TEAS INFORMATION FOR
DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHY PROGRAM APPLICANTS

The TEAS is a computer-based assessment used to evaluate the academic preparedness of entry-level sonography students. The results also provide useful documentation for advisement. The sonography program requires all applicants to test in the following three (3) sections: Reading, Math and English and Language usage.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. **How do I sign up for the TEAS exam?**
   Go to [http://www.atitesting.com](http://www.atitesting.com) and select “Create new account” to create your username and password. Choose the institution “Northern VA CC Springfield”. Note your username and password and bring them with you to the Testing Center. To pay for the test, go to [www.nvcc.edu/medical/testing/](http://www.nvcc.edu/medical/testing/). From the left side of the page under ‘Helpful Links’, click on ‘Paying for the TEAS test’ and follow the instructions. If you have any questions about the payment process, please contact the MEC Testing Center at [mectesting@nvcc.edu](mailto:mectesting@nvcc.edu) or 703-822-6654.

2. **Where do I take the TEAS exam?**
   The TEAS exam is only offered at the Medical Education Campus Testing Center-room 344. Please refer to the website [http://www.nvcc.edu/medical/testing/index.html](http://www.nvcc.edu/medical/testing/index.html) for specific hours of operation. You do not need to schedule an appointment, but please remember all tests must end 15 minutes prior to the close of the center. Please allow enough time to complete the examination.

3. **What are the sonography program score requirements?**

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   | Reading   | 53 items | 64 min | - Key ideas and details
          |        |      | - Craft and structure
          |        |      | - Integration of knowledge and ideas         | 31%                | Minimum score of 50               |
   | Math      | 36 items | 54 min | - Numbers and algebra
          |        |      | - Measurements and data                      | 22%                | Minimum score of 50               |
   | English   | 28 items | 28 min | - Conventions of standard English
          |        |      | - Knowledge of language
          |        |      | - Vocabulary of acquisition                   | 16%                | Minimum score of 50               |

Arrive at Testing Center 3 to 4 hours before closing; exam is not administered on Saturdays.
Higher exam scores in each category will make an applicant more competitive in the admission process. The program accepts the highest score achieved in each section from all attempts.

4. **How many times can I take the TEAS exam?**
   Students may re-take the exam three times in a 12-month period. Students must wait a minimum of one month before re-taking the exam again.

5. **How do I get access to my score?**
   You will get a print out of your score immediately after testing and your scores will be recorded in the Student Information System (MyNOVA). Applicants may view and print a copy of their exam scores anytime at [www.atitesting.com](http://www.atitesting.com) using the login and password created in order to take the exam. Please note that you will have to submit these scores with your application to the program.

6. **If I scored below the “proficient” level in one area, can I re-test in just that area?**
   Yes; you can retest only in the section that you scored low; you will have to pay for the exam each time regardless of the number of sections being taken.

7. **What study materials are available to prepare for the TEAS?**

8. **How long are my TEAS scores valid?**
   TEAS scores are valid for three (3) years.

9. **Am I required to take the TEAS exam if I already have a degree?**
   Yes, all sonography applicants must take the examination.

10. **What should I expect the day of the TEAS exam?**
    - Report to the MEC testing center; be certain to check the hours of the testing center [http://www.nvcc.edu/medical/testing/index.html](http://www.nvcc.edu/medical/testing/index.html). Please allow 3 hours to complete this exam. All exams must end 15 minutes prior to closing time.
    - You must present a valid picture ID. Acceptable IDs include NOVA student IDs, state issued IDs, current passports or a current driver’s license.
    - Bring the username and password that you received when you created your account.
    - You will be expected to pay on-line with a credit or debit card. Testing staff will not be able to assist with credit card payment/issues.