

All nursing applicants are required to take the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS)

Follow the steps below in order to ensure a smooth application process. You may schedule your test date at North Central between January 20, 2026 and March 31, 2026. Plan for a 3 ½ hour time block.

Step One: Create an Account with ATI

1. Visit www.atitesting.com and select create new account.

You will not purchase the test until you arrive to take it.

ATI sells study guides at www.atitesting.com. The college library has 2 copies available for loan. You are not required to purchase a study guide to take the TEAS test.

If you have any *technical difficulties or questions in regards to creating an account with ATI* contact their customer support at 1-800-667-7531.

Step Two: Schedule an Appointment with the Testing Center

This is an in-person proctored test conducted on North Central's Petoskey Campus.

1. Go to your NCMC Brightspace
2. Click on Register Blast
3. Choose Group: *TEAS*; Choose Exam: *Initial Test*
4. Choose a day/time to take the test
5. Enter your information
6. Read the Guidelines and check I agree box
7. Click *Add to Cart*
8. Review your selection and click *Complete Registration*
9. You will receive a confirmation email verifying your appointment.
10. You can edit and cancel your appointment by going back into RegisterBlast



If you have any technical difficulties with *scheduling or canceling your appointment* feel free to contact Amber Lewis in TTC at 231-348-6687.

ATI does offer the TEAS Remotely. Sign up online with your ATI account.

Day of Test

IMPORTANT: You will need picture ID (Student ID, Driver's License, or Passport), your credit/debit card, and your ATI log in information.

In-Person Testing:

1. Check in at the Testing Center with all the above items.
2. Go to the assigned computer & log into your ATI account
3. Click on *MY ATI* and select the *Test* Tab.
4. Click on *+Add Product* & enter the product ID supplied by Proctor.
5. Follow on-screen instructions to pay for the test with a credit/debit/prepaid card.
6. Proctor will guide testers on how to begin the assessment once purchased

Remote Testing: All technical issues must be handled by the student and ATI.

1. Follow Instructions from ATI.

TEAS Retake Testing

The dates allowed for retakes are restricted to **April 13, 2026 thru April 17, 2026**. Remember you must have taken the TEAS once before you may take your second TEAS test. The highest score will be the used in the ranking process. If you decide to retake the TEAS follow Step 2 to schedule a retake appointment.

Frequently Asked Questions

Can I use a Calculator on TEAS?

A four-function drop-down calculator is built into the exam (multiplication, addition, subtraction, and division). Handheld calculators are **not** allowed. You may only use the built-in one.

Should I retake the TEAS?

It is your decision to retake the test. The Nursing staff or TTC staff cannot make that decision for you. The highest score will be used in the ranking process. Please do not call the office to see how your score compares to the other applicants.

What score can I get on the TEAS and still get in the program?

You should aim for proficiency. Last year, a score of at least 70 was considered proficient.

How is the TEAS factored into the ranking?

As discussed at the Nursing and Allied Health Information sessions, the TEAS composite score is converted to the equivalent of a letter grade. The letter grade is then added to the ranking formula.

Can I take the TEAS outside of the dates listed?

No. All TEAS first-time tests must be completed by March 31, 2026, and retakes must be taken by the last scheduled time on April 17, 2026. No exceptions. *Do not wait until the last minute.*

Can I pay cash for the TEAS?

No. You must pay using a credit card, debit card, or prepaid credit card. Cost is \$65.00* (or \$70 remote).

*Prices subject to change

Can I take the TEAS at another location?

Yes. ATI has a third-party vendor they have contracted with that offers testing sites in every state.

Can I use my TEAS scores from another year?

Yes. You may request to have ATI send your official scores to our office or indicate which year you want to use of the scores we have received.

Can I take the TEAS this year even if I took it last year?

Yes. You can take the TEAS two times per application cycle.

Is the Testing Center open during North Central's spring break?

Yes. There are times available to test over spring break.

Can I take a break during the test?

After the Mathematics section, you may take a 10-minute break. During the break, DO NOT access any personal items. The break is self-monitored by the student and is not required.

Special needs assistance is available to any North Central student with a documented disability through Student Services. Contact the office at 231-348-6605. All accommodation requests must be at least 72 hours in advance.