General Information

The TEAS is a proctored, online assessment of basic academic knowledge in four (4) content areas: 1) reading, 2) mathematics, 3) science and 4) English and language usage. This multiple-choice test provides assessment data regarding academic preparedness for nursing related content.

The purpose of the test is to promote student success in the program. Students are required to meet a specific composite score or “benchmark” for TEAS prior to admission in the program.

Version V of TEAS is required for admission to the PN Program for students admitted to our program starting in Fall 2011.

Students may retake the TEAS only twice. The TEAS must be completed within four (4) years of starting core nursing courses.

The test will be offered during the following months:

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Pre-core nursing courses and the TEAS requirements must be met before the due date in order to be eligible for acceptance into the program for the following semester. Students who reach the top of the waitlist without these requirements satisfactorily completed will be removed from the waitlist or be required to use a one-time deferment. Development of a plan for completion of these requirements must be submitted in order to use the deferment.

The PN Program has contracted with Assessment Technologies Institute (ATI) to administer the TEAS. To find out more information about the TEAS refer to the ATI website at www.atitesting.com. Test dates will be posted on the ATI website.
Registration Process

Students are required to pre-register with ATI at least 48 hours before the test. Registration does not take place through Madison College.

Register with ATI at: www.atitesting.com

- Under the username and password boxes, select "Create an Account" (the username and password selected will be used for all future access to ATI account)
- Complete all blue mandatory fields (use your Madison College e-mail address)
- Under "Institution", select the campus you are planning to attend (Madison Area Tech Reedsburg PN, Madison Area Tech Truax PN, Madison Area Tech Fort Atkinson PN). Be sure to select Practical Nursing (PN) rather than Associate Degree Nursing (ADN)

Limited computer spaces are available at each session. Students may register to take the test at any campus.

This testing is provided as a service only to Madison College students.

Students who are approved for accommodations at Madison College and want to utilize any testing accommodations must contact the ATI campus director at least two (2) weeks prior to registering for TEAS.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ’s)

What is covered in each of the four (4) content areas assessed on the TEAS?

- Reading: paragraph comprehension, passage comprehension and inferences and conclusions.
- Math: whole numbers, metric conversion, fractions, decimals, algebraic equations, percentages and ratio/proportion.
- Science: science reasoning, science knowledge, biology, chemistry, anatomy, physiology, basic physical principles and general science.
- English and Language Usage: punctuation, grammar, sentence structure, contextual words and spelling.
When do I take the TEAS?

Students can take the TEAS whenever they feel they are ready to do so. Students must have the TEAS completed with the composite benchmark met in order to be eligible for acceptance into the program.

Due date for TEAS requirement to be considered eligible for program acceptance:

   before March 1 for the following fall semester
   before September 1 for the following spring semester

Limited spaces are available for testing at each session. Remediation to achieve benchmarks on the TEAS may be needed. Students should consider both of these factors in planning the scheduling of TEAS.

Students who are on the waitlist should be aware that notification of availability of space for program acceptance may occur earlier than anticipated (e.g. one to two semesters).

How can I prepare for the TEAS?

Prior to taking the TEAS, students are encouraged to visit the ATI website at www.atitesting.com and consider purchasing the following products. TEAS V products are designed to work together. (The TEAS V Study Manual is on reserve in the Fort Atkinson, Reedsburg and Truax libraries. The manual may not be checked out from the library).

It is recommended that students take an online practice test when starting to prepare for the TEAS test. After taking the practice test, students will be provided with a score report that will highlight a list of topics to review based upon performance on the practice test. These topics will be linked to information sources within the TEAS V Study Manual. After reviewing those topics, it is recommended that students take the second version of the TEAS V practice test to check for improvement.

 TEAS V Online Practice Assessment Form A
 TEAS V Online Practice Assessment Form B

There are two different versions of the online practice assessments available for purchase. Each online assessment contains 150 questions, patterned after the original TEAS V exam and is designed to give a sense of what to expect in both content and format.

TEAS V Study Manual

Official TEAS V resource specifically written to address each objective that could potentially be addressed on the TEAS V exam including the four (4) content areas: 1) reading; 2) mathematics; 3) science; 4) English and language usage.
Each study manual comes with two additional paper/pencil practice tests with rationales for correct answers.

**TEAS V Study Package**  
ATI offers a discounted price for the study package which includes both versions of the TEAS V online practice assessments (Form A and Form B) and the TEAS V Study Manual.

**Learning Strategies: Your Guide to Classroom and Test-taking Success**  
ATI book designed to help students prepare for the college classroom and improve academic performance.

**What is the cost of taking the TEAS? How do I pay for it?**

Refer to the ATI website at [www.atitesting.com](http://www.atitesting.com) for current cost. Students will need a major credit card to pre-register for the exam with ATI at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled time of the exam.

Once the TEAS test is purchased, there are no refunds. Students are charged the full price of the test for retakes.

**How many questions are on the test? How much time does it take to complete the TEAS?**

Refer to the ATI website at [www.atitesting.com](http://www.atitesting.com) for current information. The maximum amount of time allotted for the TEAS is about 3.5 hours.

**What happens on the day of the test?**

Arrive 15 minutes early to the specified room at the testing site. Students arriving after the designated start time will not be allowed entrance to the exam.

What to bring:
- A valid photo ID such as a passport, drivers license or Madison College One Card
- Your Madison College username and password
- Your ATI username and password
- A pen or pencil (scratch paper will be provided and collected at the conclusion of the test)
What not to bring:

- Calculator (not allowed for TEAS)
- Electronic devices
- Children
- Food or beverages

How will I know if I have “passed” the TEAS?

Students are able to view online test results immediately after completion of the TEAS. A document with benchmarks and remediation information will be provided to students prior to the start of the test. The results are saved to the student’s ATI account and are accessible to students and program faculty.

ATI has completed extensive statistical analysis of other nursing program applicants or recently admitted students who have completed the TEAS. The results from this nationwide information have been used to identify specific levels of composite and sub scores or “benchmarks” for the TEAS.

The PN Program at Madison College will be using the following recommended nationwide benchmarks identified by ATI:

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<td>English and Language Usage</td>
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Students are required to meet the composite benchmark.

How will I get my TEAS scores to the PN Program at Madison College?

The TEAS scores are stored by ATI and are available to students and their nursing school via the internet.

If a student has taken the TEAS V at another school, the student will be charged an additional fee to transfer scores to Madison College. Refer to the ATI website at [www.atitesting](http://www.atitesting) for more specific information.
If I meet the benchmarks, how long is the test valid for acceptance into the PN Program?

Students must complete TEAS within four (4) years of starting core nursing courses.

What if I took TEAS IV when I was on the waitlist for the ADN Program and now I want to apply to the PN Program?

The PN Program requires TEAS V to be considered for acceptance into the program.

What do I do if I do not meet the benchmark scores identified by the PN Program at Madison College?

Remediation is encouraged prior to retaking TEAS. Students are encouraged to consider utilization of ATI materials for remediation and/or tutoring assistance in the Learning Center at each campus.

Students may retake the TEAS. Students may take the TEAS a total of three (3) times; two (2) retakes are allowed. Students, who do not meet the required composite benchmark after three (3) attempts, will be removed from the PN Program.

What if I meet the benchmarks for math and science but miss the benchmarks for reading and English? Do I have to retake the entire exam?

Students must meet the composite score or the entire test must be retaken.

If the composite benchmark is met, but the benchmark is not met for a specific content area, students do not need to retake the portion of the TEAS in which the benchmark was not met. Remediation is encouraged for any area in which the recommended sub score benchmark is not met.