

**TEAS<sup>®</sup> Information Packet**  
**Northampton Community College**  
**Department of Nursing**

- ✓ The Nursing Department requires applicants to the RN and Advanced Placement RN Programs to submit results from the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS®) as part of the application process. We have compiled a list of questions and answers regarding the exam and our policies regarding taking this exam.
  
- ✓ If you have further questions regarding the exam itself, please go to <https://www.atitesting.com/>
  
- ✓ If you have questions regarding the admissions criteria as it relates to the exam, contact the Admissions Office at 610.861.5500.
  
- ✓ If you have testing-related issues at either campus, email: [ncclibrarietesting@northampton.edu](mailto:ncclibrarietesting@northampton.edu)

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

### **What is the TEAS® assessment?**

The Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS®) administered by Assessment Technologies Institute, LLC (ATI) is a standardized, timed, computer-based exam designed to assess the general academic preparedness of students interested in applying to the RN program and Advanced Placement RN Program. It measures knowledge in basic, essential skills in the academic content areas of Reading, Mathematics, Science and English.

### **Who needs to take the TEAS®?**

Applicants to any NCC nursing program are required to take the TEAS exam.

\*\*\*NOTE: TEAS Advanced Placement

*Students who have successfully completed the TEAS examination within the last 4 years of completion of the LPN program at Northampton Community College, with an overall score of proficient or higher, will not be required to retake the TEAS exam prior to applying as an advanced placement student within the RN program.*

### **Where do I take TEAS®?**

The TEAS exam is offered in-person at both the Bethlehem and Monroe campuses. **There is no longer an option for remote testing for NCC Nursing Program applicants.**

### **When is the test offered?**

The exam is currently offered in-person and the schedule is available on the ATI website. You can view the schedule of testing dates when you register on-line.

### **When should I take the TEAS®?**

You should not take the exam until the **minimum** admission requirements to the program of interest are met. The results of the exam are only valid for **two years**. You should seek the guidance of an Admission Counselor or your academic advisor before scheduling your TEAS® exam to avoid unnecessary early testing and cost.

### **How many sub-sections of the exam am I required to take?**

You are required to take all four sub-sections of the exam:

- Math
- English
- Reading
- Science

### **Is there a deadline for testing?**

Testing should be completed prior to applying to the program so that TEAS results can be reviewed with your application. The application deadline for fall admission is February 1st and for spring admission is October 1st.

### **How often can I take the exam?**

You are allowed to take the TEAS® two times in an application period. There are two application periods per year. If the test is taken more than twice in an application period, only the first two test results will be considered. The minimum time between a first attempt and a repeat attempt is 30 days. Results will not be considered for testing done less than 30 days from a previous attempt.

### **What scores will be reviewed when considering my acceptance?**

Proficiency level, highest Individual Adjusted Score and each sub-section score will be included in the application review process.

**What score do I need to be considered for admission into the program?**

RN Program: Primary consideration for admission will be given to students with a grade of B or better in the program sciences (Anatomy and Physiology I & II; Microbiology) on the first attempt and an overall academic preparedness rating on TEAS® of Proficient with sub- section scores at or above the national mean.

Nationally, the average TEAS test score is about 60%. For students applying to an associate degree program, the typical score is about 66%.

LPN Program: A TEAS® academic preparedness level at or above Basic is one of four minimum program admission requirements. The remaining three requirements are:

- Completion of high school biology\* with a grade of C or better.
- One year of high school Algebra\*\* with a C or better
- Cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher

**How do I register to take the TEAS®?**

Create an ATI student account by following the “How to Register Guidelines.”

- Once your account is created, access the ATI Online Store within your ATI account.
- In ATI Online Store, click Register for TEAS.
- Filter to TEAS for Nursing Student USA, PA to find NCC dates/times.
- Select a session that works best & read all tech requirements for remote testing sessions.
- Debit or credit card payment is accepted.

**What steps are required on the day of my exam?**

- Login to your ATI student account and click MY ATI at TEST tab.
- Add TEAS ID to account and Click BEGIN on the TEAS assessment. Clicking BEGIN will also prompt Proctorio as well.
- Follow the prompts for pre-checks.
- Your Proctor will then approve you and the assessment will begin.
- Proctorio customer support is available via in-exam chat service if needed during your assessment.

**What is the cost of the TEAS®?**

The cost to register for TEAS® at NCC is \$87.00 and includes automatic transfer of your transcript to NCC.

**How do I prepare for the TEAS®?**

Since TEAS® scores are part of your application to a highly competitive program, you should prepare thoroughly for the exam. Review manuals and practice tests are available for purchase from the ATI testing site <http://www.atitesting.com/>

**How do I get my results?**

ATI will send your TEAS® scores to NCC electronically so they can be included in your application. After you leave the testing area you can view your results by logging on to the ATI website [www.atitesting.com](http://www.atitesting.com) with your username and password and selecting results.

**Can I use results of TEAS® taken previously?**

Yes, you can submit previous TEAS® results as long as they are dated within 2 years of the date you complete your application.

**What subject areas are included in TEAS®?**

The test consists of 170 multiple-choice questions (150 are scored). There are four sections: Math, English, Reading, and Science. Basic understanding of these subjects is important for success in a nursing program.

- The Math subtest measures knowledge of whole numbers, metric conversions, fractions and decimals, algebraic equations, percentages, and ratio/proportion.
- The English subtest measures knowledge of punctuation, grammar, and sentence structure, contextual words, and spelling.
- The Reading subtest covers paragraph comprehension, passage comprehension, and inferences/conclusions.
- The Science subtest covers science reasoning, science knowledge, biology, chemistry, anatomy, and physiology, basic physical principals and general science.