ATI/TEAS (TEST OF ESSENTIAL ACADEMIC SKILLS)

This test is a mandatory requirement for all applicants.

Note: All testers must create an ATI account prior to taking a paper/pencil test. They can create an account at 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 paper/paper ID will displayed under Account Information. At this screen, the user will have an opportunity to print the paper/pencil ID. Each user should print and retain this and use it for identification on every paper/pencil test. This ID number will not change, the tester only needs to register once.

The Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) is a scholastic aptitude test that is used as one component of the selection process for the admission of students into the basic nursing program. The TEAS consists of four content areas: Math, Reading, English, and Science. Applicants to the Cal State LA Basic Program must complete the examination with a minimum passing National Percentile Rank in each of the four subtest areas (currently the minimum score is the 40th percentile). The test may only be taken a maximum of two times a year, and there must be at least a three weeks’ time period between test taking dates. The TEAS score is only valid for one calendar year, from January-December 2018.

All subtests contain 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.

The English subtest measures knowledge of punctuation, grammar, sentence structure, contextual words and spelling.

The Science portion of the 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 and can be purchased from ATI at www.atitesting.com.

Note: Examination fees are non-refundable and are good for this application period only.
TEAS EXAM INFORMATION

This notice is written to inform you of the steps necessary to register for the TEAS exam. The TEAS exam will be administered by the University Testing Center at Cal State LA, however you may need to take the TEAS exam at another location. If you have any questions regarding your TEAS registration call the Cal State LA TEAS testing coordinator at (323) 343-3160. Please do not telephone the Patricia A. Chin School of Nursing. For information about the ATI/TEAS student guide or testing sites go to the ATI website: www.atitesting.com.

Please read the following registration instructions carefully. The registration fee is non-refundable. Please note: registration fees will not be transferred from one test administration date to another.

To register for the TEAS exam, please log on to www.atitesting.com, create an account, register and pay online.

You must access the ATI/TEAS testing website at: www.atitesting.com to:

- Create an account and retrieve your personal paper/pencil identification number (follow the www.atitesting.com screen prompts).

- Remember to bring your paper/pencil ID number to the test site. You cannot test without the paper/pencil ID number.

Testing day information:

- Please report to: Cal State LA at Martin Luther King Hall (FOLLOW THE SIGNS).
- Cal State LA’s address: 5151 State University Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90032.
- Parking information: Prior to attending the exam you can access a downloadable “campus map” from our website at: www.calstatela.edu. Visitor/Daily Parking available with the use of a valid daily permit purchased from the permit dispensers. The TEAS exam is approximately 5 hours long (includes check-in and instructions).
- Please bring: A photo I.D. (e.g. Driver’s License, Student I.D., and Passport) and several “#2” pencils.
  - NOTE: Calculators and dictionaries are not permitted. All electronic devices must be turned off.

- Examinees can access the ATI testing website listed above to retrieve scores at a later time.