

# TEST OF ESSENTIAL ACADEMIC SKILLS (TEAS)

Towson University Department of Nursing requires the most recent version of the TEAS test as part of the nursing basic application process. The total score you receive on the test will be considered as part of the selective admissions process. **If you do not participate in the latest version of the TEAS test, your application will not be evaluated for nursing admission.**

**IMPORTANT:** On August 31, 2016 an updated ATI TEAS will be released. Our spring 2017 application requires the TEAS version V and future admissions will require the new ATI TEAS exam. Students taking the exam on or after August 31 will need to purchase the sixth edition of the TEAS study manual. For more information <http://atiteas.info/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/ATI-TEAS-Content-Updates.pdf>

## **WHAT IS THE TEAS TEST?**

The test is called the Test of Essentials Academic Skills (TEAS). The exam measures basic academic knowledge in reading, mathematics, science and English and language usage. The content areas assessed on the exam are important to measure entry-level skills and abilities of nursing program applicants.

## **WHO SHOULD REGISTER FOR THE TEAS TEST?**

All applicants for the undergraduate nursing basic program including second bachelor's degree applicants.

## **HOW DO I REGISTER FOR THE TEAS TEST?**

You must first create an ATI account by going to ATI's website at [www.atitesting.com](http://www.atitesting.com) and click on create an account then follow the screen prompts. You will only need to register once. You will register for the **TEAS with PSI** and follow the specific instructions for registration, payment, and test completion. If you have difficulties navigating the ATI Testing web site, please call ATI directly for assistance.

Phone: 800.667.7531

## **WHAT IS THE FEE FOR THE TEAS?**

The fee is determined by ATI and the testing location. It is paid upon registration for the test.

## **WHEN SHOULD I TAKE THE TEAS TEST?**

Students must register for and take the TEAS test PRIOR to the nursing application deadline (January 15<sup>th</sup> for fall; August 15 for spring). The official TEAS transcript is required by the application deadline in order to complete your nursing application for review. Results for the exam will be posted to your ATI account and mailed to the school within 96 hours of testing.

## **MAY I PREPARE IN ANYWAY FOR THE TEAS?**

ATI offers a study manual and two practice assessments for a cost at <https://www.atitesting.com/solutions/pre-program/teas.aspx>. We strongly encourage preparation for the exam.

## **HOW MANY TIMES MAY I TAKE THE TEAS?**

You may take the test twice. Attempts exceeding two will not be considered for admission. You are required to pay for the test each time you take the test. Towson will use the highest Adjusted Individual Score.

## **WHAT IS A PASSING SCORE?**

The TEAS exam is not a pass or fail test. Students completing the TEAS exam must earn a Proficient or higher in the ATI Academic Preparedness Category as a minimum for admission. A competitive score on the TEAS is generally an 85%.