



TEAS Exam Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the TEAS exam?

The TEAS exam is a national standardized exam 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 exam composed of multiple-choice questions organized into four sections, which measure reading ability, basic mathematics skills, science, and English grammar.

There is a total of 170 multiple-choice questions. The total exam takes 209-minutes (3.5 hrs) and is broken down into four assessment areas. The four areas are divided as follows:

Section Allowed	# of Questions
Reading	53 questions
Mathematics	36 questions
English and Language Usage	28 questions
Science	53 questions

2. What is the academic content of the TEAS?

The Reading component covers paragraph comprehension, passage comprehension, inferences, and conclusions. The Math component covers whole numbers, metric conversions, fractions and decimals, algebraic equations, percentages, and ratio/proportion. The English component covers punctuation, grammar, sentence structure, words, and spelling. The Science component covers scientific reasoning, human body science, life science, earth and physical science, and general science knowledge.

3. What score on the TEAS exam is required?

You must score 65 or higher on the TEAS exam. **Scoring 65 or higher does not automatically mean that you are accepted into the Pre-Licensure BSN program, it just means that you have met one of the admission criteria.**

4. Is there a fee for taking the TEAS exam?

Depending on the exam option that you choose the fees will range from \$82 to \$125. Registration for the TEAS exam will be completed through ATI.

5. Can I transfer my TEAS scores from another school?

The TEAS scores can be accepted from other higher education institutions. The exam must have been taken within three years of applying to the Pre-Licensure BSN program. The score received must be 65 or higher. The student must submit a request to ATI to send scores directly to the Judge-McRae School of Nursing at Mars Hill University. All results must come directly from ATI.

6. How many times can I re-take the TEAS exam?

The TEAS exam can be taken up to three times in a calendar year. It is highly recommended that students wait at least 30 days before retaking the exam for the second time. This allows students to utilize the ATI resources for TEAS preparation.

7. When should I take the TEAS exam?

Students are required to attend a nursing information session before taking the TEAS exam. It is highly recommended that students take the TEAS exam before applying to the Judge-McRae School of Nursing (JMSON) and after NS 115 is completed. The TEAS exam **MUST** be taken by the end of May in the calendar year that a student is provisionally accepted into the JMSON pre-licensure program. It is recommended that students wait to take the TEAS exam until after completion of introductory courses in English or Math.

8. How do I register for the TEAS exam?

Go to the ATI examing website (<http://www.atiexamining.com>). Click on the link to create an account with ATI and follow the instructions. Follow the instructions to register for the TEAS at an institution. Select “Mars Hill University” from the appropriate drop-down menus and select “next”. You should then see the upcoming dates that the TEAS will be offered remotely at MHU. Click “Register” next to the date on which you wish to take the TEAS. Follow the instructions to pay for your TEAS exam date. When prompted, choose “BSN” for the pre-licensure program.

9. Where is the TEAS exam administered?

TEAS exams are administered remotely once a month in October and November during the fall semester and in March and April in the spring semester. The exam will be administered remotely online through MHU on Thursdays from 8:30 to 12:30 pm. It is not required that you take the TEAS exam through MHU. The TEAS exam may be taken

at any ATI location available. However, if you need a note for a potential excused absence from class please see the administrative assistant of the nursing department.

Dates for online exam administration during 2022-2023 are below:

- October 27, 2022
- November 17, 2022
- March 09, 2023
- April 13, 2023

10. Do I need an appointment to take the TEAS exam?

Yes, students must register for the TEAS exam through the ATI website at:
<http://www.atiexamining.com>

Students will not be allowed to show up on an exam date to take the exam.

11. What do I do if I forget my user name and password?

You may contact ATI toll-free at 800-667-7531.

12. How do I prepare for the TEAS exam?

ATI offers a study manual and practice assessments for the TEAS exam. These study materials can be found on ATI's website (<http://www.atiexamining.com>).

We also have a few study guides in the library that can be checked out and one on reserve. Ask a librarian where to find them.

13. When will I get my results?

Students receive their TEAS score reports immediately upon completion of the exam. Students can also access their results by logging onto the ATI website www.atiexamining.com.

14. How long is my score valid?

The Judge-McRae School of Nursing at Mars Hill University will accept TEAS scores up to three years old. If you took the TEAS exam more than three years ago, you must retake the exam to be considered for admission.