Southern Union State Community College
Radiologic Technology Program
And
Emergency Medical Services – Paramedic Program
A² Information Sheet
(New Entrance Exam for Radiologic Technology and EMS Paramedic Program Applicants)

What is the A² Exam?
The Evolve Reach Admissions Assessment (A²) Exam measures basic skills in the following academic content areas:

- **Math:** (50 items) Focuses on math skills needed for health care fields, including basic addition, subtraction, multiplication, fractions, decimals, ratios and proportions, household measures, and general math facts.
- **Reading Comprehension:** (47 items) Provides reading scenarios in order to measure reading comprehension, including, but not limited to: identifying the main idea, finding the meaning of words in context, passage comprehension, and making logical inferences.
- **Vocabulary and General Knowledge:** (50 items) Contains basic vocabulary that is often used in health care fields.
- **Grammar:** (50 items) Contains basic grammar, including: parts of speech, important terms and their uses in grammar, and commonly occurring grammatical errors.
- Additional questions on the following topics will be included, but not used in score determination:
  - Learning Styles: 14 item assessment of the applicant’s preferred learning style.
  - Personality Style: 25 item assessment of personality related to the applicant’s preferred learning style.
  - Applicants will receive a printout of study tips based on their learning style and personality profile.

Total time available to test: 4 hours

Who should register for the A² Exam?
All students who apply to the Radiologic Technology and/or EMS Paramedic Program at SUSCC are required to take the A² Exam as part of the application process. The score received on this exam will be considered as part of the selective admissions process. (See the Radiologic Technology Program admission requirements at: [http://www.suscc.edu/RadioGraphyPart1.aspx#admissions](http://www.suscc.edu/RadioGraphyPart1.aspx#admissions) and the EMS – Paramedic admission requirements (test required for spring 2013 admissions) at: [http://www.suscc.edu/EMS_Paramedic_Evening_Summer_Admission1.aspx](http://www.suscc.edu/EMS_Paramedic_Evening_Summer_Admission1.aspx)

How do I prepare for the A² Exam?

How do I register for the A² Exam?
You must email your request for a test date to radtesting@suscc.edu. The dates and times for taking the exam are on the back of this sheet. Be sure to use a valid email address that you check often. A confirmation email with an attached payment form will be sent to the email address you use for registration. You must print the attached form and present it when paying for the test.

- The cost of the exam is $44.00 (non-refundable). Payment must be made in the business office at any Southern Union campus prior to testing. You must bring your receipt of payment with you at the time of testing—there will be NO ADMITTANCE without a receipt.
- All testing takes place in the computer lab (room 115) in the Health Sciences Building on the Opelika campus of SUSCC. Scroll down to last page to see test dates.
• Seating is limited for each testing date and time. **YOU MUST REGISTER AT LEAST ONE WEEK PRIOR TO THE EXAM** (e.g., if testing on Monday, Sept. 19, 2013, you must submit your request no later than Monday, Sept. 12, 2012).

• Confirmation e-mails will be sent on Mondays.

Creating an Evolve account:

• **Prior to your scheduled test date,** you must create an account with Evolve if you do not already have one. To do this, follow these steps:
  o Log on to [www.hesiinet.com](http://www.hesiinet.com).
  o Click on “Take my Exam.”
  o Click on “I do not have an Evolve username.”
  o Click on “Register to reach testing and remediation.” (green box on the right hand side of the screen)
  o Click on register. (lower right hand side of the screen)
  o Under “New User,” create your password. Click “continue.”
  o Fill in required information.
  o Read the agreement; check the box accepting the agreement, and click “submit.”
  o Write down your username and password to bring with you to the exam.

What should I do on my scheduled test date?

• Arrive at the testing site 15 minutes prior to your scheduled test. Late arrivals **WILL NOT BE ADMITTED.**
• Plan to be at the testing site for four hours.
• Bring the following to the test:
  o Government issued picture ID (driver’s license, passport, etc.)
  o A printed copy of your email test date confirmation
  o Receipt for payment of the test from the business office
  o Your email address
  o Your Evolve username and password
• Please note:
  o calculators, cell phones, iPods and other electronic devices are not allowed
  o no breaks are allowed during the testing process

Anything else I need to know?

• There is no minimum score for this exam. You should be attempting to get the highest score possible.
• Evolve assesses a $15 fee to transfer A² Exam scores to another program other than SUSCC.
• Missed exams are non-refundable; however, you may reschedule by email no less than one week prior to your scheduled test (i.e., If you are registered to take the exam on September 19, you must reschedule no later than September 12). This allows another student to occupy your vacated seat for the test.
• The A² Exam may be repeated only once during any admission time frame. When scheduling a second attempt, you MUST state it is your second attempt in the registration email. There are two versions of the exam. The exam software will not allow a student to test twice on the same exam. If you do not identify yourself as a repeat tester you will be locked out of the exam and testing fees are non-refundable. The second attempt can be scheduled for any of the dates listed on this sheet.
• Reasonable accommodations on this test are available for students with documented disabilities. Prior to scheduling your appointment to take the A², please contact Gary Branch at 334-745-6437.
• Please visit [www.suscc.edu](http://www.suscc.edu) for information regarding the program application or selection process. **No questions will be answered through the registration email address.**
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Additional dates will be coming soon.