level or above. To help you decide if your reading skills are appropriate you can check your COMPASS/ESL reading score.

A COMPASS/ESL <u>READING</u> SCORE IS...	INDICATES A READING GRADE LEVEL OF...
60*	10 th Grade
76	12 th Grade
87	14 th Grade

*If your COMPASS Reading score is below 60, you would benefit from taking READING 0950 as well as getting support from the Learning Center.

VOCABULARY

If you wish to work on developing college level vocabulary, go to the Learning Center and they will help you with books and computerized tutoring programs. Knowledge of vocabulary will help you to comprehend what you are reading as well as read at a faster pace.

MATH

If your COMPASS math scores place you in MATH 0050 or MATH 0070, you are advised to take the math courses indicated on your score report to strengthen your math skills as well as go to the Learning Center to access PLATO math tutorials.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

If English is not your native language and you are in the EAPP sequence, you should complete that sequence to acquire skills in both reading and writing that will prepare you for the HESI entrance test as well as the nursing program.

GRADE POINT AVERAGE

Students that have a GPA of 3.0 or higher typically score well on the HESI entrance exam.