

## The Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) Required for Admission to the Nursing Program

### What is the TEAS?

The Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS®) assesses the academic preparedness of entry-level nursing students in Reading, Math, Science, and English and Language Usage. The total testing time is 3 hours and 29 minutes.

- **Reading:** students will demonstrate reading skills in paragraph comprehension, passage comprehension, and inferences and conclusions.
  - 50 minutes 40 questions
- **Math:** will measure their knowledge of whole numbers, metric conversion, fractions and decimals, algebraic application, percentages, ratio and proportion, and data interpretation.
  - 56 minutes 45 questions
- **Science:** scientific reasoning, life science, chemical science, physical science, human body science, and general science.
  - 38 minutes 30 questions
- **English:** students will tackle punctuation, grammar, sentence structure, contextual words, and spelling.
  - 65 minutes 55 questions

The Nursing Program has piloted the TEAS as a predictor of success in the nursing program for the last four semesters. Students having lower scores on Reading, English, and Science were less likely to be successful in the program than students having higher scores. The math score was not as significant as a predictor of success. The cutoff scores for admission are based on the results of the trending of student success and will be revised periodically based on any changes in student outcomes. Students who are not able to achieve the cutoff scores can receive advising on course work that will assist in improving their reading, English, science, and math abilities as needed.

### What study materials are available for the test?

- For study materials, you may buy a TEAS test-prep book at the Montgomery College bookstore, or by going to the test publisher's web site, [www.atitesting.com](http://www.atitesting.com).  
**Note-** There is a fee associated with the on line practice test and for obtaining study guide materials from ATI.
- A free online study guide for the TEAS is available at [http://www.testprepreview.com/teas\\_practice.htm](http://www.testprepreview.com/teas_practice.htm)
- An additional study guide is: *Secrets of the TEAS® Exam Study Guide: TEAS® Test Review for the Test of Essential Academic Skills*, <http://www.mo-media.com/teas/>

### How Montgomery College's Nursing Program uses the TEAS for admission

The nursing program requires the following minimum scores to apply for admission:

- Reading = 84% Adjusted Individual Score or better
- Math = 48% Adjusted Individual Score or better
- Science = 60% Adjusted Individual Score or better
- English = 72% Adjusted Individual Score or better

If you do not score the minimum scores listed, you will not be considered for admission to the program. You are allowed to take the TEAS test twice a year. If you do not meet the minimum required scores, some resources are given at the end of this document to help you improve your performance. Students who retake the test without remediation generally receive lower scores on the second test. Montgomery College has many resources to help you be successful.

If you do meet the minimum scores, attach a copy of your results to your application packet. After consideration of the number of core courses that you have completed (EN 102, BI 204, BI 205, and the math foundation), the cumulative TEAS score will be used to rank students for admission.

### **The Testing Process**

1. To register for the test, contact the testing center on one of the campuses in person or by calling the listed number below. You may also take the TEAS test at any testing center that offers the test. Allow 3 hours and 45 minutes to sign onto the online testing site and take the test. **You must be on time to take the test.** Since the test is 3 ½ hours long, extended time is only available for students having a documented disability.

Campus	Location	Phone Number
Germantown	Sciences & Applied Studies Bldg. (SA110)	240-567-7739
Rockville Campus	Center (CC014)(lower level)	240-567-7459
Takoma Park/Silver Spring	Student Services Building (ST323)	240-567-1555

Please refer to <http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/Departments/AssessCtr/> for additional information regarding assessment center hours.

2. The cost of the test is \$25 (non-refundable) and will need to be paid at the campus Cashier.

Location	Bldg/Rm	Phone
Germantown Campus	SA/105	240-567-7836
Rockville Campus	SV/106	240-567-5342
Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus	ST/2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor	240-567-1526

3. To obtain additional testing time, you must have the Disability Coordinator provide official documentation of the disability to the Director of Nursing. <http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/Departments/dispsvc/>

You will then need to register on the ATI website ([www.ATItesting.com](http://www.ATItesting.com)) prior to your testing date to allow the Director of Nursing to give you extended time.

4. Students may only take the test twice during a twelve month period. If the student has taken the TEAS more than once, **the most recent score will be used for admission to the program.** Further attempts must be approved by the Director of Nursing after remediation is documented.
5. **You must show your receipt, the TEAS Testing Request Form (purple form), and photo ID prior to taking the test.**

6. The results of the test will be available at the conclusion of the exam.
7. In order to be eligible for admission, you must have a minimum score of:
  - 84% on the Reading
  - 48% on the Mathematics section
  - 60% on the Science, and
  - 72% on the English sections
8. Attach a copy of your TEAS results showing the minimum required levels or higher to your Health Sciences application to the nursing program.

**Interpreting your TEAS scores**

[http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/nursing/TEAS Interpretation Sample.pdf](http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/nursing/TEAS%20Interpretation%20Sample.pdf)

**Resources to Improve Performance**

The college has many resources that you can use to improve your scores on the TEAS.

Reading, Writing, and Language Center

Campus	Location	Phone Number
Germantown <a href="http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/Departments/wrightg/">http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/Departments/wrightg/</a>	HS150	240-567-1930
Rockville Campus <a href="http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/studentvc/lrnglabs/">http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/studentvc/lrnglabs/</a>	HU 002, MT 020	240-567-7402, 240-567-7401, 240-567-7215
Takoma Park/Silver Spring <a href="http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/Departments/lrnlabtp/">http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/Departments/lrnlabtp/</a>	Student Services Building (ST323)	240-567-1556

Math

Campus	Location	Phone Number
Germantown <a href="http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/Departments/mathlrgt/">http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/Departments/mathlrgt/</a>	HTSC229	240-567-1947
Rockville Campus <a href="http://www.montgomerycollege.org/Departments/mathscrvt/">http://www.montgomerycollege.org/Departments/mathscrvt/</a>	CT02	240-567-5200
Takoma Park/Silver Spring	MP249	240-567-1427

Science

Campus	Location	Phone Number
Germantown <a href="http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/Departments/scilrgt/">http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/Departments/scilrgt/</a>	SAS202	240-567-1987
Rockville Campus <a href="http://www.montgomerycollege.org/Departments/mathscrvt/">http://www.montgomerycollege.org/Departments/mathscrvt/</a>	CT02	240-567-5200
Takoma Park/Silver Spring <a href="http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/Departments/mslc/">http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/Departments/mslc/</a>	SN101	240-567-1427