

Beginning March 22, 2016, new applicants will need to take the

TEAS exam

for entrance to the program.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Take your science, English, and math courses/exams before the TEAS exam.
2. Read through the Nursing Catalog (<http://excelsiorcollege.uberflip.com/i/614094-school-of-nursing-catalog>) to determine what pre-requisite credits you will need for the program.
3. You can take pre-requisite exams and courses before officially enrolling.
4. Core credits cannot be ACE credit courses. ACE credits are issued through institutions such as ALEKS and Straighterline. CLEP, DSST, and UeXcel exams are not ACE.
 - a. UeXcel Exams through Excelsior: <http://www.excelsior.edu/exams/choose-your-exam>
 - b. CLEP Exams: <https://clep.collegeboard.org/>
 - c. DSST Exams: <http://getcollegecredit.com/>
 - d. Straighterline ACE: <http://www.straighterline.com/colleges/excelsior-college/course-equivalency/> READ the bottom of the Straighterline page for an explanation of core credits.
 - e. ALEKS ACE: https://www.aleks.com/about_aleks/ace_credit
5. If your sciences (Anatomy & Physiology, Microbiology) are more than 5 years old at the date of enrollment, you will need to retake them.
 - a. **Anatomy & Physiology Core** – UeXcel or formal college credit only
 - b. **Microbiology Core** – UeXcel or formal college credit only
 - c. **Written English** – EC does not accept CLEP English Comp.
 - i. UeXcel College Writing 3 credit Exam or English Composition 6 credit Exam.
 1. 3 credits needed for ADN - <http://www.excelsior.edu/exams/college-writing>
 2. 6 credits needed for BSN – if you are planning on going on for BSN, consider the 6 credit exam. Not as difficult as you might think! <http://www.excelsior.edu/exams/english-composition>
 - d. **Math**
 - i. UeXcel Contemporary Mathematics \$95 <http://www.excelsior.edu/exams/contemporary-mathematics>
 - ii. ALEKS Beginning Algebra (ACE) \$20 +/- www.ALEKS.com
 - iii. CLEP has College Algebra and College Math both 6 credits
 - iv. DSST has College Algebra
 - v. Straighterline - College Algebra

6. CLEP & DSST exams are \$80 plus a proctor fee. Many local colleges administer CLEP & DSST exams – call your local college for their current fee (\$10-\$25).
7. [Credit by exam catalog](#) –EC PDF catalog list of ACCEPTED UeXcel, CLEP, and DSST exams.
 - a. Information Literacy Course
 - i. INL102 Information Literacy 1 credit course through EC \$490
 - ii. Tor College English 103 Information Literacy 2 credit exam \$135 + \$25 fee
<http://www.torcollegecredits.com/take-information-literacy.html>
 - iii. LSU CE LIS 1001 Library Research Methods & Materials \$200 +/-
<https://is.lsu.edu/coursefactsheet.asp?nid=301&Rubric=LIS&CourseNr=1001&Version=Z>
 - b. Life Span Developmental Psychology Core
 - i. **UeXcel Life Span Developmental Psychology 3 credit \$345**
 - ii. **CLEP Human Growth & Development 3 credit \$80**
 - iii. **DSST Life Span Developmental Psychology 3 credit \$80**
 - c. **Sociology**
 - i. **CLEP**
 - ii. **UeXcel**
 - d. **Psychology**
 - i. **CLEP**
 - ii. **UeXcel**
 - e. **Humanities – Intro to Music, Religions, Ethics, Arts, Literature etc.**
 - i. CLEP Analyzing & Interpreting Literature 6 credits (take after studying for TEAS reading & English components).
 - ii. CLEP Humanities 6 credits
 - iii. DSST Introduction to Religions
 - iv. **Ethics – usually needed for BSN – 3 credit**
 1. **UeXcel Ethics Theory & Practice \$460**
 2. **DSST Ethics in America 3 credits \$80**

TEAS EXAM: Earn the minimum required score, as established by the School of Nursing, on the [Test of Essential Academic Skills \(TEAS\)](#). The scores noted below must be earned on a single attempt of the TEAS.

- o Overall Score: 63.3%
- o Reading: 69%
- o Mathematics: 63.3%
- o Science: 45.8%
- o English: 60%

TEAS scores are only valid if taken no more than one year prior to the date of your application. In addition, you can only test twice in a calendar year. Please read these instructions:

1. [How to create an account with ATI](#) (PDF)
2. [How to register for the TEAS](#) (PDF)
3. [How to purchase a transcript from ATI](#) (PDF)

Websites for more practice:

Sciences Review

Science Review Games: <http://sciencereviewgames.com/srg/subjects/chem.php>

Anatomy & Physiology - GetBodySmart: <http://www.getbodysmart.com/>

Anatomy & Physiology companion website: Flashcards, quizzes, concentration games etc

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https://higher.ed.mheducation.com/sites/0072351136/student_view0/chapter1/flashcards.html

Anatomy & Physiology - CliffNotes – Online quizzes: <http://www.cliffsnotes.com/study-guides/anatomy-and-physiology/anatomy-and-physiology-quizzes/anatomy-and-physiology-quizzes>

Purdue Chemistry Review:

<http://chemed.chem.purdue.edu/genchem/topicreview/index.php>

Khan Academy Chemistry: <https://www.khanacademy.org/science/chemistry>

Spark Notes – Chemistry – review the first 2 sections:

<http://www.sparknotes.com/chemistry/>

CracOChem – General Chemistry Review (8 videos):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HUEQsz-G8bo>

English & Reading Review

English Language Review, Exercises & Tests: <http://www.world-english.org/>

English Language & Reading – My English Pages: Grammar, Reading, Vocabulary, etc:
http://www.myenglishpages.com/site_php_files/grammar-exercise-tenses.php

English Language & Reading – Grammar, Reading, Vocab, exercises & quizzes – work on advanced exercises: <http://www.agendaweb.org/index.php>

Reading Comprehension exercises: <http://www.englishforeveryone.org/Topics/Reading-Comprehension.htm>

Reading Comprehension Exercises: Use intermediate and & advanced

<http://www.usingenglish.com/comprehension/>

English & Reading – Language Arts: <https://www.ixl.com/ela/>

Math Review

Math – work on 8th grade & Algebra 1 skills - <https://www.ixl.com/math/>

Math – Algebra basics: <https://www.khanacademy.org/math/algebra-basics>

Math – Pre-Algebra & Algebra review & practice: <http://www.coolmath.com/prealgebra>

Math – Pre-Algebra & Algebra review & practice: <http://www.sparknotes.com/math/>