Preparing for the TAP: There are several different resources you can use to familiarize yourself with what is covered on the test as well as prepare and take practice tests. Utilize the resources of the Academic Success Center (ASC) on their website, attend their workshops or bootcamps, or sign up for individual tutoring. They also have a library of materials within the center to help you prepare. Learn more at: http://education.depaul.edu/CurrentStudents/AcademicSuccessCenter.Basic_Skills_Test.asp

Registration: The TAP (400) is administered only as a computer-based test. You may register for all four subtests in one test session or for each subtest independently. If you are retaking a subtest, you can register for just that one subtest and do not have to retake the entire exam.

Registration for an ILTS Computer Based Test (CBT) is a two-part process.

1. Registration begins on the ILTS web site (www.il.nesinc.com), where you will be asked to provide your personal information and payment information. After you submit your registration on the ICTS web site, you will receive an Authorization to Test e-mail within one business day.

2. After receiving your Authorization to Test, you must visit the Pearson VUE web site at www.pearsonvue.com to select your test date, testing time, and test center. Pearson VUE will send you a confirmation when your test appointment is confirmed.

*Due to the amount of time required to process a CBT registration, you may not be able to schedule an appointment to test if you register within three calendar days of the day on which you plan to take the test. You may need to schedule your appointment for the next available test date. Appointments are subject to test center availability.

Scores are valid for 10 years. As of 5/6/2014 you can take the test an unlimited amount of times. Retesting requires that you wait 60 days before taking the test again.

More information on the TAP can be found at: http://www.il.nesinc.com/index.asp

ACT/SAT in lieu of the TAP: You can submit your ACT or SAT scores to ISBE to earn a waiver for the TAP test. ACT plus writing requires a composite score of 22 or higher and combined English/writing score of 19 or higher. SAT requires a score of 1030 or higher and a 450 or higher in writing. Score cannot be older than 10 years. Follow procedures to submit scores directly to ISBE.

Students who passed the Illinois Basic Skills test do not have to take the TAP. Please contact your academic advisor if you have any questions.