Nursing Admission Guidelines

When applying to the Nursing program, students can be reviewed for the Pre-Professional or the Professional component. Students who have a high achieving GPA, and can complete their prerequisites in one semester, can be reviewed for Pre-Professional admission. Students who are accepted into the Pre-professional component will be ranked and reviewed for admission into the Nursing program; admission is not guaranteed.

Nursing Program Prerequisites

-High School GPA of 85 or higher or college GPA of 2.75 or higher
-Biology & Chemistry (high school or college level)
-Anatomy & Physiology I with lab (college level)
-Math competency determined by Admissions Office
-TEAS Test

Pre-Professional Admission Criteria

-Must be 18 years of age at time of program completion
-High School GPA of 85 or higher or college GPA of 2.75 or higher or GED score of 2750
-Successful completion of needed prerequisite courses

Professional Component Admission Criteria

-Cumulative GPA of at least a 2.75
-Successful completion of all prerequisites (as listed above)
-TEAS Test
*Application review ranking is completed when all admission criteria are complete.

Admission & Progression Policy

Applicants who have been unsuccessful in a nursing or science course (Anatomy & Physiology I with lab, Anatomy & Physiology 2 with lab, Microbiology with lab, more than once within the past five (5) years, will not be considered for the program. This includes grades of W, WF, C-, D, F, FX.

Professional Component Ranking Criteria:

1.GPA: based on minimum of most recent 12 credit hours

GPA	Points
3.70-4.00	10
3.40-3.69	7
3.01-3.39	4
2.75-3.00	1

2. Anatomy & Physiology I Lecture & Lab averaged grade

Grade	Points
A	5
A-	4.5
B+	4
B	3.5
B-	3
C+	2.5
C	2

3. Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS)

Cut Score	Points
86% or above	3
74%-85%	2
65%-73%	1
64% or below	0

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What to Expect: The TEAS

WHAT IS THE TEAS TEST? The **Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS)** is required by the Trocaire College Nursing program as a requirement before entering the program. All candidates for the Nursing program must take the TEAS. The TEAS is a requirement that must be successfully completed prior to the first semester of Nursing course work.

TEAS TESTING BREAKDOWN

SCIENCE: The topics covered in this section fall into three main categories, the largest emphasis is on human anatomy and physiology. A breakdown of questions is below:

● Human Anatomy and Physiology 68%

● Life and Physical Science 17%

● Scientific Reasoning 15%

The majority of questions concern the human body, its systems, and the function of these systems. A few questions cover topics from biology, chemistry, and physics.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE & USAGE: This section assesses one's knowledge of the English language and ability to use it to communicate clearly. There are three types of language skills tested:

● Conventions of Standard English 37.5%

● Knowledge of Language 37.5%

● Vocabulary Acquisition 25%

Some questions include a reference passage or sentence. Others simply ask you to choose the answer from a group of answer choices.

READING: Questions in this section are divided into three subcategories::

● Key Ideas and Details 47%

● Craft and Structure 30%

● Integration of Knowledge and Ideas 23%

About half of the questions require thorough comprehension of reading material. The other half asks you to take that understanding and apply it to questions that analyze the content (Integration of Knowledge & Ideas) and/or the author's craft (Craft & Structure).

MATH: In this section, about 72% of the questions will come from the areas of arithmetic and algebra. The remaining 28% cover measurement and data skills. Some of the questions ask you to solve a numerically presented math problem, while others involve dealing with a "word problem." The word-type problems present a "real-world" scenario, for which you must use math to find a solution.

RESOURCES TO HELP YOU STUDY

Practice Tests

www.pocketprep.com/exams/ati-teas/

www.teas6practicetest.com/

ATI Testing

www.atitesting.com/Solutions/pre-programTEAS.aspx

Khan Academy* (pre-algebra, arithmetic, writing, reading, grammar)

www.khanacademy.org

Although the Khan Academy videos are meant to help students get ready for the SAT, the lessons learned can still be applied to the TEAS test.

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