



# Healthcare Issues Exam

***New for 2020-2021***

Competitor orientation deleted from ILC.

## Event Summary

The Healthcare Issues Exam provides members with the opportunity to investigate, analyze and apply their knowledge of current health related issues. This event consists of a multiple choice test and one essay question that will be graded to break a tie. This event aims to inspire members to be proactive future health professionals and stay informed about current issues in the healthcare field.

**Dress Code** Competitors must be in official HOSA uniform or in proper business attire. Five bonus points will be awarded for [proper dress](#).

## General Rules

1. Competitors in this event must be active members of HOSA-Future Health Professionals, in good standing in the division in which they are registered to compete (Secondary or Postsecondary/Collegiate).
2. Each state will be allowed to enter any qualified HOSA member, based on the following formula: total competitors per state not to exceed 25% of the number of that state's previous year's ILC student delegates. (Example: a state with 40 student delegates at the 2020 ILC could enter a maximum of 10 students in this event in 2021.) HOSA members DO NOT need to have taken the exam at the state/territory/country level prior to ILC.

\*\* Current Exception: For ILC 2021, the number of delegates per state allowed will be based on ILC 2019 numbers, NOT on Virtual ILC 2020 numbers.

3. Competitors must be familiar with and adhere to the "[General Rules and Regulations of the HOSA Competitive Events Program \(GRR\)](#)."

## Official References

4. The official references for the selection of questions will be, as posted as of September 1, 2020:
  - CBS News Healthwatch <http://www.cbsnews.com/health/>– click on "Health"
  - NBC News <http://www.nbcnews.com/health>
  - CNN.com <http://www.cnn.com/health>
  - Medline Plus <https://medlineplus.gov/>

## The Test

5. The State test will cover information posted from July 1<sup>st</sup> – November 1<sup>st</sup>. The ILC test will cover information from Jan 1<sup>st</sup> – April 30<sup>th</sup>.
6. [Test Instructions](#): There will be a maximum of 60 minutes to complete the 50 item multiple choice test.

NOTE: *States/regions may use a different process for testing, to include but not limited to pre-conference testing, online testing, and testing at a computer. Check with your Area/Region/State/Association for the process you will be using.*

7. **TIME REMAINING ANNOUNCEMENTS:** There will be a verbal announcement when there are 30 minutes, 15 minutes, 5 minutes, and 1 minute remaining in this event.
8. SCHEDULE NOTE: At ILC, make-up tests will NOT be scheduled for late competitors. Event logistics are such that only competitors who are registered for this event and are present to take the scheduled test will be accommodated.
9. Competitors can register for both HCIE and Organizational Leadership, but special testing arrangements for HCIE must be made for ILC as these events take place at the same time (Wednesday) of ILC week. State Advisors will be required to notify HOSA Headquarters of any competitors registered for both events so that special arrangements can be made.
10. **Sample Test Questions (From previous years)**
  1. The WHO called upon international partners to fight the world's worst epidemic that has killed 6,000 people in the Democratic Republic of Congo, largely due to which disease?
    - A. **Measles**
    - B. HIV
    - C. Encephalitis
    - D. SARS

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  2. In a new research study of the bushfires in Australia between October 2019 and February 2020, what was the primary cause of death related to those fires?
    - A. Respiratory burns
    - B. Strokes
    - C. **Smoke inhalation**
    - D. Heart attacks

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  3. What type of highly contagious, gastrointestinal outbreak was confirmed in January 2020 at the Yosemite National Park in Northern California?
    - A. **Norovirus**
    - B. Astrovirus
    - C. Rotavirus
    - D. Coronavirus

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### Final Scoring

11. In case of a tie, the essay question will be graded and used to break the tie.
12. Competitors from both divisions who score in the top 10% and the top scorer from each division will be recognized at the International Leadership Conference. The top scorer from each division will receive a plaque. Gold, silver and bronze medals are not awarded for this at the international level.

**Competitor Must Provide:**

- #2 lead pencils with eraser
- [Photo ID](#)