The Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS®)

At the Northeastern School of Nursing, we’re invested in your future and in providing the support you need to become both a successful nursing student and a confident RN. We recognize that many of our students may have been out of school for some time, but still have the discipline and dedication to succeed in the ABSN program and become excellent nurses. Once they begin the program, most of our students find the pace challenging. For that reason, we recommend taking advantage of any opportunity to refresh your skills from previous degrees, particularly math and communication skills. That’s why we require all applicants to our accelerated BSN program to take the Test of Essential Academic Skills, or TEAS.

The Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS®) is a national standardized test that provides assessment data regarding a student’s overall academic preparedness for nursing related content. The Assessment measures basic essential skills in the academic content area domains of reading, mathematics, science and English and language usage. The test is intended for use with adult nursing program applicant populations. The objectives assessed on TEAS® V are those which nurse educators deemed most appropriate and relevant to measure entry level academic readiness of nursing program applicants.

The Assessment is four-option multiple-choice, and students have a total time of 209 minutes to complete all four Sections.

- Reading = 58 minutes
- Mathematics = 51 minutes
- Science = 66 minutes
- English = 34 minutes

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 portion of the test covers scientific reasoning, human body science, life science, earth and physical science, and general science knowledge.

Your score on the TEAS test is not used as a criterion for admission, but as a preparation tool to help you reach your goal of becoming a nurse in 16 months.

The TEAS test is offered several times throughout the year and can be taken right at our Burlington campus, which is an approved TEAS testing location. For a complete list of TEAS dates and testing locations near you, visit www.atitesting.com/ctccteas.

To learn more about the TEAS V Assessment and helpful study tools please click the Link Below.