



TEST OF ESSENTIAL ACADEMIC SKILLS (TEAS)
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What is the TEAS test?

The TEAS was developed to measure basic essential skills in the academic content area domains of Reading, Mathematics, Science, and English and Language Usage. These entry level skills were deemed important for nursing program applicants by a panel of nursing program curriculum experts. TEAS test cost is \$20.00.

The TEAS is a 170-item, four option, multiple-choice assessment as follows:

CONTENT AREA	NUMBER OF TEST ITEMS	AMOUNT OF TIME ALLOTTED
Reading	40	50 minutes
Paragraph Comprehension		
Passage Comprehension		
Inferences and Conclusion		
Mathematics	45	56 minutes
Whole Numbers		
Fractions and Decimals		
Ratio and Proportion		
Metric Conversion		
Algebraic Application		
Percentages		
Data Interpretation		
Science	30	38 minutes
Scientific Reasoning		
General Science		
Life Science		
Chemical Science		
Physical Science		
Human Body Science		
English & Language Usage	55	65 minutes
Punctuation		
Grammar		
Sentence Structure		
Contextual Words		
Spelling		
Total	170	3 Hrs & 29 Min

2. Do I need to take and pass the TEAS assessment before I submit a Petition to get into the Clinical Technical Studies (543-XXX) courses of the Nursing Program?

Yes, the first petition that will require passing the TEAS assessment will be for students who petition in January 2009 for the Fall 2009 Clinical seats.

3. What score do I need in order to meet the Nursing Petition requirement?

A score of at least **Fifty Percent (50%) on each component** (Reading, Math, Science and English) of the TEAS assessment is required.

4. Is the TEAS assessment replacing other Nursing Petition requirements?

No, the TEAS assessment is an additional mandatory requirement; all other petition requirements in place at the time you are petitioning must also be met.

5. Who is eligible to take the TEAS assessment?

In order to take the TEAS assessment a student must be in the Gateway Nursing Program and must have completed **General Anatomy and Physiology (806-177)** with a grade of 'C' (2.0) or better.

6. What resources are available to prepare for the TEAS assessment?

A. Two TEAS products are available to help as you prepare for the TEAS assessment:

- **Test of Academic Skills (TEAS) Study Manual***--The study manual is written specifically to address the needs of students preparing to take the TEAS or those who need additional help after testing. The manual can be signed out from the Kenosha or Elkhorn Library or from the Nursing Skills Lab on the Kenosha and Elkhorn Campus or purchased from ATI as noted below.*
- **Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) Online Practice Assessment***--The TEAS Online Practice Assessment is available for students desiring additional test preparation material. To purchase see below*

*For complete explanation of the Study Manual and Online Practice Assessment and how to purchase them go first to www.atitesting.com to Create New Account. After creating your account click on menu item "Online Store".

- B. For Math Prep take Gateway course: Math for Clinical Success (804-149) 1 cr.
- C. For Science Prep take Gateway course: Science for Clinical Success (806-151) 1cr.
- D. Gateway's Academic Support Centers

- E. Gateway Adult Learning Centers including GED Prep Websites: Access one of the websites and click on **Student Center** then (1) select a chapter, (2) click on chapter outline on left side of screen, (3) review material, and (4) take a review practice test.
- www.gedmath.com
 - www.gedscience.com
 - www.gedreading.com
 - www.gedwriting.com

7. If I obtain a score of less than 50% on one or more of the TEAS components can I retake the component(s) I did not pass?

Yes, however, you will have to repeat the entire test, not only the section(s) you failed. During that 3 month period we suggest that you complete any of the available enrichment activities listed below. These are just suggestions and verification of completion will not be required. The cost to retake one or more components of the TEAS test is \$20.00.

A. Reading:

- Assoc. Degree course: Technical Reading (808-101)
- Prep Courses: Pre Tech Reading (858-760) and/or Reading and Study Skills (838-105)
- Independent study at Gateway Academic Support Centers and/or Adult Learning Centers, or review Reading ged help website listed above.
- TEAS Study Manual or TEAS Online Practice Assessment

B. Math:

- Course: Math for Nursing Clinical Success (804-149)
- Courses: Pre-Tech Math (854-760) and/or College Math (804-106)
- Independent study at Gateway Academic Support Centers and/or Adult Learning Centers or review Math ged help website listed above.
- TEAS Study Manual or TEAS Online Practice Assessment.

C. Science:

- Course: Science for Nursing Clinical Success (806-151)
- Courses: Prep for Basic Chemistry (836-133) and/or Chemistry (806-134).
- Course: General Biology (806-114)
- Independent study at Gateway Academic Support Center and/or Adult Learning Centers or review Science ged help website listed above.
- TEAS Study Manual or TEAS Online Practice Assessment.

D. English

- Courses: Pre-College Writing (853-769) and/or Intro to College Writing (831-103)
- Independent study at Gateway Academic Support Centers and/or Adult Learning Centers or review Writing ged help website listed above.
- TEAS Study Manual or TEAS Online Practice Assessment.

8. If I do not pass one or more of the TEAS test components how soon can I retake the TEAS assessment?

You may retake the TEAS test in three (3) months.

9. How many times can I take the TEAS assessment?

As many times as it takes to meet the passing score on each subtest, however, you will be required to retake the entire test even if you only need to retake one portion of it.

10. What is the procedure to take or retake the TEAS assessment?

- A. Go to the Registration Office on any Gateway Campus and register for the open TEAS test time of your choosing. **The TEAS test course number is 510-805.** The test is given on the Kenosha or Burlington campus. The building and room number of the TEAS test will be noted on your registration schedule when you register. The cost to take or retake TEAS test is twenty dollars (\$20). Please note that you will not be able to register for the TEAS test unless you have passed General Anatomy and Physiology (806-177) with a grade of 'C' or better.
- B. Bring your **course schedule and a picture ID** with you when you report for testing. The Nursing Skills Lab Manager will assist you with logging in to the TEAS test site so you can take or retake the TEAS test.
- C. If you have questions regarding the test procedure please contact either the Kenosha or Burlington Campus Nursing Skills Lab Manager by email (preferred) or by Phone:
- Kenosha: Laura Cook, cookl@gtc.edu or phone: 262.564.2114
 - Burlington: Marianne Douglas, douglasm@gtc.edu, phone: 262.767.5728

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