The John Tyler Community College Nursing Program administers the ATI TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills). This new test version will be administered after August 31, 2016. Students submitting an application to the Nursing Program after December 1, 2016, must take this version of the test.

1. **What is the ATI TEAS?**
   The ATI TEAS was developed to measure basic essential skills in the academic content area domains of 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. Students applying after August 31, 2016 will take the new ATI TEAS.

   The purpose of the test is to evaluate your ability to do the work that will be required of you in the Nursing Program. It is recommended that you study prior to your first attempt at the test. If you obtain a low score in an area, you may have trouble with the material in the Nursing Program. Realizing you need help in an area is to your advantage, as you can use your initial score report as a study guide should you choose to take the test again.

   Applicants must achieve at least a minimum total score of 45% national percentile and achieve at least a minimum 45% national percentile in each of the four content areas of the test, Math, Reading, Science and English and Language Usage. Students may take the ATI TEAS up to three times.

2. **What is the structure of the ATI TEAS?**
   The test will consist of 170 questions with 20 pretest items. In addition, it continues to be one assessment comprised of four sections: Math, Reading, Science, and English and Language Usage. Individuals will have 209 minutes to take the test. The breakdown of test items is as follows:

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3. **When should I take the ATI TEAS test?**
   It is recommended that students take the ATI TEAS test at least 4-6 weeks before planning to submit an application to the JTCC Nursing Program. This will allow students time to remediate and repeat the test if needed.

4. **Where is the test given?**
   The test is offered at the Midlothian Campus Testing Center – T Building – Room 215, 800 Charter Colony Parkway, Midlothian, VA 23114. The test is not offered at the Chester Testing Center. Midlothian Testing Center hours are 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday.
5. **How do I register for the test?**
   You must register online to schedule the test at: [http://www.jtcc.edu/TEAS/](http://www.jtcc.edu/TEAS/)
   Students who may register to take the ATI TEAS at JTCC include current or previously enrolled students and students preparing to submit an application to the JTCC Nursing Program. You must register in advance of the test. Slots fill quickly. Please keep in mind that as deadlines for admission approach, you may not be able to schedule a time.

6. **How much does the test cost and how do I pay for it?**
   The cost of the ATI TEAS is $55.00. **Students must pay for the test with a debit or credit card (MasterCard or Visa only) when logging on to the testing website. The exam fee is non-refundable (no exceptions).**

7. **How can I prepare for the ATI TEAS?**
   For a complete student preparation package, the ATI TEAS Online Practice Assessment and the ATI TEAS Study Manual (sixth edition) may be purchased at [www.atitesting.com/onlinestore](http://www.atitesting.com/onlinestore). The study manual is also available at the JTCC Bookstore on both the Chester and Midlothian Campuses. Because of the content updates that occurred for the ATI TEAS, older TEAS preparation materials will not provide the prospective tester with a comprehensive overview of the topics assessed and should not be used for test preparation.

8. **What do I bring to the Testing Center?**
   - Students will need a credit or debit card to pay for the test when logging onto the testing website.
   - Photo identification – **No one will be allowed to test without a photo ID.**
   - Two sharpened #2 pencils with erasers.
   - Completed test ticket: [http://www.jtcc.edu/TEAS/TEAS_test_ticket.pdf](http://www.jtcc.edu/TEAS/TEAS_test_ticket.pdf)
   - Scratch paper and a four function calculator will be provided.

9. **Can I use a calculator?**
   The ATI TEAS will allow for the use of a four function calculator. A calculator is embedded within the exam for the online version of the test. For paper and pencil versions of the TEAS test, the testing center will need to provide a four function calculator. Although a calculator will be permitted, all questions on the ATI TEAS are written to be solvable without the use of a calculator.

10. **I will be attending another school. Can I take the ATI TEAS at John Tyler Community College?**
    Only students enrolled in classes at John Tyler Community College may register for the ATI TEAS. Your current John Tyler Community College student ID# is required.

11. **When will I get the test results?**
    The results of the ATI TEAS will be printed upon completion of the test and students will receive a copy before they leave the testing center. Keep a copy of the printout for your records. The Testing Center and the Nursing Program will not provide additional copies of the scores. **A copy of the scores must be submitted with your nursing application.**

    After you complete the TEAS, you’ll receive an Individual Performance Profile.

    TEAS scores are based on the percentage of students across the nation who scored at or below your performance on the test.

    Applicants to the JTCC Nursing Program must meet two standards:
• achieve at least a minimum total score of 45% of the national percentile and
• achieve at least a minimum 45% national percentile in each of the four TEAS content areas: Math, Reading, Science and English and Language Usage.

You will see your percentages represented on the top bar of the charts on the Individual Performance Profile in RED. See a sample Individual Performance Profile.

12. I took the ATI TEAS and did not score well. What should I do?

Students should evaluate their test report and re-study any areas with low scores. Once you have reviewed your student materials and feel confident, then make arrangements to take the test again. Students are allowed to take the ATI TEAS test three times for each version of the test offered. We will begin administering the new ATI TEAS in August 2016. We will accept scores from other testing centers as long as the report is from the new ATI TEAS test and displays the required scores. It is strongly encouraged that any student who has been unsuccessful twice should meet with a Nursing Advisor prior to taking the test a third time.

If you have any comments or concerns regarding the ATI TEAS, please contact your Nursing Advisor.

TESTING CENTER GUIDELINES

The following items are prohibited from the Testing Center:
• Food or drink
• Textbooks or reference books of any kind
• Sunglasses, hats or hoods
• Music (CD players, MP3 players, iPods, etc.)
• Backpacks