

TEAS Requirement

What is the TEAS?

The TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills) is a national standardized test that provides assessment data regarding a student's overall academic preparedness for nursing related content. The TEAS was developed by Assessment Technologies Institute (ATI), and is a computerized test composed of multiple-choice questions organized into four sections, which measure reading ability, basic mathematics skills, science and English grammar.

What is the academic content on the TEAS?

The Reading subtest covers paragraph comprehension, passage comprehension, inferences and conclusions. The Math subtest covers whole numbers, metric conversion, fractions and decimals, algebraic equations, percentages and ratio/proportion.

The English subtest measures knowledge of punctuation, grammar, sentence structure, words and spelling. The Science subtest covers scientific reasoning, human body science, life science, physical science, and general science knowledge.

How long is the test?

There are a total of 170 multiple choice questions that take approximately 3 1/2 hours to complete. The use of calculators, dictionaries or other aids is not permitted. The four areas are divided as follows:

Section Allowed	# of Questions	Time
Reading	53 questions	64 minutes
Mathematics	36 questions	54 minutes
English and Language Usage	28 questions	28 minutes
Science	53 questions	63 minutes

What if I need additional time?

Students with documented disabilities that qualify them for test-taking accommodations will be granted accommodations per the MCC Disability Support Services policy. Please refer to the MCC Disability Support Services webpage at <http://www.middlesex.mass.edu/DisabilityServices> for additional information.

Who needs to take the TEAS?

All applicants to the MCC Nursing Program will need to take the TEAS as part of the admission criteria.

Is there a particular score I must achieve on the TEAS?

Your Adjusted Individual Total Score must be 62.0% or better.

How will I know how I performed on this test?

Students receive their individual TEAS score reports immediately upon completion of the exam. Students can also access their score reports by logging into www.atitesting.com

Can I take the TEAS more than once?

The TEAS can be taken up to two times in a calendar year. Students must wait 45 days before retaking the test for the second time. If the test is retaken before the end of the 45 day waiting period the results will not be considered valid regardless of the testing location.

How can I prepare for this test and which version do I prepare for?

You should take the TEAS Version VI test (TEAS Version V scores will be accepted if they are within one year of when you submit your completed application.) There is a study manual available for loan at the MCC libraries to assist you in preparing for this test. The study manual provides sample questions and general information in the areas of Reading, Math, Science and English. You may also purchase this manual at the MCC Bookstore or online at www.atitesting.com. In addition, you may purchase and take an Online TEAS Practice Assessment by going to www.atitesting.com.

When will I take the TEAS and how do I sign up for it?

The TEAS is administered in the MCC Testing Center on the Lowell campus. You can register for the TEAS by going to www.atitesting.com. You will be required to create a user name and password. Please use your Middlesex Community College ID (A number) for your user name. Also, make certain that MCC is your institution of choice on the ATI account that you set up. If you already have an ATI account, please update your profile to indicate "Middlesex CC-Lowell MA" as your chosen institution. Registrations will be accepted up to the day before the test (space permitting).

What if I do not have a Middlesex ID and would like to register for the TEAS or have my scores sent to MCC from ATI?

You can call Enrollment Services at 1-800-818-3434, and explain that you need to have a student ID assigned in order to register to take the TEAS at Middlesex or to have your scores sent to Middlesex from ATI.

Is there a cost for the test?

A fee of \$90 will be collected at the point of registration and will be paid directly to ATI. If you are financially unable to pay this fee, please contact our MCC Financial Aid office in Bedford at 781-280-3650 or in Lowell at 978-656-3242 to find out if you may qualify for a fee waiver.

Will you accept scores from other TEAS test sites?

We will accept TEAS composite scores for Version V or VI from other Massachusetts public colleges. The test must have been taken within a year of applying to the MCC nursing program. Students with a Middlesex ID must submit a request to ATI to send scores directly to the Middlesex Testing Center.

Other important items:

1. You will be required to show a picture ID to the test administrator. Acceptable forms of ID are a driver's license, passport, or state issued ID.
2. The test will begin and end at the scheduled time. If you arrive late, you may take the test, but the time will not be extended beyond what was scheduled.
3. Please schedule your appointment carefully and make every effort to attend. Should unforeseen circumstances occur that prevent you from attending on your scheduled test date, you will only be allowed to reschedule one additional time.

Do I still need to take the College Placement Test (CPT) for admission to the nursing program?

Specific scores on the CPT are not required for admission to the nursing program, but you may still need to take the CPT for course placement or to meet a non-nursing course prerequisite requirement.