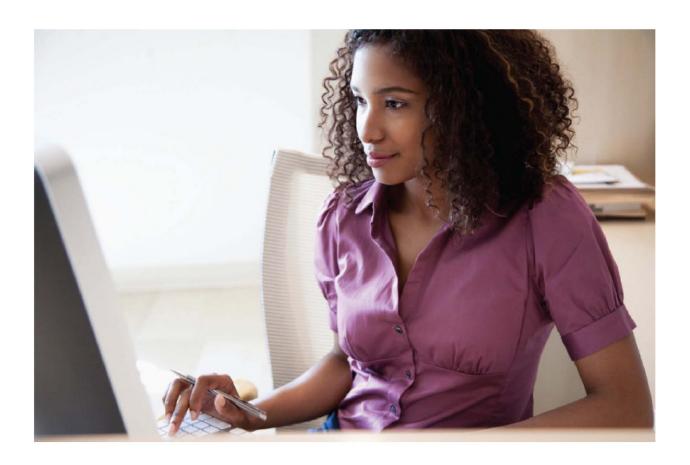
# **HESI Quick Reference Guide**

**For Students** 



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### **Taking an Exam**

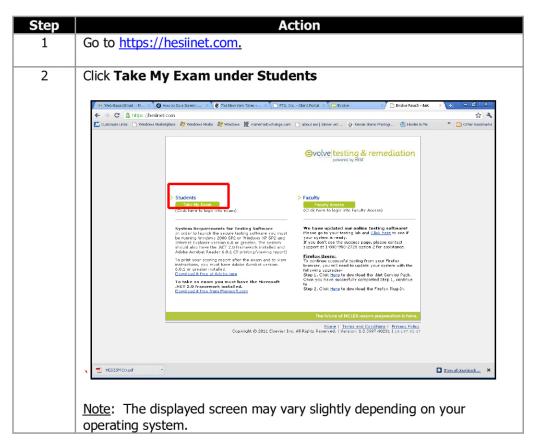
Before you begin

Before you begin you must have an Evolve account

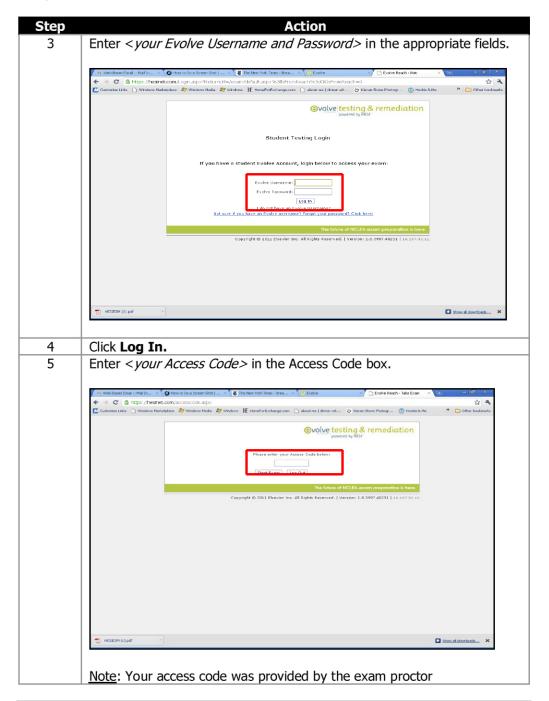
Reference: See "Creating a New Evolve Account"

**Procedure** 

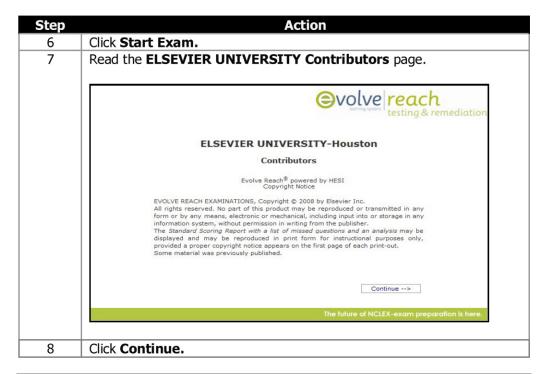
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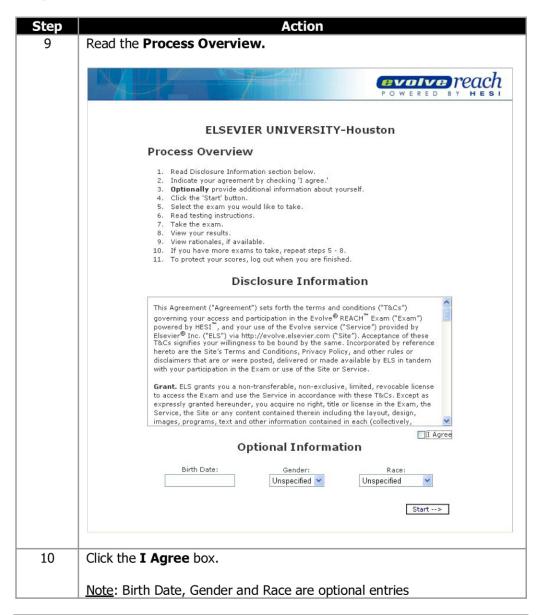
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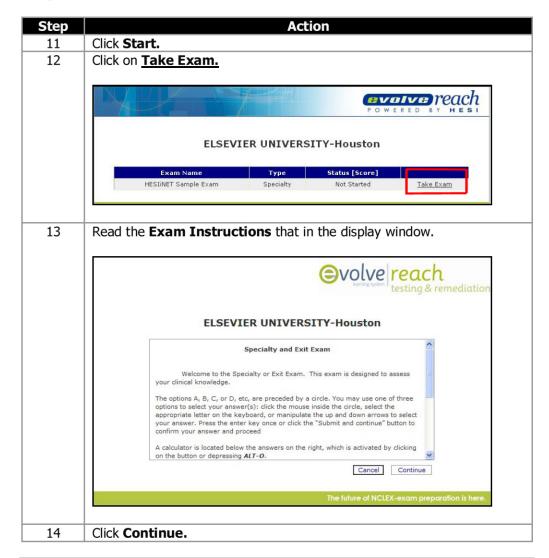
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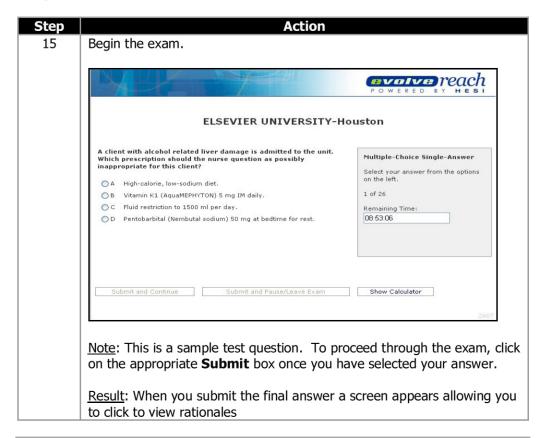
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#### Procedure, (continued)



### **Reviewing Exam Rationales**

Why review your rationales

The rationales section of your exam gives you an opportunity to see whether your answers were correct or incorrect, and to view the rationale for the correct answer.

When you can review rationales

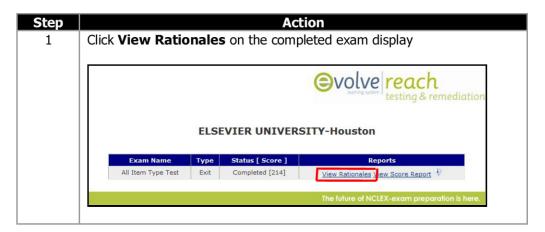
You can view each rationale only one time, and only during the proctored test session. Rationales are not viewable once the session has closed.

Before you begin

Before you begin you must have entered your final Exam answer.

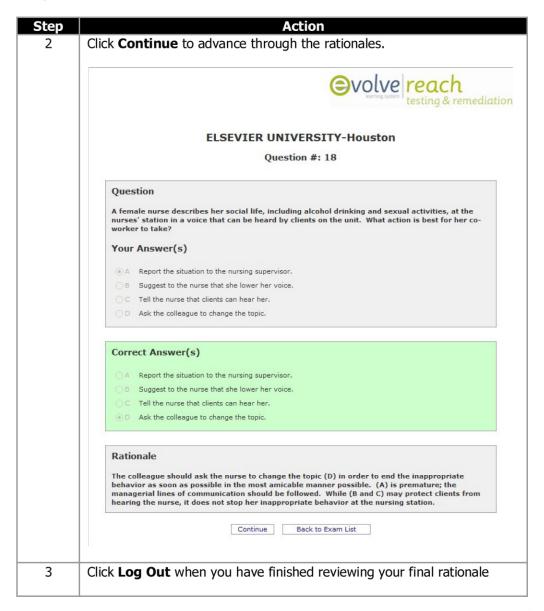
**Procedure** 

Follow the steps in the table below to review your exam rationales.



### Reviewing Exam Rationales, Continued

#### **Procedure,** (continued)



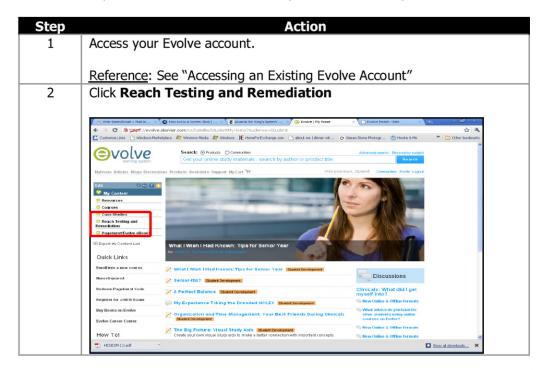
### **Accessing Exam Score Reports**

Before you begin

Your exam report is available 24 to 48 hours after the test session has been uploaded by the test administrator.

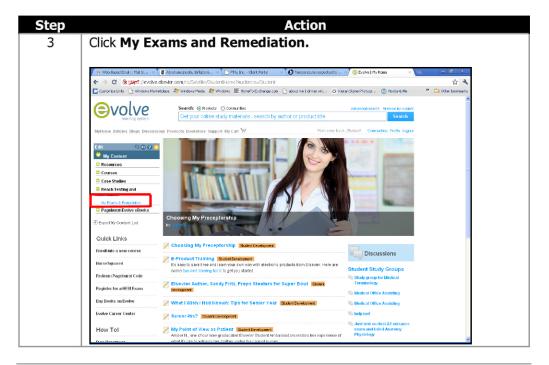
#### **Procedure**

Follow the steps in the table below to access your exam score reports.



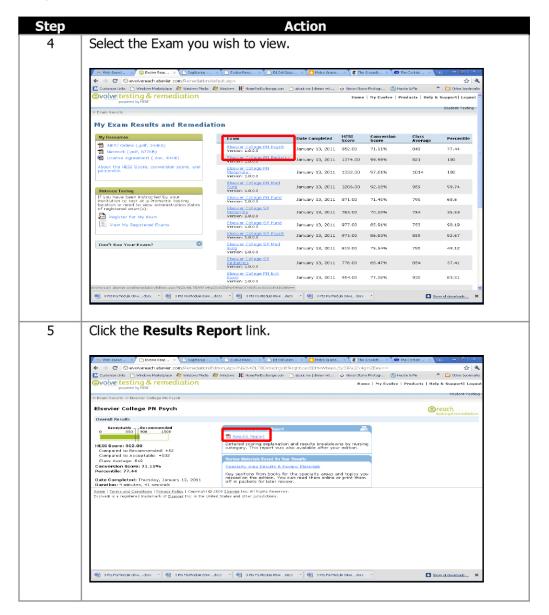
### Accessing Exam Score Reports, Continued

Procedure, (continued)



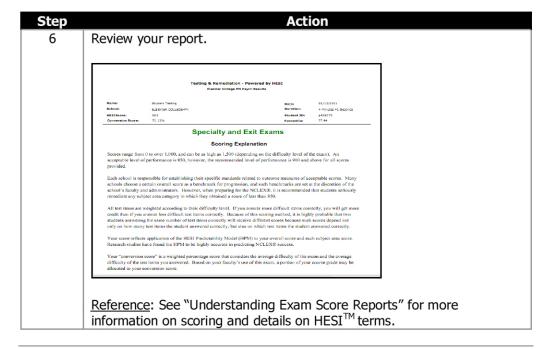
### Accessing Exam Score Reports, Continued

**Procedure,** (continued)



### Accessing Exam Score Reports, Continued

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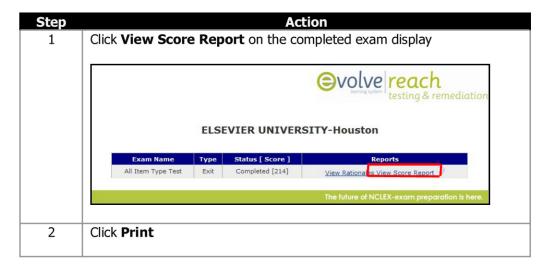


### **Viewing and Printing Exam Score Reports**

Before you begin

The print feature on your score report may have been disabled by the instructor to avoid printer noise. However, your score report can be accessed and printed later from your student account.

Reference: Accessing Exam Score Reports



### **Understanding Exam Score Reports**

#### Overview

This document provides the following  $\mathsf{HESI}^\mathsf{TM}$  scoring details:

- Scoring Explanation
- Percentile Ranking
- Nursing Process
- Client Needs
- Specialty Area
- Sub-specialty
- NLN Educational Competencies
- Missed Questions

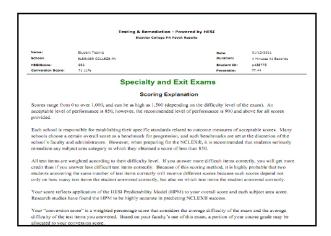
# How to access this information on line

You can access and print this information through your Evolve account. See "Accessing Exam Score Reports."

The information is available for print in PDF format.

### **Understanding Exam Score Reports: Scoring Explanation**

#### Scoring Explanation display



This is a sample of the **HESI Specialty and Exit Exams Scoring Explanation** page.

### Explanation of paragraph 1

#### Text:

Scores range from 0 to over 1,000 and can be as high as 1,500 (depending on the difficulty level of the exam). An acceptable level of performance is 805, however, the recommended level of performance is 900 and above for all scores provided.

#### **Explanation:**

This paragraph explains that the highest achievable score on  ${\sf HESI}^{\sf TM}$  exams is 1500. Guided by research, many faculty use the benchmarks of 850 as the minimum acceptable score and 900 as recommended. These benchmarks serve only as a guide, as faculty is ultimately responsible for determining what their own programs require of students.

## **Understanding Exam Score Reports: Scoring Explanation,**Continued

### Explanation of paragraph 2

#### **Text**

Each school is responsible for establishing their specific standards related to outcome measures of acceptable scores. Many schools choose a certain overall score as a benchmark for progression, and such benchmarks are set at the discretion of the school's faculty and administrators. However, when preparing for the NCLEX®, it is recommended that students seriously remediate any subject area category in which they obtained a score of less than 850.

#### **Explanation**

This is a reminder that faculty set their own pass/fail criteria: HESI<sup>™</sup> does not set school policy, but does recommend that any score below 850 suggests a weakness in the student's ability to apply the concepts of that particular content area.

### Explanation of paragraph 3

#### **Text**

All test items are weighted according to their difficulty level. If you answer more difficult items correctly, you will get more credit than if you answer less difficult test items correctly. Because of this scoring method, it is highly probable that two students answering the same number of test questions will receive different scores because such scores depend not only on how many test items the student answered correctly, but also on which test items the student answered correctly.

#### **Explanation**

This is a reminder that items are weighted according to their difficulty level, just like NCLEX®. Therefore, two students answering the same total number of test items correctly are very likely to obtain different scores. This is because individual scores are dependent not only on the overall number of items answered correctly, but also on the difficulty level of those items. Difficult items receive more credit than less difficult items. This means that it is not just the total number of items you get right that matters; it's WHICH items you get right. This is why these exams are so predictive – they can distinguish students who are able to apply content from those who are not, based on the difficulty level of the items answered correctly.

# **Understanding Exam Score Reports: Scoring Explanation,**Continued

### Explanation of paragraph 4

#### **Text**

Your score reflects application of the HESI<sup>™</sup> Predictability Model (HPM) to your overall score and each subject area score. Research studies have found the HPM to be highly accurate in predicting NCLEX® success.

#### **Explanation**

The  $\mathsf{HESI}^\mathsf{TM}$  predictability model (HPM), a proprietary mathematical model, is used to calculate all  $\mathsf{HESI}^\mathsf{TM}$  scores. It is not a percentage score, but rather a reflection of the application of this model to the data. The HPM considers several factors, including the difficulty level of each test item, and performs regression analyses for each score reported on all  $\mathsf{HESI}^\mathsf{TM}$  exams. For example of  $\mathsf{HESI}^\mathsf{TM}$  score of 850 might be a percentage score of 65%, depending on the difficulty level of the test items contained on a particular test or in a particular category of a test.

### Explanation of paragraph 5

#### **Text**

Your "conversion score" is a weighted percentage score that considers the average difficulty of the exam and the average difficulty of the test items you answered. Based on your faculty's use of this exam, a portion of your course grade may be allocated to your conversion score.

#### **Explanation**

The conversion score is a weighted percentage score intended to be used by faculty to represent the mathematical equivalent of the HESI<sup>TM</sup> score. It is provided to faculty as a convenience so that those who use exam outcomes as a grade or part of a grade know what grade the HESI<sup>TM</sup> score represents on a 100 point grading scale. It is further recommended that faculty use a 10 pt grading score with the conversion score.

### Explanation of paragraph 6

#### Text

The score is a better predictor of NCLEX® success than the conversion score because it reflects application of the HPM in its calculation, whereas the conversion score does not.

#### **Explanation**

The difference is due to the fact that HPM takes into account the difficulty of each individual test item whereas the conversion score takes into account the average difficulty of all items.

# **Understanding Exam Score Reports: Scoring Explanation,**Continued

### Explanation of paragraph 7

#### **Text**

Colored graphs depicting your scores on various subject area categories are provided throughout this report. The horizontal lines within these graphs are set at the acceptable level (850) and the recommended level (900).

#### **Explanation**

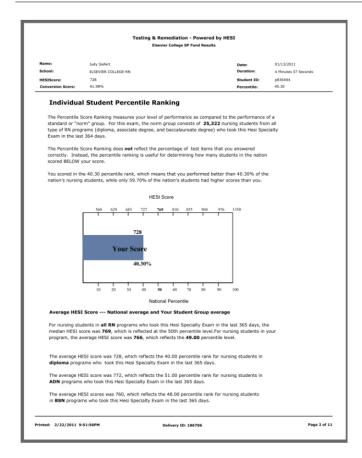
Colored graphs are used throughout the report with the benchmarks of 850 and 900.

### **Understanding Exam Score Reports: Percentile Ranking**

#### Overview

The **Individual Student Percentile Ranking** page presents your percentile ranking based on all of the students who have taken this test to date. The page also describes how to interpret your ranking and how students in diploma, AND, and BSN programs compare.

Individual Student Percentile Ranking display



This is a sample of the **Individual Student Percentile Ranking** page.

#### **Explanation**

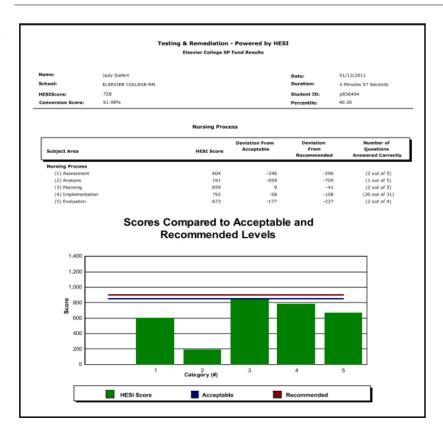
The Percentile Score Ranking measures your level of performance as compared to the performance of a standard, or "norm", group. It does not reflect the percentage of test items that you answered correctly, but is useful for determining how many students in the nation scored **BELOW** you...

### **Understanding Exam Score Reports: Nursing Process**

#### Overview

The **Nursing Process** page details your results in the NURSING PROCESS domain.

### Nursing process display



This is a sample of the **Nursing Process** page.

#### **Explanation**

This page presents the same data in both column and graph format. This data includes:

- The four categories (1-5) of the Nursing Process Subject Area
- The HESI score for each category
- The deviation from the acceptable benchmark (850)
- The deviation from the recommended benchmark (900)

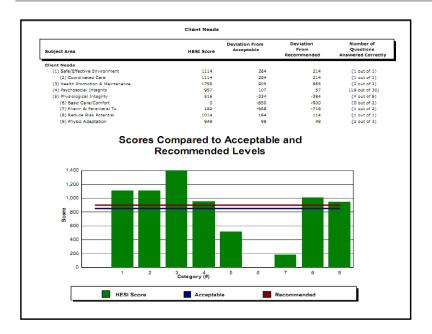
In addition, the column format includes the number of correct responses given, out of the total number of items in that category.

### **Understanding Exam Score Reports: Client Needs**

#### Overview

The **Client Needs** page details your results in the CLIENT NEEDS domain.

### Client needs display



This is a sample of the **Client Needs** page.

#### **Explanation**

This page presents the same data in both column and graph format. This data includes:

- The 9 categories and subcategories (1-9) of the Client Subject Area
- The HESI score for each category
- The deviation from the acceptable benchmark (850)
- The deviation from the recommended benchmark (900)

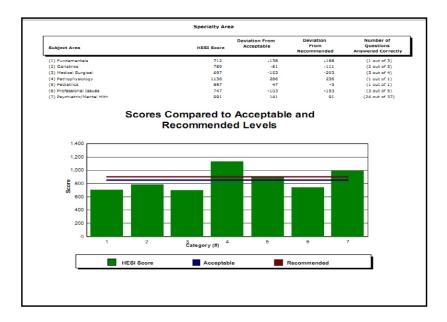
In addition, the column format includes the number of correct responses given, out of the total number of items in that category.

### **Understanding Exam Score Reports: Specialty Area**

#### Overview

The **Specialty Area** page details your results in the SPECIALTY AREA domain.

### Specialty Area display



This is a sample of the **Specialty Area** page.

#### **Explanation**

This page presents the same data in both column and graph format. This data includes:

- The 7 categories (1-7) of the Specialty Subject Area
- The HESI score for each category
- The deviation from the acceptable benchmark (850)
- The deviation from the recommended benchmark (900)

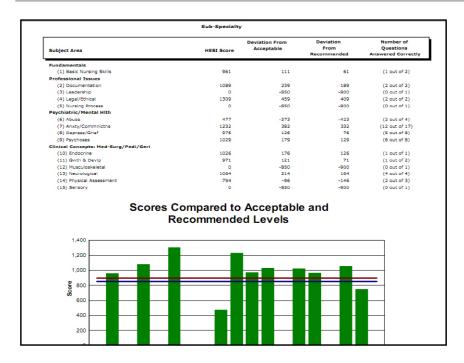
In addition, the column format includes the number of correct responses given, out of the total number of items in that category.

### **Understanding Exam Score Reports: Sub-specialty**

#### Overview

The **Sub-specialty** page details your results in the sub-specialty domain.

### Sub-specialty display



This is a sample of the **Sub-specialty** page.

#### **Explanation**

This page presents the same data in both column and graph format. This data includes:

- The 15 categories (1-15) of the Sub-specialty Subject Area
- · The HESI score for each category
- The deviation from the acceptable benchmark (850)
- The deviation from the recommended benchmark (900)

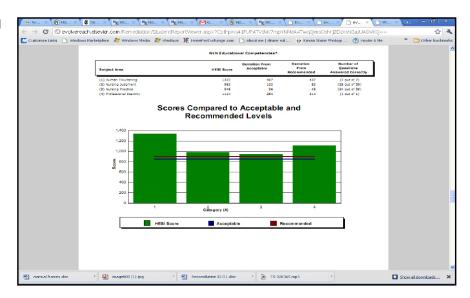
In addition, the column format includes the number of correct responses given, out of the total number of items in that category.

# **Understanding Exam Score Reports: NLN Educational Competencies**

**Overview** 

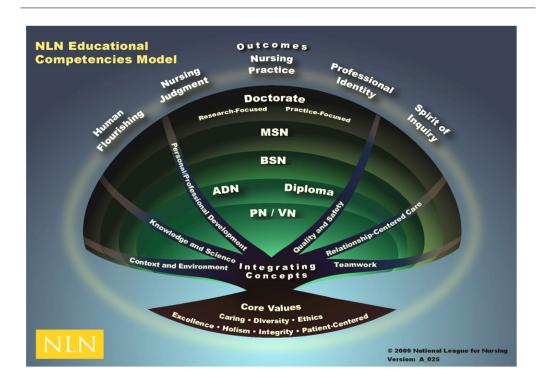
The **NLN Educational Competencies** page details your results in this domain.

NLN Educational Competencies display



This is a sample of the **NLN Educational Competencies** page.

#### **Explanation**

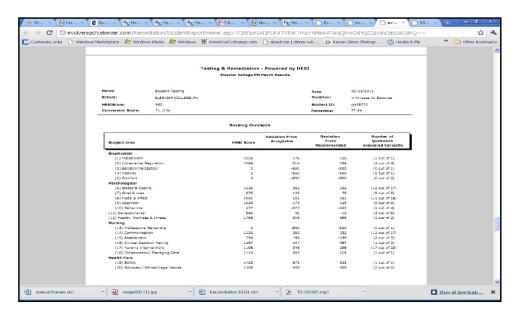


### **Understanding Exam Score Reports: Nursing Concepts**

#### Overview

The **Nursing Concepts** page details your results in the Nursing Concepts domain.

Nursing Concepts display



This is a sample of the **Nursing Concepts** page.

#### **Explanation**

This page presents the same data in column format. This data includes:

- The 20 categories (1-20) Subject Area
- The HESI score for each category
- The deviation from the acceptable benchmark (850)
- The deviation from the recommended benchmark (900)

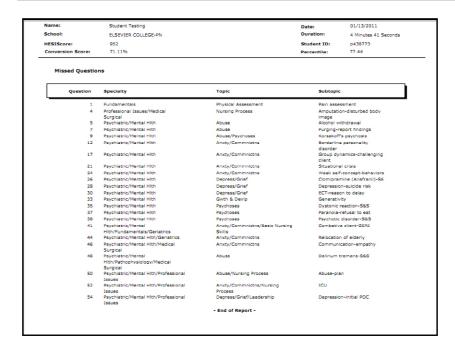
In addition, the column format includes the number of correct responses given, out of the total number of items in that category.

### **Understanding Exam Score Reports: Missed Questions**

#### **Overview**

The **Missed Questions** page identifies questions that were answered incorrectly on the exam (i.e. "missed" questions).

#### Missed questions display



This is a sample of the **Missed Questions** page.

#### **Explanation**

This page presents missed questions by specialty area, topic and sub-topic. This is the information used to create links in each student's individualized remediation plan. Any missed question provides a link leading to remediation content.

Reference: See "Accessing Post-Exam" remediation.

### **Accessing Post-Exam Remediation**

### Before you begin

Before you begin you must access your Evolve account.

Reference: See "Accessing an Existing Evolve Account"

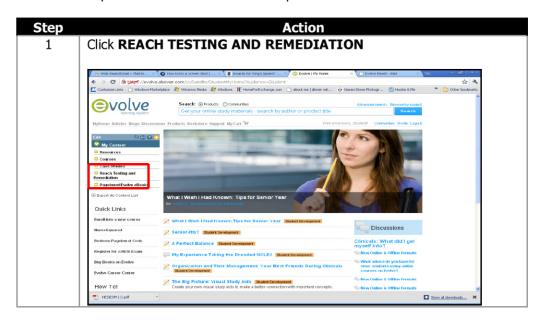
# Remediation content overview

The remediation content you will be accessing has been pulled from any Elsevier title, whether your instructor has adopted the book or not. You will not have access to the entire book, but only to the content that is relevant to the questions you missed on the exam.

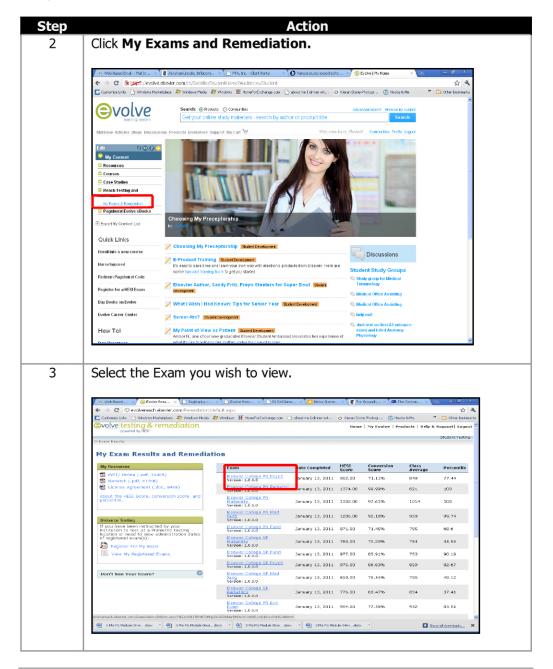
The breadth of resources made available for remediation content is a reminder that answering questions correctly requires the use of more than one textbook.

#### **Procedure**

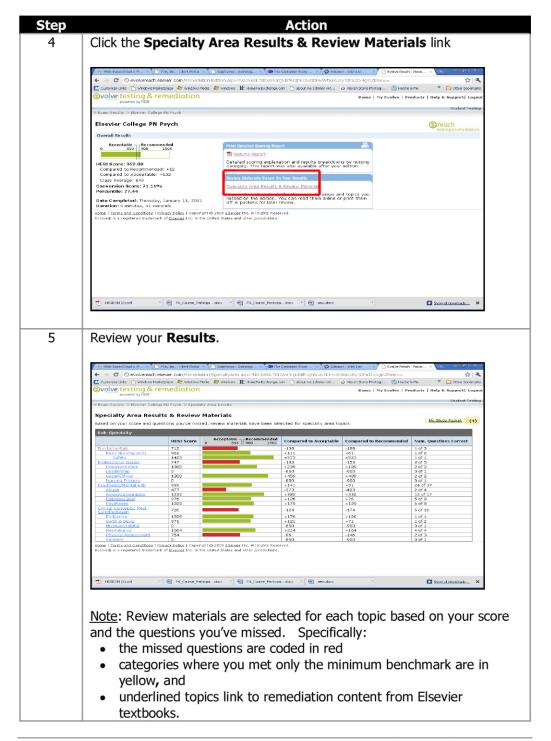
Follow the steps in the table below to access post-exam remediation.



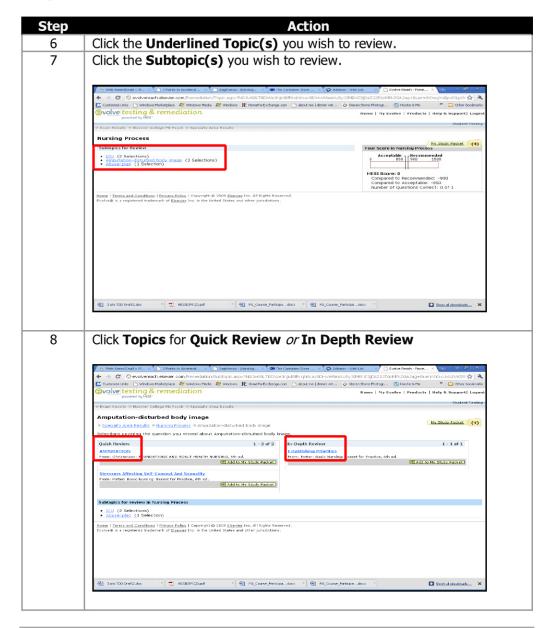
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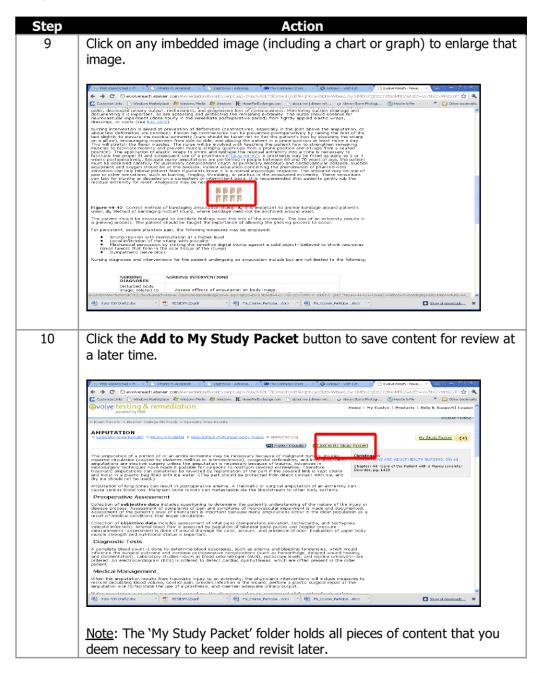
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Procedure, (continued)



**Procedure,** (continued)



### **Accessing Remediation Practice Questions**

# Exams with practice questions

Practice questions are embedded in the remediation for RN Edit results.

<u>Note</u>: There are no embedded practice questions for RN Specialty Exams or PN Exams.

#### Before you click the Practice Question link

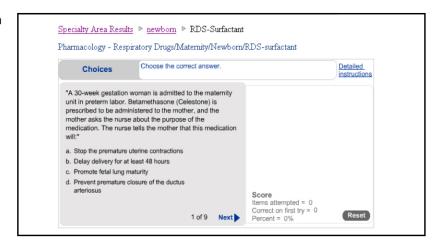
Click the 'Practice Question' link in the content with embedded questions only after you have reviewed the content, since the idea is to revisit the content and then check your understanding of the information. Doing this in the right order is important to your overall understanding of these concepts.

### Practice link display



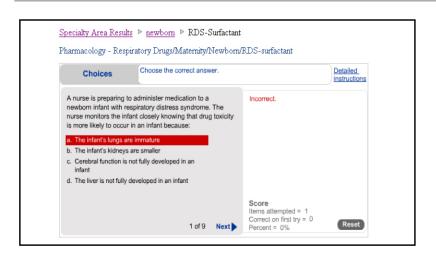
### Accessing Remediation Practice Questions, Continued

#### Sample question



This screen displays a sample of the first in a series of questions.

### Incorrect response



This screen displays a sample of an incorrect response.

### Accessing Remediation Practice Questions, Continued

### Correct response



This screen displays a sample of a correct response.