About TEAS V

Students applying for admission to Nursing and Allied Health Programs are required to take the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS V). The TEAS V, developed and administered by the Assessment Technologies Institute (ATI), measures basic academic knowledge in the academic content areas of Reading, Mathematics, Science, English and Language Usage. The TEAS V is a 170 item multiple-choice examination. TEAS V is offered in a computer administered format.

Each of the four sections is timed for a total of 209 minutes (3 hours and 29 minutes). Content areas are divided in the following manner:

- Reading: 58 minutes / 48 questions
- Math: 51 minutes / 34 questions
- Science: 66 minutes / 54 questions
- English and Language: 34 minutes / 34 questions

Content and sub-content areas are as follows:

- Reading
  - Paragraph and Passage Completion
  - Informational Source Comprehension
- Mathematics
  - Numbers and Operations
  - Measurement
  - Data Interpretation
  - Algebraic Applications
- Science
  - Scientific Reasoning
  - Human Body Science
  - Life Science
  - Earth and Physical Science
- English and Language Usage
  - Grammar and Word Meanings in Context
  - Spelling and Punctuation
  - Structure
### TEAS – V Preparedness Categories

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<th>Cut Score</th>
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<td>Developmental</td>
<td>Less than 41.3%</td>
<td>&lt; 41.3%</td>
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<td>Basic</td>
<td>41.3%</td>
<td>≥ 41.3% &amp; &lt; 58.7%</td>
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<td>Proficient</td>
<td>58.7%</td>
<td>≥ 58.7% &amp; &lt; 78.0%</td>
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<td>Advanced</td>
<td>78.0%</td>
<td>≥ 78.0% &amp; &lt; 90.7%</td>
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<td>Exemplary</td>
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### Academic Preparedness Categories and Descriptions

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<td>Proficient</td>
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<td>Basic</td>
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Test results are available immediately after completion of the computerized test.

Prince George’s Community College has a zero tolerance policy for academic dishonesty. Cheating during a TEAS V exam session will be reported to ATI and the student will be subject to sanctions under the College’s Code of Academic Integrity, as described in the College’s Student Handbook. Students found guilty of cheating during a TEAS V exam session will be deemed ineligible for admission to the Nursing and Allied Health Programs.
Frequently Asked Questions

What is the TEAS V exam?
The Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) measures basic skills in academic content areas of Mathematics, Reading, Science, English and Language Usage.

Who takes the TEAS V exam?
Candidates for Nursing and Allied Health Programs take the TEAS V exam as part of the selective admission process.

Prince George’s Community College has two ATI accounts (“Institutions”). Students petitioning for admission into the Nursing Programs should select “Prince George’s CC ADN” as their Institution when creating their ATI account. Students petitioning for admission into one of the Allied Health Programs should select “Prince George’s CC AH” as their Institution when creating their ATI account.

What if I decide to change the program I wish to petition?
If a student selects the wrong “Institution” when creating their account or changes the program they wish to petition (i.e. Prince George’s CC AH instead of Prince George’s CC ADN) the student may contact ATI (www.atitesting.com) to request a change.

Can I use the TEAS V scores I received testing at another college to petition for admission to a program at Prince George’s Community College?
Students may send their TEAS scores/TEAS transcripts to multiple institutions. For more information, contact ATI, www.atitesting.com. Prince George’s Community College will only accept TEAS scores/TEAS transcripts sent securely from ATI.

What is the length of the TEAS V exam?
The exam is 209 minutes.

How many questions are on the TEAS V exam?
There are 170 multiple choice questions on the TEAS V exam.

What are the content areas covered on the TEAS V exam?
There are four content areas: Mathematics, Reading, Science, English and Language Usage.

What is the test format?
The TEAS V is a multiple-choice computer based exam.

May calculators be used on the TEAS V exam?
Calculators may not be used on the TEAS V exam.
What are the score requirements for admission?
Students completing the TEAS exam are encouraged to earn a Proficient or higher in the ATI Preparedness Category. Applicants who exceed minimum requirements are more competitive. The minimum recommended Reading score is 69% or higher. The minimum recommended Adjusted Individual Total Score is 65% or higher. Students with an Adjusted Individual Total Score in the Developmental Category (less than 41.3%) will not be considered for program admission.

When should I take the TEAS V?
Students who are petitioning for spring 2016 admission should take the TEAS V in September 2015. The TEAS V will be administered in the College’s Largo Campus Testing Center, Bladen Hall, Room 100 on Wednesday, September 2, and Thursday, September 3, 2015.

Students who are petitioning for fall 2016 admission should take the TEAS V in February 2016. The TEAS V will be administered in the College’s Largo Campus Testing Center, Bladen Hall, Room 100 on Tuesday, February 2, Wednesday, February 3, Thursday, February 4, and Monday, February 8, 2016.

Currently, the College administers the TEAS-V exams in the fall and spring semesters, only. Students must go to www.atitesting.com to register and pay for a testing date. The College’s Testing Center will only administer the TEAS-V to Prince George’s Community College students. Transfer students are advised to submit an application for admission prior to registering with ATI. Plan to arrive 30 minutes before the start time with your pencils, PGCC ID, a quarter, and ATI registration verification.

What will I need in order to register for the TEAS V?
Students must create an account and register for the TEAS V through the Assessment Technologies Institute (ATI): www.atitesting.com. Students pay for the exam at the time they register. When registering for the exam, students select the day and time they wish to take the exam. If a student cannot test on the day for which they registered, they must re-register. Prior to registering for the exam, students are advised to review the College’s Testing Center policies and procedures:

http://www.pgcc.edu/Services_and_Support/Support_Services/Testing_Center/Student_Assessment_Services_Testing_Center.aspx

The TEAS V is a registered test of ATI and is not affiliated with Prince George’s Community College. Test fees are set by ATI and are subject to change. TEAS results are calculated and distributed by ATI.
**How many times can I take the TEAS V?**
Students testing for admission to Nursing or Allied Health Programs at the College, may take the exam twice in a twelve-month period. After the student has taken the TEAS for the first time, s/he must wait 30 days before the second attempt.

To be considered for a third attempt within a twelve-month period, students must submit an appeal. For Nursing, appeals must be submitted to the Nursing Department Chair. For Allied Health, appeals must be submitted to the respective Program Director. Appeals will be handled on a case-by-case basis. Students must submit documentation of extenuating circumstances.

**How long are TEAS V scores valid?**
TEAS scores are valid for twenty-four (24) months after the exam is taken.

**What study materials are available to prepare for the TEAS V?**
Products to help students prepare for the TEAS V are available from ATI, at [https://www.atitesting.com/ati_store/TEAS-Products.aspx](https://www.atitesting.com/ati_store/TEAS-Products.aspx). Available products include various TEAS V study guides and online practice assessments.

**How much time should I spend preparing for the TEAS V?**
The amount of time needed to prepare varies by student. Students are encouraged to allow themselves enough time to comprehensively review the TEAS V content areas and practice answering TEAS V type questions.