INFORMATION ABOUT THE ATI TEAS EXAM

The ATI Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) is a scholastic aptitude assessment that is widely used as part of the admission process to baccalaureate and associate degree nursing programs.

There are four sections on the examination:

The Math subtest covers whole numbers, metric conversion, fractions and decimals, algebraic equations, percentages, and ratio/proportion.

The Reading covers paragraph comprehension, passage comprehension, and inferences/conclusions.

The English and Language Usage 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.

Assessment Technologies Institute (ATI) is the company that produces the exam. We are requiring the ATI TEAS test (version VI) which was released on August 31, 2016 and is the most current test form in the state of California. A study guide is available for purchase and can be ordered it from the ATI website:


The minimum acceptable score (national percentile rank) for the ABSN applicant is the 75th percentile in all four sections, although higher scores will increase your ranking in the application process.

Please read the registration instructions on the following page for the ATI TEAS carefully. This is a mandatory exam. You will not be considered for the nursing program without the results of this exam. We do NOT accept the GRE as a replacement exam. The ATI TEAS test is offered on pre-set Saturdays at Cal State LA. To locate these specific test dates, go onto ATI's website at: www.atitesting.com The ATI TEAS exam is approximately 5 hours long.

The registration fee for this examination is $91.00 before October 1st. The registration fee will be $96.00 beginning October 1st. Registration fees are non-refundable.

If you do not live in Southern California, you may make arrangements to take the examination at a school in your area. Many schools of nursing require it and you can look on their websites for testing information. If you are unable to locate a testing site in your area, contact ATI at (800)667-7531 or email them at comments@atitesting.com. Their office hours are Monday through Friday from 7:00am – 9:00pm (Central Standard Time).
This notice is written to inform you of the steps necessary to register for a ATI TEAS exam at Cal State LA. The ATI TEAS exam will be administered by the campus University Testing Center. If you have any questions regarding your ATI TEAS registration, call the Cal State LA Testing Center at (323) 343-3160. (do not contact the School of Nursing). For information about the ATI TEAS examination and/or to purchase the ATI TEAS student guide, go to the ATI website at: www.atitesting.com.

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To register for the ATI 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 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:

- Cal State LA address: 5151 State University Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90032
- Your ATI admission ticket will let you know what you are to bring, where to report, when to report, and where to park
- Parking information: Prior to attending the exam you can access a downloadable “campus map” from our website at: www.calstatela.edu. Visitor/Daily Parking is available with the use of a valid daily permit purchased from the permit dispensers. The ATI TEAS exam is approximately 5 hours long (includes check-in and instructions).
- Please bring: A photo I.D. (e.g., Drivers License, Student I.D., 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.