

# TEAS Test Exam

## Entrance Exam for the Nursing Program

(Adapted from the Pennsylvania College of Technology)

### General Information

All prospective students can register for the TEAS exam through <https://atitesting.com> by creating a student account and purchasing the exam through the ATI online store. You will need to **remember** your created username and password to take the exam. Please keep that information available for easy access.

The TEAS exam is offered at West Virginia Northern Community College on the Wheeling and Weirton Campuses beginning each year in December through May to **Northern students**. Refer to the file on the WVNCC nursing website that has the TEAS Exam dates or to the ATI website under locations.

Note: The exam must be taken in-person.

Note: If you take the TEAS exam at a location other than WVNCC, you will need to request a copy of your TEAS transcript be sent to the Admissions Office at WVNCC.

Students may take the TEAS exam up to **two (2) times**, with a **minimum of 30 days between attempts**, in a **one year time** period. The TEAS exam score is valid for three years.

The official TEAS test score must be submitted with your application via email to [wvnccadmissions@wvncc.edu](mailto:wvnccadmissions@wvncc.edu) prior to the published deadlines.

It is **strongly recommended** that students prepare and remediate for the TEAS exam to have the best chance of reaching the desired score for admission consideration.

## **TEAS Frequently Asked Questions**

### **What does TEAS stand for?**

TEAS stands for Test of Essential Academic Skills. The TEAS exam assesses knowledge and skills in reading, math, science, and English language. The nursing program uses the test to determine the readiness of the student for this rigorous program.

### **What is the cost to take the TEAS exam?**

The cost of the TEAS test is approximately \$82.00. This fee will vary by institution and location.

### **May I take the TEAS exam somewhere other than at West Virginia Northern Community College?**

Yes. Students may take the TEAS exam at any location listed on the ATI online store. However, the TEAS Test must be taken with an in-person proctor and the results must be sent to WVNCC, Admissions Office.

### **What happens if I do not take the TEAS exam or do not achieve the benchmark score?**

The TEAS Exam score is required for admission consideration into the nursing program. If the prospective student does not achieve the benchmark, you will have the opportunity to repeat the exam once in one calendar year. Students must achieve a minimum benchmark score of a 58 to be considered for the nursing program.

### **What happens if I take the TEAS exam less than 30 days apart?**

If a prospective student retakes the TEAS test before the 30 day study period, that particular score will not be considered during the selection process.

### **What happens if I sign up to take the TEAS exam and do not show up on that day and time, do I get a refund?**

No. Refunds are not given if a student does not show up for the exam at the scheduled date and time.

### **What happens if I am late to the TEAS exam?**

If a student arrives at the TEAS exam testing location after the proctor has read the required instructions, the student will not be permitted to take the exam as per ATI instructions. It is recommended that students arrive at least 15 minutes to the scheduled computer lab before the start of the exam. Allow extra time for parking and finding the test location.

### **When should I take the TEAS exam?**

A prospective nursing student can take the exam any time before the deadline for application to the nursing program. WVNCC offers the TEAS test from December – May each year. The TEAS test score is acceptable for 3 years.

### **How do I prepare for the TEAS exam?**

It is very important to prepare for the TEAS exam. It is limited to 2 testing sessions within one year to earn the minimum score.

WVNCC students can go to the Student Support Center for tutoring prior to the TEAS test.

Students may also purchase preparation materials through the ATI online store at [https://www.atitesting.com/teas-prep?\\_ga=2.143433596.875172443.1633359639-1811570135.1604417843](https://www.atitesting.com/teas-prep?_ga=2.143433596.875172443.1633359639-1811570135.1604417843)

Review the 6 weeks ATI study plan at <https://atinursingblog.com/ati-teas-prep-study-plan/>

### **What should I bring with me to the TEAS test?**

- Make sure you bring a valid state or Federal **photo** ID ie Driver's License -- your testing name must match your Photo ID.
- Bring your receipt for the test.
- Bring a **signed copy** of the *TEAS Testing Room Procedure and Signature Sheet* (located on our website under Nursing).
- Know your username & Password to sign into ATI

**Do I need to bring a calculator to the test?**

No, you will use a drop-down calculator in the test. The proctor will provide pencils and scrap paper to be used during the test.

**When will I get my official TEAS exam score?**

Students will receive their TEAS exam score immediately upon completion of the exam. You will need to print the official exam score and submit it with your nursing application packet.

**How do I remediate and prepare to retake the TEAS exam if the benchmark score was not achieved?**

After taking the TEAS exam, the student will have access to a personalized focused review, which will be located in the student's ATI account. To access the focused review, the student will log into their ATI account at [www.atitesting.com](http://www.atitesting.com). Then, click on the 'MyATI' tab followed by clicking on the 'Learn' tab. The focused review will include topics that the student missed on the TEAS exam. The student should review all of the topics that were missed on the previous TEAS exam.

**If I take the TEAS exam and score at or just above benchmark, should I retake the exam?**

If a prospective student reaches the required benchmark, the student is not required to retake the exam. However, you received selection points based on your TEAS score.

**How much does it cost to retake the TEAS test?**

Approximately \$82.00. It is the same cost each time the exam is taken.

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