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

**IMPORTANT:** Effective August 31, 2016 the TEAS V is no longer available. Instead all students now take the latest version of the TEAS exam called ATI TEAS. Students taking the exam on or after August 31st 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](http://atiteas.info/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/ATI-TEAS-Content-Updates.pdf)

TEAS V results will be accepted for our fall 2017 and spring 2018 applications. If an applicant is happy with the score on the TEAS V exam, taking the newest version ATI TEAS is not required.

TEAS V and ATI TEAS are both acceptable versions for the fall 2017 and spring 2018 nursing applications.

**WHAT IS THE TEAS TEST?**

The test is called the Test of Essentials Academic Skills (TEAS). The TEAS exam was developed based upon the 9-12 grade Science, Reading, Math, and English Language Usage standards identified as important for students to possess upon entry into a health science program.

**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 15th 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](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 per application. 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%.