

TEST OF ESSENTIAL ACADEMIC SKILLS (TEAS)

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The TEAS is a multiple-choice assessment of basic academic knowledge in reading, mathematics, science and English and language usage. These entry level skills were deemed important for nursing program applicants by a panel of nursing program curriculum experts.

Upon completion of prerequisites requirements, the prospective nursing student must take the TEAS at any designated testing center.

Students are required to achieve a passing score of 62% or higher in each subscale to be eligible to apply. The total score is used to calculate points on the application.

All students preparing to take the TEAS test must create an ATI account. The TEAS is a 170-item, four-option, multiple-choice assessment. Each subscale has an allotted time limit. The time limit for the entire test is 209 minutes.

To prepare in an organized and efficient manner, you should know what to expect from the assessment.

CONTENT AREA	NUMBER OF SCORED ITEMS	AMOUNT OF TIME ALLOTTED
Reading	53	64 minutes
Mathematics	36	54 minutes
Science	53	63 minutes
English and Language Usage	28	28 minutes
Total	170	209 minutes

Products available to prepare for TEAS include:

Use of the study manual and the online practice exam is highly recommended. These test preparation materials may be purchased at www.atitesting.com.

[Learning Strategies: You're Guide to Classroom and Test-Taking Success](#)

This comprehensive book is designed to help students develop learning and test-taking strategies. It is intended for students preparing to take entrance exams and beginning post-secondary education.

ATI TEAS Smartprep Study Package

TEAS products were designed to work together. It is recommended that you take an online practice test when you are just starting to prepare for the TEAS test. After taking the practice test, you will be provided with a score report that will highlight a list of topics to review based upon your performance on the practice test. These topics will be linked to information sources within the TEAS Study Manual. Then after reviewing those topics, you should take the second version of the TEAS practice test to check for improvement.

TEAS Online Practice Assessments:

There are two different versions of the online practice assessments available for purchase. Each on-line assessment has 150 questions, patterned after the ATI TEAS exam and is designed to give a sense of what to expect in both content and format.

Official TEAS resources are specifically written to address each objective that could potentially be addressed on the TEAS exam including Reading, Mathematics, Science and English and Language Usage. TEAS Prep classes can be found in the San Diego area. Additional TEAS study resources can be found online.

SAN DIEGO CITY COLLEGE NURSING EDUCATION PROGRAM TEAS POLICY

The San Diego City College Nursing Education program has instituted a policy to assist students in preparation for a rigorous academic nursing program. Prospective nursing students must pass the TEAS prior to applying for program admission. This test assesses basic skills in Reading, Math, Science, and English.

Upon completion of prerequisites, the prospective nursing student must take the TEAS at any designated testing center. The prospective nursing student must achieve a passing score (62% or higher) in each of the four subscales to apply to the program.

Only students who are applying to San Diego City College are eligible to take the TEAS at San Diego City College. All TEAS results from each examination must be requested through ATI and sent to the Nursing Education Program.

If the student does not achieve 62% in each subscale:

- After the first failed attempt: The student may meet with the student success advisor or other designated nursing department staff to develop a remediation plan or may self-remediate. Although not required, it is highly recommended the student participate in an individualized nursing department remediation plan. All TEAS results from each examination must be requested through ATI and sent to the Nursing Education Program.
- After the second failed attempt: It is MANDATORY the student meet with the Student Success Advisor or other designated nursing department staff to develop a remediation plan.
- If the student is unsuccessful after the third attempt, the student must review the remediation plan with the Student Success Advisor and wait 2 years to retake the TEAS exam.

If the TEAS has been taken two or more times to achieve a passing score (62% in each subscale), the total score used to calculate application points will be taken from the attempt in which 62% in each subscale is achieved. The total scores from previous failed attempts (less than 62% in one or more subscales), even if higher than the final passing attempt, will not be considered.

Please note: Students who pass the TEAS on the first attempt may retake the TEAS a second time to achieve a higher total score. The highest total score will be used to calculate application points.

REMEDIATION PROCEDURE

Schedule an appointment with the Student Success Advisor or designated nursing department representative to develop the remediation plan that may include, but is not limited to, the following:

- Obtain a TEAS study manual and online practice exams
- Take a review class for TEAS preparation
- Retake TEAS and achieve a passing score (62%) in each of the four subscales within one year after the first TEAS examination.