

Guidelines for Students Taking the A² Exam

What is the Evolve Reach A² Exam?

The Admissions Assessment (A²) Exam is really a battery of individual tests designed to assess a student's basic knowledge and skills and to predict his/her classroom success. The A² consists of nine different exams (at Mott, we will only be testing students in six of the nine areas). The exams include academically-oriented exams as well as two personal assessment exams. The areas tested at Mott Community College will include the following

Academically-Oriented Exams

Math
Reading Comprehension
Grammar
Vocabulary

Personal Assessment Exams

Learning Styles
Personality Profiles

The exams are computer-based and will be administered during a single session. Results will be available at the end of the exam session.

What do the exam scores mean to the student?

Although each of the academically-oriented exams is scored, only scores in the following areas will be used to determine eligibility for the Mott Nursing Program: *math, reading comprehension, grammar and vocabulary*. The scores summarize the student's academic knowledge and skills in each area. They also assist faculty to determine if program applicant may benefit from enrichment courses, study skills courses or remediation of basic knowledge courses. The two personal inventories offer the student insight into his/her individual study habits, learning preferences and dispositions as related to academic achievement. Overall, the scores will help to determine if the student's academic readiness is adequate for the rigors of the nursing curriculum. Results on the A² are utilized along with other program requirements to determine a student's eligibility for the Nursing program.

What scores do I need to achieve?

A minimum score of 75% is required on each of the required academically-oriented exams (that is, math, reading comprehension, grammar and vocabulary). These scores are intended to support the student in identifying strengths and weaknesses, and as guidance for remediation.

How do I register for the test?

There are two steps to the registration process: 1) Contact the MCC Testing Center (ML 3107; 810-762-0406) for testing date availability. You will be given a delivery code number for your testing date. 2) Go to ShopElsevier.com to purchase exam access for the testing date you selected. (Complete instructions for exam access purchase are included at the end of this information sheet).

Exam access purchase requires the use of a valid credit or credit/debit card (cash, checks or money orders are not accepted). All orders are final, with no refund. Upon completion of the exam access purchase, a receipt will be sent by email. A printed copy of the receipt must be presented to the testing center at the time of the scheduled exam session.

What is the cost and how do I pay?

Exam access is purchased online from Evolve Reach through ShopElsevier.com. The cost is \$34.00 and must be paid by credit card or credit/debit card. Details regarding purchase of exam access are attached to this information sheet.

What will taking the test be like?

The test is an online, computer-based test. The A² will be proctored by a member of the Testing Center staff.

Each section of the A² is a separate examination. Each item on an exam is separate from other items. Once an answer is submitted, it cannot be changed and the test item cannot be viewed again. Likewise, once an exam is completed it cannot be accessed again. After completion of each single exam, the main menu will offer selection of the next exam. Scores for completed exams are displayed on the menu. A detailed display is also available at the completion of the entire testing session.

What about exam security?

The A² is a secure exam, proctored by a member of the Testing Center staff. Each student must agree to access the exam in a responsible, secure and civil manner and in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Confidentiality Agreement provided with each exam. Picture ID and a copy of the receipt of purchase are required to test. No other items will be allowed in the immediate testing area. Books, backpacks, and other items must be left at the front of the exam room.

How long is the exam?

Each single exam requires 15-50 minutes to complete, depending on the type and length of the exam. Most students will require about 3 to 3 ½ hours to complete all of the required exams. A maximum, total time of 4 ½ is allotted for the exam.

Will I be able to use a calculator on the Mathematics portion of the test?

The calculator available on the exam screen may be used for math calculations.

When will I receive my score?

Exams are scored electronically and scores are available at the end of each separate exam. Detailed information will be available by the end of the month in which testing occurred. The faculty proctor will review results with the student after the testing session or by appointment. The faculty member can assist the student to develop a remediation plan if necessary.

What if I do not receive a passing score?

If a student fails to achieve a passing score, he/she may retest after remediation. A passing score (in each of the required areas) is required for eligibility and admission to the Nursing Program.

How do I prepare for the test?

The *Admission Assessment Exam Review* book (published by Elsevier-Evolve) is available for student use in the MCC Library and in the Health Sciences AVT area located in CM 2205. These study guides may be checked out for a three day period from the library. An MCC student ID and picture identification are required. Study guides obtained from the AVT may not be checked out. The *Admission Assessment Exam Review* book may be purchased at the Mott Book Store or online at ShopElsevier.com.

What if I miss my testing date?

It may be possible to reschedule in another testing section by contacting the Testing Center at 810-762-0406.