NVCC-MEC Testing Center, Room 344
For Prospective MEC LPN Students ONLY:

What you need to know and do BEFORE you come to take the TEAS Exam (Version 5)
*Beginning in February 2011

ALL: You must speak to WD/CE staff member before taking the exam. NO EXCEPTIONS. You must create a username and password at www.atitesting.com prior to taking the exam at the Testing Center. Please be advised the TEAS exam is only administered at the MEC Testing Center Monday through Friday only. We are only testing NOVA students who are trying to get into NOVA nursing programs. If you are applying to other institutions’ nursing programs, please contact them for testing information. This is non-negotiable. *NOTE: Calculators are not allowed on this exam.

First time testers must take the entire exam, all three (3) sections in one sitting — The nursing pre-admission test consists of Reading, Math, and English (grammar, vocabulary, etc) in that order. You must earn 65% or greater in each section per the Workforce Development/Continuing Education Department requirement.

How much does the exam cost?
• ATI charges $55.00 per testing session. The cost is the same for each testing regardless the number of sections.

Testing staff will NOT be able to assist with any credit card payment questions/issues.

What should I do before I retake the exam?
The Workforce Development/Continuing Education department does not require a waiting period between retesting; however, you are only allowed to take the test 3times a year, from January to December.

You will use the same user ID and password you initially created to take the exam.

All exams must end 15 minutes before closing. You do not need to schedule an appointment to take this exam. Please allow yourself at least 3 hours to complete the exam. You must arrive at the Testing Center no later than:
• 6:00 PM when TC closes at 9:00 PM
• 2:00 PM when TC closes at 5:00 PM
How to create your username and password for TEAS exam

Go to [www.atitesting.com](http://www.atitesting.com), click on ‘create an account’.

- Fill up the blanks and please, make sure you choose the right institution;
  Northern Virginia Community College PN program
Miscellaneous information to assist with test preparation:

TEAS Study Guide
- Available at the Medical Education (MEC) Bookstore Room 117, Phone: 703-922-2841
- Available at http://www.atitesting.com or 1-800 667 7531
- I copy available at the MEC Tutoring Center for "in center" use only.

TEAS Preparation Course
TEAS preparation courses are offered at Medical Education Campus. Visit the Workforce Development website, http://www.nvcc.edu/wdce/mec/ for more information.

Helpful websites:

- http://atitesting.com - sign up for online practice questions.
- http://cwabacon.pearsoned.com/bookbind/pubbooks/seyler_ab/ - Go to "Select a Topic" and pick one.
- http://members.cox.net/teachro/ - Click on "Grammar Practice" for brief exercises and answers.
- http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/grammar/ -Information on grammar, spelling, and punctuation.
- www.drgrammar.org – Fun site filled with good grammar info. Read the FAQs.
- www.purplemath.com – Great lessons on algebra and basic math. Click on ‘Lessons Index’. There are only explanations on this site, no practice problems.
- www.nvcc.edu/medical/tutoring - You can access a number of test preparation websites from our tutoring website. Click on ‘How do I...? Links & more’
Tips for Taking the Test of Essential Academic Skills

Pre-exam Preparation

✓ Review computer use (must know how to use a mouse).
✓ Review any supplementary study materials (i.e.-software, basic texts, online resources. high school course [S.O.L.] review books).
✓ Do not use a calculator during preparation as it is NOT allowed on the test.
✓ Schedule any necessary tutoring appointments.
✓ Practice taking timed tests.
✓ Know the location of where the exam will be given.

Prior to the Exam

✓ Get plenty of rest, and be sure to eat something before the test. The test lasts approximately 3.5 hours.
✓ Know the testing location. Arrive early to avoid the pressure of feeling rushed.
✓ Silently rehearse facts, formulas, and ideas previously studied. This is an excellent "warm-up" for the brain.
✓ Listen to all directions from the proctor.

During the Exam

✓ Read and follow all directions carefully.
✓ While you are waiting for the exam to be set up on the PC, write down any necessary information such as formulas, mnemonics, definitions, conversions, etc. on the scrap paper provided at your testing workstation.
✓ The exam is formatted so that you can skip the current question and come back to it later provided it is within the same section. If a question takes too long, skip it and come back to it later.
✓ If you must guess, make an educated guess.
✓ Know strategies that work for you and use them.

Continue to study, be prepared, and you will do well!