TEAS—Frequently asked questions

What is TEAS?
- Test of Essential Academic Skills
- A standardized test in multiple choice format
- Includes sections on reading, English and language usage, mathematics, and science
- Testing takes about 4 hours
- Required for all applicants to the nursing major
- Taken on the computer. Students must bring their laptops, power cords and Ethernet cords.

When should students take the test?
- Students should take the test just before applying to the major. See below

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- TEAS may be taken only once. If a student has taken the TEAS prior to the semester of application or took the TEAS in an earlier semester and was not admitted, he or she may not retake the test.

Where is the test offered?
- Testing sessions are offered on the Winona Campus in September and January.
- If a student is unable to take the test on campus, he or she may test at another location through PSI. Information about testing with PSI is available on the ATI website at www.atitesting.com. Click the link that says “Register for TEAS with PSI.”
  - The cost is significantly higher to test through PSI, and students must request that a test transcript be sent to Winona State.

How do students sign up?
- Students must register for the TEAS through ATI at www.atitesting.com.
- Students are responsible for the cost of testing.

Is there a minimum score needed for eligibility to apply to the major?
- There is no minimum score. However, students who have signed the Preferred Admission Contract must score at the proficient, advanced or exemplary level in order to maintain their preferred status.
- The student’s score represents 20% of the admission score.

How can students prepare for the TEAS?
- brush up on basic test taking strategies
- become familiar with the content covered by the test and the types of items included
- an official study guide (including practice questions) and/or online practice tests can be purchased at www.atitesting.com
- the Nursing Department has a copy of the official study guide available for students to review. It may not be removed from the Nursing Department office
- four copies of the TEAS study manual have been placed on reserve in the WSU library. The link is: https://mplus.mnpals.net/vufind/Record/007691825. The call number is LB2353.7.T43 S78 2010.
- unofficial study guides and reference materials may be available at local public libraries or bookstores, or online