

TEAS EXAM

Frequently Asked Questions

All students seeking admissions into the Nursing program at Westchester Community College are required to take the **Test of Essential Academic Skills V (TEAS V)** exam. Please read the information below carefully.

What is the TEAS V Exam and what should I expect?

- Students applying for admission to the Nursing Program are required to take the **Test of Essential Academic Skills V (TEAS V)**.
- The **TEAS V** is a multiple-choice assessment of basic academic knowledge in reading, mathematics, science and English and language usage.
- Each of the four sections is timed for a total of 209 minutes.
- Students register for the TEAS V with the **ADMISSIONS Office** not the Nursing department. Contact Admissions at: 914-606-6735 or Admissions@sunywcc.edu
- Test results are available immediately after completion of the test. Content and sub content areas are divided in the following manner:
 - **Reading:** (40 questions, 50 minutes) – section includes questions regarding paragraph comprehension, passage comprehension, and inferences/conclusions.
 - **Math*:** (45 items, 56 minutes) – section includes questions regarding whole numbers, metric conversions, fractions, decimals, algebraic equations, percentages, and ratio/proportion. ***Please be aware that calculators are NOT allowed.**
 - **Science:** (30 items, 38 minutes) – section includes questions regarding science reasoning, science knowledge, biology, chemistry, anatomy, physiology, basic physical principles, and general science.
 - **English and Language Usage:** (55 items, 65 minutes) – section includes questions regarding punctuation, grammar, sentence structure, contextual words, and spelling.

What if I do not have the high school course requirements completed?

The high school course requirements for the Nursing program are:

- 3 years of high school Biology and Chemistry (with labs),
- 2 years of high school math including Algebra

If the student does not have proof of the above high school courses, equivalent college-level coursework must be completed with a grade of C or higher.

If needed, the WCC course equivalents are:

- BIOL 101, Biological Science & Lab or BIOL 103, Biological Science 2 & Lab
- CHEM 113, Principles of Inorganic Chemistry
- MATH 93, Beg. Algebra or MATH 94, Mathematical Literacy for College Students or any college-level Math course.

What if time has passed since I have taken my high school course requirements?

- If a student has taken high school Biology with lab **within 5 years** of registering for the TEAS, it is **STRONGLY recommended** that the student also take college-level Anatomy and Physiology I and II prior to registering for the TEAS Exam.
- If a student has taken High School Biology with lab **more than 5 years ago**, he/she **MUST** successfully pass college-level Anatomy and Physiology I (4 credit course) with a “C” or better, and either have taken or be currently taking Anatomy and Physiology II prior to registering for the TEAS Exam.

What needs to be complete prior to taking the TEAS Exam?

- Placement testing is required of all new full-time students. Part-time students who wish to enroll in English and/or Mathematics must also take placement testing. Students who have successfully completed college-level English and/or Mathematics courses with a grade of “C” (2.0 on 4.0 scale) will be waived from all or part of the placement test.
- All remedial courses **MUST** be completed and passed successfully **PRIOR** to registering for the TEAS V.

What is the score needed for admission into the WCC Nursing program?

Below is a table outlining the possible categories a student might score into after taking the TEAS V Exam.

TEAS V Proctored Assessment	
Preparedness Category	Score Range
Developmental	< 41.3%
Basic	> 41.2% & < 58.7%
Proficient	> 58.6% & < 78.0%
Advanced	> 77.9% & < 90.7%
Exemplary	> 90.6%

- Prospective students must achieve a minimum Assessment Technologies Institute (ATI) Academic Preparedness Level of “Advanced” for admission consideration.
- Students who place in the high end of “Proficient” (75%-77.8%) will be given consideration space permitting. In addition, those prospective students scoring in the high end of “Proficient” (75%-77.8%) will be allowed to take the TEAS V the next time the exam is given at WCC.
- ALL others are directed to and take the exam in one year. These students are encouraged to consider additional coursework, practice exams, and to use resources recommended below in preparation.

How can I prepare for the TEAS V Exam?

- The TEAS is a crucial component in the nursing application. Therefore, applicants should prepare thoroughly for the exam. Applicants are strongly encouraged to utilize a combination of study guides and the on-line practice assessment which are available through [Assessment Technologies Institute \(ATI\)](#). In addition to the materials provided by the ATI, listed below are several additional sites that offer study assistance for the TEAS V Exam.
- http://www.testprepreview.com/teas_practice.htm
- <http://www.flashcardexchange.com/tag/teas>
- <http://www.test-preparation.ca/nursing/>
- http://www.atitesting.com/ati_store/TEAS-Products.aspx
- <http://www.flashcardsecrets.com/teas/>

How do I register to take the TEAS V Exam?

- Once accepted to the College and all pre-requisites are complete, students must take the TEAS V exam to be considered for the Nursing Program.
- Contact the Office of Admissions located on the 2nd floor of the Administration Building at Admissions@sunywcc.edu or 914-606-6735 for information about TEAS V exam registration.
- **Students interested in applying to the Nursing program are strongly encouraged to attend a Nursing Information Session for detailed information. Please visit www.sunywcc.edu/nursinginfo for dates, times, and location.**