

Does my program require the TEAS test?

TEAS testing is only required for application to the following programs:

- Dental Hygiene
- Diagnostic Medical Sonography
- Nursing
- Physical Therapist Assistant

What is the TEAS test?

- TEAS is a timed, computer-based assessment that evaluates academic preparedness of students applying to medical education programs
- It must be completed by all applicants regardless of prior college experience if the program requires it
- TEAS is comprised of 170 questions presented in a multiple-choice format with four-option answers
- Questions are designed to test basic academic skills in Reading, Math, English, and Science

When should I take the TEAS test?

- It is recommended that applicants take TEAS after completing a minimum of ENG 111 and BIO 141
- Do not leave TEAS until the last minute! Plan enough time for any needed retests

How should I study for the TEAS test?

- Purchase a study guide from www.atitesting.com or borrow a copy from the MEC library
- TEAS prep courses are not currently available at NOVA
- Access to a free practice test and recorded review session from [MEC Tutoring](#) is available upon request

How long are my scores good for application to the program?

- Scores are good for 3 years

What are the TEAS score requirements for my program?

Program	Application Period	Sections required	Minimum score per section	Scores are good for	Retest waiting period	Retest Policy
Diagnostic Medical Sonography	May 1 to May 15	Reading Math Science English	50% in all 4 sections; higher scores are more competitive	3 years	1 month	3 times/year January – December
Dental Hygiene	February 1 to February 15	Reading Math Science English	50% in all 4 sections; higher scores are more competitive	3 years	1 month	3 times/year January – December
Nursing	Fall Start: March 1 to March 15 Spring Start: Sept 1 to Sept 15	Reading Math Science English	73% Reading 65% Math 52% Science 62% English higher scores are more competitive	3 years	1 month	3 times/year January – December
Physical Therapist Assistant	March 1 to March 15 <i>If the class is not filled, a second application window will be opened May 1-15</i>	Reading English Science	50% in English and Reading; 50% on Anatomy & Physiology section of Science; combined score of 50% in English, Reading, and Science	3 years	1 month	3 times/year January – December
All other programs	The TEAS test is not required for application					

What is the retesting policy?

- There is a 1-month waiting period between attempts
(example: if you took the test on February 14 you may retake the test on March 14)
- If retest date falls on a holiday or weekend, the retest date will be the following business day
- Applicants may only test up to 3 times in a calendar year (January to December) regardless of testing location or program
- Students may retest in just one area, but will have to pay for the entire test regardless of the number of sections being retaken

How much does TEAS cost?

- Refer to [ATI Testing](#) for current pricing of TEAS

How do I sign up to take the TEAS?

Sign-up instructions are for applicants planning to take the test at the NOVA Medical Education Campus Testing Center for application to one of the MEC programs. If you plan to take the test somewhere else, you will need to contact that testing site for instructions.

- Send an email to mectesting@nvcc.edu
- Additional instructions will be emailed to you within 48 business hours

Where do I take the TEAS test?

Medical Education Campus Testing Center
6699 Springfield Center Drive, Springfield VA 22150
Room 344 | 703.822.6654 | mectesting@nvcc.edu
Hours: www.nvcc.edu/medical/testing

- Test is not available at any other NOVA campus testing center
- Test is only for applicants planning to apply to the NOVA Health Sciences & Nursing programs
- Applicants may also take TEAS at a non-NOVA testing location if available, but **all retesting policies will still apply**
- Arrive at MEC Testing Center 3 hours before closing for 3 sections, 4 hours before closing for 4 sections
- Test is not administered on Saturdays
- Must bring valid picture ID and the username/password created at time of sign-up; includes NOVA student ID, a current state-issued ID/driver's license or current passport
- Results are available immediately after completing the test
- Please do not select to have your scores sent directly to the school (additional cost)

How do I submit my scores to the program?

- Submit all scores as an attachment to your online *HSN Application*
- Submit the copy provided by MEC Testing or log into your account at <http://www.atitesting.com>
 - Under the main menu, click on **My Results**
 - Click on the exam attempt and then select **Download Report**
- Attachments may be submitted in .jpg or .pdf format
- Make sure the report is readable/nothing is cut off and it is the correct format
- On the *HSN Application*, click on **Choose File in the Application Attachments section**
 - Find the file on your computer or device and click **Attach This File**
 - **Repeat to attach multiple attempts**

PTA applicants should attach the full report to include the Anatomy & Physiology scores.

What should I do if I forgot to attach TEAS scores or I received an email that my scores were submitted in the wrong format?

- Access your HSN application via the **View Application** button at the bottom of the confirmation email
- Scroll down to the Application Attachments section, locate the file on your local device, and attach it to your application. It will automatically update once you select **Attach this File**

What is the correct format for my TEAS scores?

- There are different report formats for TEAS; make sure you submit the correct format

The image compares two TEAS report formats. The left report, titled 'Individual Performance Profile ATI TEAS PP TEAS VI Score Report', is the correct format. It includes fields for Individual Name, Institution, Program Type, Student Number, Test Date, Attempt, Days Since Attempt, and Scores. The scores listed are: Total Score: 86.7%, Reading Score: 83.0%, Math Score: 90.6%, Science Score: 91.5%, and English and Language Usage Score: 83.3%. A large green checkmark is overlaid on this report. The right report, titled 'Transcript for Jane Doe', is the incorrect format. It shows a transcript with assessment names, dates, and scores, but lacks individual scores and percentile ranks. A large red X is overlaid on this report.

How can I find out more information about the TEAS test?

- Visit the ATI Testing Blog to view their Frequently Asked Questions
Blog: atinursingblog.com/10-frequently-asked-questions-ati-teas-exam