University of North Carolina Pembroke  
Department of Nursing  

TEAS® Frequently Asked Question

What is the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS®)

The Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS®), a product of Assessment Technologies Institute® (ATI), is a proctored multiple-choice assessment of basic academic knowledge in reading, mathematics, science, and English and language usage. Each of the four sections is timed for a total of 209 minutes. Test results are available 48 hours after completion of the test. Currently, the Department of Nursing is requiring applicants to take TEAS® Version V (5.0). On August 31, 2016 an updated ATI TEAS® will be released.

How can I prepare for the TEAS®V?

ATI provides TEAS® study preparation materials and practice online exams. These products can be purchased at the https://www.atitesting.com/ati_store/product.aspx?zpid=1194  If assistance is needed with product ordering, contact ATI toll-free at (800) 667-7531. Applicants taking the exam on or after August 31, 2016 will need to purchase the sixth edition of the TEAS® study manual. We strongly encourage applicants to review this information in preparation for the TEAS® exam.

How do I register for the TEAS®V?

ATI offers two options to register for the TEAS exam. The most common option is to register on the ATI website (http://www.atitesting.com) directly through ATI. The ATI website (http://www.atitesting.com) also has an option to register at PSI (formally Pearson VUE) for those preferring to use PSI. Exams arranged through PSI can typically be scheduled and proctored through a local testing center. The exam cost through PSI is $110. Scores are available within 72 hours after completing the exam. We also encourage individuals to contact their local university, community college, or testing center for possible scheduling opportunities.

How do I send my TEAS®V scores to UNC Pembroke Department of Nursing?

During the registration process, you will be asked to select a school to receive their TEAS scores. If you wish to have your TEAS scores sent to UNC Pembroke Department of Nursing should choose “UNC Pembroke”. You may also go to your ATI account, print a copy of your results, and send the report to Mary Baynes, Administrative Support Associate at www.mary.baynes@ucp.edu

How are the results of the TEAS®V used?

You must achieve a minimum ATI Academic Preparedness Level of PROFICIENT in order to receive an application for the pre-licensure BSN program at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke. If you achieved a PROFICIENT level, the TEAS score will be used as another indicator for acceptance into the nursing program, along with your collegiate grade point average in all pre-requisite math/science coursework (Chemistry, Anatomy and Physiology, Microbiology, and Math), overall collegiate grade point average in all required pre-requisite general education, math/science coursework, and previous experiences in healthcare.
Can I take the TEAS® V more than one time?

The Department of Nursing will allow you to take the TEAS® exam two times in a 12-month period. There must be at least 30 days between attempts. If you elect to retake the exam in an attempt to improve your score, an alternate version must be taken. ATI makes available two versions of the TEAS V, referred to as "Schedule A" and "Schedule B". For example, if “Schedule A” was previously taken, the repeat exam will need to be “Schedule B”.

The Department of Nursing strongly suggests that you take the TEAS® exam between January 1 and October 1 and, if possible, while enrolled in the pre-requisite math/science courses. All TEAS® V exam scores are due to the Department of Nursing by October 31. Scores for the TEAS® V received after this date will not be valid and means your application is not complete; therefore, you will not be considered for the nursing program during the current application cycle.

Questions?

Should you have additional questions, please contact Ms. Mary Baynes, Administrative Support Associate at mary.baynes@uncp.edu or 910-521-6522.

Please note: The UNC Pembroke Department of Nursing is continuously evaluating TEAS testing procedures and reserves the right to make changes as needed.