All Nursing Program track applicants with the exception of the LPN-to-RN Program track applicants are required to take and successfully pass the Nursing Pre-Admission Test:

1. Students will have three (3) chances per year (January – December) to pass each of the three (3) required categories of the pre-admission test. Students must wait a month between each testing attempt and are allowed to re-take only the sections in which the student was unsuccessful (scoring less than 58%).

2. Students must achieve a score of 58% or greater in each of the three (3) required categories of the Nursing pre-admission test. The Nursing pre-admission test consists of Reading, Math, and English (grammar, vocabulary, etc.) in that order.

3. The Nursing Pre-Admission Test takes approximately three (3) hours to complete, and will be taken on a computer at the NOVA Medical Education Campus (MEC) Testing Center (room 344). For hours of operation please go to www.nvcc.edu/medical/testing. An appointment is not required for this test.

4. Students MUST create an account prior to taking the test, however, they cannot prepay for the test. Go to http://www.atitesting.com and select “Create new account” to create your username and password. Choose the institution “Northern VA CC TEAS ADN”. Note your username and password and bring that information with you to the Testing Center.

5. Students must pay for each testing session regardless the number of sections being taken; please check ATI’s website for cost of the test. Students are required to go to the NOVA MEC Testing Center and pay for the test online. The student must have a username and password, and an active debit or credit card. A backup credit card would be beneficial if encountering an online payment problem. Students must know how to make an online payment using a credit card as MEC Testing Center staff will not be able to assist with this process. The student will then proceed to take the test after the online payment process is complete.

6. A study guide can be purchased from http://www.atitesting.com and other online venues (Amazon.com, etc). Limited copies of the study guide are also available at all NOVA libraries. Students may also check with the MEC Workforce Development Center for the Nursing Pre-Admissions Test Prep Courses (www.nvcc.edu/wdce/mec).

7. Students will get their results immediately following the test, as well as instructions on how to remediate.

8. The pre-admission test results are valid for three (3) years from the date of the last test attempt.