

John Tyler Community College Nursing Program

ATI TEAS: Test of Essential Academic Skills

Frequently Asked Questions

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 & Language Usage. These entry level skills were deemed important for nursing program applicants by a panel of nursing program curriculum experts. 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 students study prior to their first attempt at the test. There are several prep resources available.

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

2. **What is the structure of the ATI TEAS?**

The test consists of 170 questions with 20 pretest items. In addition, it continues to be one assessment comprised of four sections: Reading, Mathematics, Science, and English and Language Usage. Individuals will have 209 minutes to take the test. The breakdown of test items is as follows:

Content Area	Number of Questions	Time Limit
Reading	53	64 minutes
Mathematics	36	54 minutes
Science	53	63 minutes
English & Language Usage	28	28 minutes
Total	170	209 minutes

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 provided at the JTCC Testing Centers. Contact the JTCC Testing Centers for hours of operation.

5. How do I register for the test?

Students must register online to schedule the test at: <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. Students must register in advance of the test. Slots fill quickly. Please keep in mind that as deadlines for admission approach, students 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 around \$65 - \$75 (the ATI website has the most current cost). **Students must pay for the test with a debit or credit card (MasterCard of 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 current ATI TEAS Study Manual may be purchased at www.atitesting.com/ati_store

The study manual is also available at the JTCC Libraries and may be available for purchase at the JTCC bookstores. The JTCC Academic Resource Centers also have methods to assist with preparing students for the ATI TEAS.

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
- Blank scratch paper and a four function calculator will be provided.

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

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.

10. I will be attending another school. Can I take the ATI TEAS at John Tyler Community College?

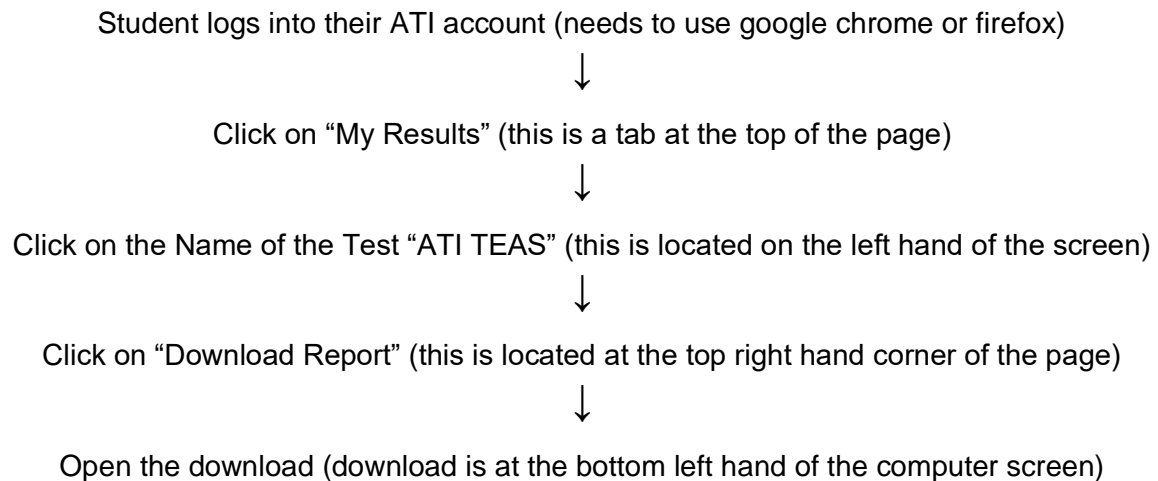
Only students enrolled in classes at John Tyler Community College may register for the ATI TEAS. The student's current JTCC student ID# is required.

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. Students need to keep a copy of the print outs for their records. The Testing Center and the Nursing Program will not provide additional copies of the scores. A copy of the ATI TEAS results in the bar graph format must be submitted **by the student** as part of the nursing application process.

12. What if I can't find or have lost my test results in the bar graph format?

A student can locate the test results in the bar graph format through the following steps:



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

Students should evaluate their test results and re-study any areas with low national percentile scores. Once the review of the study materials has been completed 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. It is strongly encouraged that any student who has been unsuccessful twice should meet with their faculty advisor prior to taking the test a third time.

14. What if I took the ATI TEAS test at another testing center?

We will accept scores from other testing centers as long as the official document is in the bar graph format displaying all required scores. A copy of the ATI TEAS results in the bar graph format must be submitted **by the student** as part of the nursing application process.