

Important Announcement Regarding TEAS

Due to COVID-19 and the inability for students to access the testing sites, the Test for Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) is currently unavailable.

2021 Application: Health Sciences & Nursing TEAS Requirement

A decision regarding the TEAS testing requirements for the Health Sciences programs and the Fall 2021 Nursing program is still pending and will be announced at a later date. The MEC Requirements & Deadlines page and the MEC TEAS Information will be updated once the decision is made. Please continue to keep checking these resources for an announcement.

MEC Requirements & Deadlines: www.nvcc.edu/medical/apply/steps/requirements.html

TEAS Information: www.nvcc.edu/medical/apply/_docs/mec-teas.pdf

What is the TEAS test?

- Timed, computer-based assessment that evaluates academic preparedness of students applying to medical education programs
- Must be completed by all applicants regardless of prior college experience or completion of other admission tests if required by the program
- 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

What are the TEAS 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 English	50% in all 3 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
Medical Laboratory Technology	February 15 to March 1	Reading Math English	No minimum score required; higher scores are more competitive	3 years	1 month	3 times/year January – December
Nursing	Fall 2021: March 1 to March 15 Spring 2022: September 1 to September 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 Reading and English; 50% in Anatomy & Physiology section of Science; combined score of 50% on English, Reading & Science	3 years	1 month	3 times/year January – December
Radiography	April 1 to April 15	Reading Math English	50% in all 3 sections; higher scores are more competitive	3 years	1 month	3 times/year January – December
All other programs	The TEAS test is not required for application					

* 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 regardless of testing location or program

When should I take the TEAS test?

- Minimum recommendations: after completion of ENG 111, BIO 141, and the math placement test (if math section is needed)
- Completing these requirements will better prepare students for the test
- Keep in mind the application deadline and 1-month retest waiting period between attempts
- Allow enough time so you can submit your application by the deadline with the required scores

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

MEC Tutoring Contact Form:

<https://docs.google.com/a/email.vccs.edu/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dExtatFXRGNUX2tmODBBWmdzNFZxT3c6MA>

How do I sign up to take the TEAS test?

- Create an ATI Testing account
Directions: www.nvcc.edu/medical/files/createTEASaccount.pdf
- Fill out the *MEC Pay for the TEAS Test Form*
Form: <https://goo.gl/forms/dHxrMdKkGeUxgtRI2>
Note: You must know your myNOVA login to access the form
- Refer to the ATI Testing website for pricing
- 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

- Available only to MEC applicants and can only be taken at the MEC NOVA Testing Center*
- Arrive at 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)
- Students may retest in just one area, but will have to pay for the entire test regardless of the number of sections being retaken

**Applicants may also take TEAS at non-NOVA testing locations if available, but all retesting policies will still apply. A copy of the scores must be submitted with the program application.*

How do I submit my TEAS scores?

The *Health Sciences and Nursing Application* is programmed to check for attached TEAS scores if required by the program. Attach your scores so your application does not go into the “missing requirements” queue.

- 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**

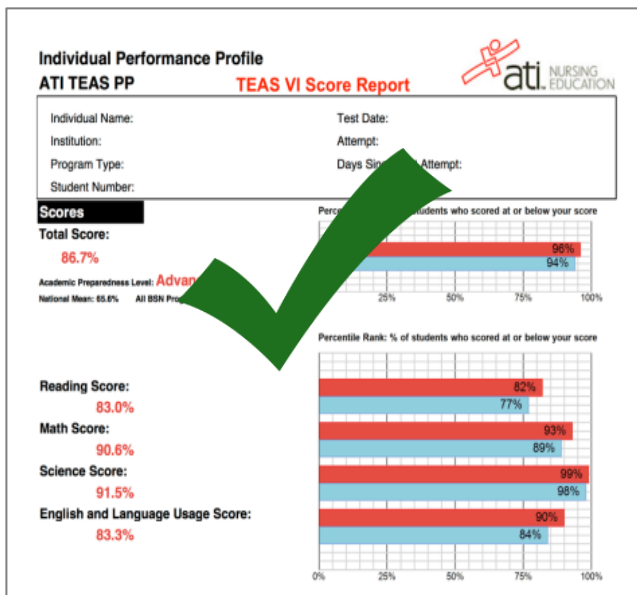
- Attachments may be submitted in .jpg or .pdf format
- Make sure the report is readable/nothing is cut off and it is the correct format
- On the *HSN Application*, click on **Choose File** in the Application Attachments section

Find the file on your computer or device and click **Attach This File**

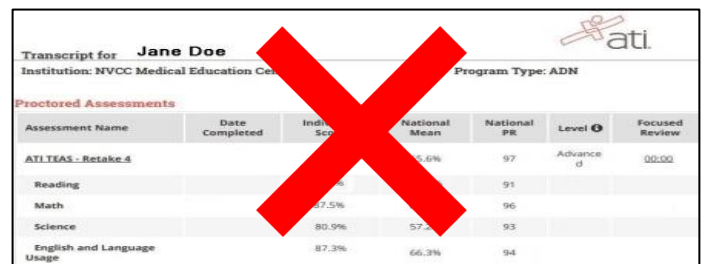
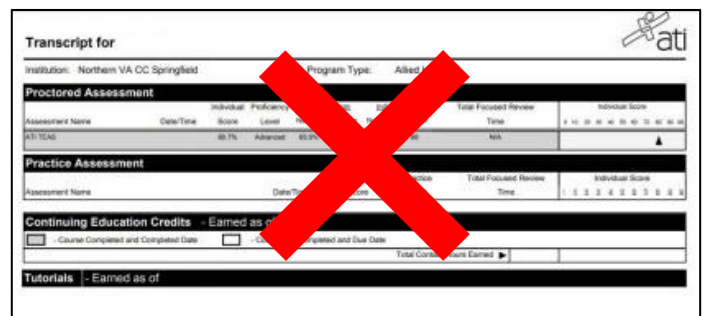
Repeat to attach multiple attempts

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

Other applicants - report should look like this:



NOT THIS:



What should I do if I forgot to attach scores or I attached the wrong format?

- Access your application via the **View Application** button at the bottom of the confirmation email
- Scroll down to the Application Attachments section, locate the file and attach it to your application. It will automatically update once you select **Attach this File**.
- Please do not email *ApplyMEC* if you corrected your application by the provided deadline. It will automatically be reviewed again if it was missing requirements.

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