TEAS® Information Packet
Northampton Community College
Department of Nursing

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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS®)

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 www.atitesting.com. If you have questions regarding the admissions criteria as it relates to the exam, please contact the Admissions office at 610.861.5500.

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.

Where do I take TEAS® at NCC?
TEAS® will be administered in the Library Testing Center on the Bethlehem and Monroe Campus.

Bethlehem	**Monroe**
NCC Mack Library Testing Center	ESSA Library Testing Center
4th Floor College Center	1st Floor Keystone
3835 Green Pond Road	2411 Route 715
Bethlehem, PA 18020	Tannersville, PA 18372
Phone: (610) 861-5329	Phone: (570) 369-1810

Testing Center Rules and General Information:
- Report to the Circulation Desk of the library 15 minutes prior to the time you are scheduled to test.
- You **must** present a valid photo ID. See photo ID requirements for details
- Personal items including cell phones and other electronic devices, watches and wallets must be secured before entering the testing room. Individual lockers will be provided for your belongings. Clothing or other items being brought into the test booth may be subject to inspection.
- The testing room is under audio and visual surveillance.
- Food and beverages are prohibited inside the testing area.

- Children are not allowed in the testing room. NCC policy states that children under the age of 16 may not be left unattended on campus.

When is the TEAS® test offered at NCC?
The exam is offered regularly throughout the year on the Bethlehem and Monroe Campus. You can view the extensive schedule of testing dates on both campuses when you register on-line. *Detailed instructions for TEAS® registration are included on **page 12** of this packet.*

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, and 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 preferred application deadline for fall admission is February 1st and the preferred deadline for spring admission is September 15th.

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** (58.7% - 77.3%) with sub-section scores at or above the national mean. The national mean for each sub-section score is as follows:

> ➢ Reading (69%)
> ➢ Math (63.3%)
> ➢ Science (45.8%)
> ➢ English and Language Usage (60%)

    PN 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 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.

Why is the TEAS® used?
The TEAS® assessment evaluates the academic readiness of applicants to the nursing program. The results may also be referenced during the advising process.

How do I register to take the TEAS®?
You can register for the TEAS® online by visiting www.atitesting.com. Detailed directions for registration are included in this packet beginning on **page 12**. You must register at least 14 days prior to the testing date. Debit or credit card payment is accepted. An ATI account is required to in order to register for the test. The directions for creating a new account are included in this packet beginning on **page 8**.

What is the cost of the TEAS® test?
The cost to register for TEAS® at NCC is $69.97 including tax.

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. Study manuals are available for purchase at bookstores including the NCC book stores on the Bethlehem and Monroe campus.
Review manuals and practice tests are also available for purchase from the ATI testing site http://www.atitesting.com/ Click on *ATI Product Solutions*, under *Pre-Nursing School* select *Test of Essential Academic Skills*. At the bottom of the page, you can choose from the products offered for TEAS V. A limited number of TEAS® Study Manuals are available for short term use in the library at the Bethlehem and Monroe Campus.

What TEAS® score will be used in determining my acceptance?
Proficiency level, highest Individual Adjusted Score and each sub-section score will be included in the application review process.

What should I bring to the test?
You must bring the following items on the day of your test:
1. A valid photo ID to gain admission to the testing area
2. Your ATI user name and password to access the test on-line
3. Two or more sharpened # 2 pencils

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 with your user name and password and selecting *results*.

Can I take TEAS® at a location other than NCC?
Yes, applicants may choose to take TEAS® at another location. The name of the exam must be TEAS® (Test of Essential Academic Skills) and the exam must be published by ATI (Assessment Technologies Institute, LLC.). NCC will only accept results from TEAS® -version 5.0. You can request to send an official TEAS® transcript to NCC through the ATI on-line store for a fee of $27.

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: Reading, English, Math 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 **Science** subtest covers science reasoning, science knowledge, biology, chemistry, anatomy, and physiology, basic physical principals and general science.
- The **English** subtest measures knowledge of punctuation, grammar, and sentences structure, contextual words, and spelling.
- The **Reading** subtest covers paragraph comprehension, passage comprehension, and inferences/conclusions.

Create an ATI Account

If you are not a current user on www.atitesting.com, you must create a new account to access the student portal or to make a purchase from ATI's online store. Follow the steps below to create a new account.

- From the atitesting.com home page, click *Create Account.* The Sign-in Information page will display. Enter the account information that you will use to sign in to your account or to recover your account. Click *continue* to go to the Security Questions page.

- On the Security Questions page, select three different security questions, one from each list and enter your answer for each. Be sure to record your questions and answers for your future reference, in case you need to recover your account or you cannot remember your password. Click *continue* to enter your personal information.

- On the Personal Info page, enter your contact information. Click *continue* to enter your institution information.

- Select either **Northampton CC LPN Bethlehem, Northampton CC LPN Monroe,** Northampton **CC RN Bethlehem, Northampton CC RN Monroe,** based on the program and campus you plan to attend.

- Enter a date in *Expected Graduation Date.* Your NCC STUDENT ID number is **required.** Your scores will be mapped to your application using this number. Click *continue* to enter your Demographic Info.

- On the Demographic Info page, enter your *Gender*, *Date of* Birth, *Race*, and *Primary Language* information. Click *continue.*

- Read the Subscription, Updates & Notes information. If you agree to allow ATI to share your information under the terms presented on this screen, select the *Yes, I consent* check box. Click *continue* to go to User Terms and Conditions.

- Read the information under User Terms and Conditions. Then select the *Yes, I Agree* check box.

- Click *Register* when you are finished creating your account.

- The Sign On window will display. Enter your user name and password.

- Click **GO** to launch the Student Home page.

How to Register to Take TEAS® at NCC in 3 Easy Steps

STEP 1: Sign on to your ATI account

- Go to www.atitesting.com . Enter your Username and Password and click **GO** to launch the Student Home page.

STEP 2: Register for a TEAS Session

- Click **Online Store** in the upper right corner. The ATI Store page displays. In the *Register for* column, click **TEAS®.** The registration page displays.
- Select *Program Type*: **TEAS® for Nursing Students**
        Country: **USA**
            State: **Pennsylvania**
                City: **Bethlehem** or **Tannersville (Monroe site)**
- Click **Next**. The *Browse Sessions* page will display.
- Click the **Register** button associated with the session for which you are registering **OR** click the **Learn More** button to view details about the session.
- If you clicked **Register**, you will skip to the next window. If you clicked **Learn More**, you will open the Product Details window. Review the information and then click **Register** to add this session to your online shopping cart or click the back button to go back to your Browse Sessions list. After you click **Register**, Click **Yes** to continue. Your Shopping Cart will display.
- Review the information on the screen. If all the information is correct, and you do not want to purchase additional items, click **Check Out**.
- If you want to make additional purchases, click **Continue Shopping** to return to the Online Store.

STEP 3: Checkout and Pay
- Enter/confirm your mailing address and provide any additional information and then click **Proceed to Payment Details**. The *Secure Checkout: Payment Details* screen displays.
- In the *Payment Information* section, enter your credit card information.
- Check your address information and click **Edit Address** to change the billing information.
- Read the information to the right of the check box. Select the check box to verify that your order is correct and that you have read and agree to the terms of your purchase.
- Click **Submit Order**. Your customer receipt will display. Your receipt includes any additional instructions for your test. Your receipt will also be emailed to you to the email address listed in your profile.

What Photo Identification (ID) is required to enter the Testing Center?

The test taker's identification must:

- Be government-issued

- Be an original document - photocopied documents are not acceptable

- Be valid and current - expired documents are not acceptable, no matter how recently they may have expired

- Include full name, in English language characters, exactly as it appears on the ATI registration confirmation.

- Middle initials are optional and only need to match the first letter of the middle name when present on both the confirmation e-mail and photo identification.

- Bear a recent recognizable photograph that clearly matches the test-taker

- Include the test-taker's signature

- Be in good condition, with clearly legible text and a clearly visible photograph

Acceptable forms of identification include:

- Government-issued passport with name, photograph, and signature

- Driver's license with name, photograph, and signature

- State or Province ID issued by the motor vehicle agency with name, photograph, and signature

- Military ID with name, photograph, and signature (including electronic signatures)

- National ID with name, photograph, and signature

- Tribal ID card with name, photograph, and signature

- A naturalization card or certificate of citizenship with name, photograph, and signature
- A Permanent Resident Card (Green Card) with name, photograph, and signature

N.B. If you are a high school or home-schooled student under the age of 21 and you do not have one of the acceptable forms of government-issued ID listed above, or if you are a DANTES-funded military candidate, please contact the Testing Center for more information.