

ATI TEAS (TEST OF ESSENTIAL ACADEMIC SKILLS)

This test is a **mandatory requirement** for all applicants.

For information about testing at Cal State LA, contact the University Testing Center at Cal State LA at 323.343.3160 or email them at TestCtr@calstatela.edu

Testers are not restricted to taking the TEAS at Cal State LA only.

For information about testing at other locations, contact ATI:
<https://www.atitesting.com/>

The Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) is a scholastic aptitude test that is used as one component of the selection process for the admissions of students into the basic nursing program. The TEAS consist of four content areas with the equivalent educational level of courses taken in high school: Math, Reading, English, and Science. Applicants to the Cal State LA (Traditional) Program must complete the examination with a minimum passing National Percent Rank in each of the four subtest areas

Note: All testers must create an ATI account prior to taking the TEAS. They can create an account at <https://www.atitesting.com/> by clicking on Create New Account and following the screen prompts. After a tester has registered on the site, the tester's personal test selection will display under Account Information, which are TEAS at your institution (on campus or online remote), TEAS at a PSI testing center, or TEAS at ATI (online remote.) At this screen, the user will have an opportunity to print the test ID number. Each user should print and retain this information and use it for identification on every test. This ID number will not change, the tester only needs to register once.

- The test is approximately five (5) hours long (includes check-in and instruction). Version 6.0 or Version 7.0 is acceptable. A study guide may be purchased from ATI at www.atitesting.com/teas
 - a. For Cal State LA School of Nursing BSN program application eligibility, TEAS scores must be 70 percent (80 + considered competitive) on each of the four

subtest areas (Reading, Math, Science, and English). They must be completed within two years of the Nursing CAS application deadline (for example, to apply for Fall 2025 admission the TEAS exam must have been taken between January 1, 2023, to January 1, 2025) NOTE: There is no limit on how many times an applicant can take the TEAS exam, and there is no minimum timeframe required between exam re-take dates.

- b. It is the applicant's responsibility to select and submit the highest test score to their application. Submission of the TEAS to NursingCAS must be submitted no later than the Patricia A. Chin School of Nursing application deadline date.
- c. **It is not necessary to pay an additional fee to have your TEAS results uploaded into Nursing CAS.** You can download your results from ATI TEAS "My Report", scan the copy and upload the "Individual Performance Profile" report into NursingCAS (**sample available on BSN program website**).

NOTE:

Examination fees are non-refundable and are good for this application period only.

Results received may vary depending on type of test taken. Online is immediate and paper/pencil is one to three days.

All subtest contains multiple-choice items with one correct answer. The applicant is directed to answer each item as accurately as possible within the allotted time. The reporting system for the TEAS includes a composite score for each of the four general areas. Sixteen sub-scores are generated within these categories to assess specific content mastery. Identifying areas of relative strength and weakness can help the student in preparing for nursing.

- **The Math** subtest covers whole numbers, metric conversion, fraction and decimals, algebraic equations, percentages and ratio/proportion.
- **Reading** covers paragraph comprehension, passage comprehension and inferences/conclusions.
- **English and Language Usage** subtest measures knowledge of punctuation, grammar, sentence structure, contextual words and spelling.

- **The Science** portion of exam covers science reasoning, science knowledge, biology, chemistry, anatomy, and physiology, basic physical principles, and general science.

Use of an ATI/TEAS study guide is HIGHLY recommended.

Study books, practice test information, and guidebooks can be found at the following link. <https://atitesting.com/teas-prep>