



### *Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS-VI)*

#### **What is the TEAS V?**

Students applying for admission to BVCTC's Nursing Program are required to take the **Test of Essential Academic Skills VI (TEAS VI)**. The **TEAS VI** is a multiple-choice assessment of basic academic knowledge in reading, mathematics, science, English and language usage. The test is designed specifically to assess a student's preparedness entering the health science fields. Each of the four sections are timed for a total of 209 minutes- no breaks are allowed. The ATI TEAS test is comprised of 170 questions set up in a multiple-choice format with four-option answers. Test results are usually available after completion of the test. Content and sub content areas are divided in the following manner:

- *Reading*: (53 questions, 64 minutes) – section includes questions regarding paragraph comprehension, passage comprehension, and inferences/conclusions. Specific content covered include key ideas and details regarding craft and structure, integration of knowledge & ideas, and pre-test questions.
- *Math*: (36 items, 54 minutes) – section includes questions regarding whole numbers, metric conversions, fractions, decimals, algebraic equations, percentages, and ratio/proportion. Specific content covered include key ideas and details regarding numbers and algebra, measurement and data, and pre-test questions.
- *Science*: (53 items, 63 minutes) – section includes questions regarding science reasoning, science knowledge, biology, chemistry, anatomy, physiology, basic physical principles, and general science. Specific content covered include key ideas and details regarding Human anatomy & physiology, life and physical sciences, scientific reasoning, and pre-test questions.
- *English and Language Usage*: (28 items, 28 minutes) – section includes questions regarding punctuation, grammar, sentence structure, contextual words, and spelling. Specific content covered include key ideas and details regarding conventions of standard English, knowledge of language, vocabulary acquisition, and pre-test questions.

## **How can I prepare for the TEAS VI?**

The TEAS is a crucial component in your nursing application. Therefore, you should prepare thoroughly for the exam. We strongly encourage applicants to utilize a combination of a study guide and the on-line practice assessment which are available through ATI.

ATI Nursing Education has developed self-guided study materials to help you target your studies for success on the TEAS test.

- **ATI TEAS SmartPrep Package:**  
The most comprehensive TEAS preparation package on the market, the SmartPrep study package includes a self-directed tutorial, two online practice exams, and a robust study guide.
- **ATI TEAS Basic Package:**  
The TEAS package includes both versions of the TEAS online practice assessments and the TEAS Study Manual at a discounted price.
- **ATI TEAS Study Manual:**  
The TEAS Study Manual addresses each objective on the exam, including Reading, Mathematics, Science, and English and Language Usage.
- **ATI TEAS Online Practice Tests:**  
There are two different versions of our practice test. Each assessment has 150 questions and is patterned after the original TEAS exam.

In addition to the materials provided by ATI, listed below are several additional sites that offer study assistance for the TEAS V.

[http://www.testprepreview.com/teas\\_practice.htm](http://www.testprepreview.com/teas_practice.htm)

<http://www.flashcardexchange.com/tag/teas>

<http://www.test-preparation.ca/nursing/>

[http://www.atitesting.com/ati\\_store/TEAS-Products.aspx](http://www.atitesting.com/ati_store/TEAS-Products.aspx)

<http://www.flashcardsecrets.com/teas/>

## **TEAS Prep Course;**

BridgeValley's Community Education Division offers a TEAS Prep course. For more information, please contact Laura Lambert, Director of Community Education Programs at [Laura.Lambert@BridgeValley.edu](mailto:Laura.Lambert@BridgeValley.edu) or at 304-205-6650.

## **How do I register to take the TEAS VI?**

The ATI TEAS is administered in a standardized environment like a testing center or a school and is overseen by a proctor. A proctor is a person that ensures that all testing protocols are strictly enforced.

Contact the school in which you are applying. Some schools handle administering the test at the school while others will go through a testing center like PSI.

Visit [www.atitesting.com](http://www.atitesting.com) and create a user account.

Log in to [www.atitesting.com](http://www.atitesting.com) using your ATI username and password and select the online store. Then choose either “Register for the TEAS” (through a school) or “Register for the TEAS with PSI” (a testing center). Once you register and pay the testing fees, a confirmation email will be sent to you from ATI.

During registration for the TEAS at PSI, you will be asked to choose an institution (school). A transcript of your ATI TEAS Test results will be sent to the school you select. You may choose more than one school for an additional fee.

If you are registering for the TEAS exam through a PSI testing center, you will need the Candidate or Student ID# that is located on your confirmation email from ATI.

Within 24 hours, you will be sent an email from PSI that will give you a link to schedule your ATI TEAS Exam. You can either register online via the link provided by PSI or call 1-800-733-9267.

When you click the link to schedule your exam through PSI, you will need to create a username and password with PSI. Then follow the prompts to schedule your ATI TEAS exam. For a complete list of PSI testing Centers visit:

[https://candidate.psiexams.com/registration/testcenter\\_details.jsp?testid=2607&statename=California&country=USA](https://candidate.psiexams.com/registration/testcenter_details.jsp?testid=2607&statename=California&country=USA)

### **Step 1:**

Sign in or create a new user account.



### **Step 2:**

[Click here to visit the page shown below and click "Register for TEAS before using ATI"](#)



### **Step 3:**

Choose where you would like to take the exam. You can take it at your institution if they offer it. If not, you will need to choose a PSI location.



### **Taking the TEAS-VI:**

- Arrive 30 minutes early to the test site
- Photo ID: To be admitted to your testing session, you will need to present proper photo identification, such as a driver's license, passport, or green card. You will not be admitted to the test if your ID does not meet the following requirements: government-issued, current photograph, examinee signature, and permanent address. A credit card photo or student ID does not meet these criteria.
- Writing Instrument: Two sharpened No. 2 pencils with attached erasers. No other writing instruments are allowed.
- ATI log-in information: If you are taking the online TEAS test, you will need to create a student account at [www.atitesting.com](http://www.atitesting.com) prior to test day and have your log-in information with you.
- Additional items: Please refer to the confirmation email you received following your TEAS registration. Some schools require additional items be brought to the exam.
- Provide ATI username and password ([www.atitesting.com](http://www.atitesting.com): assigned when registering/paying for the exam)
- Schedule four hours to complete the exam- Late arrivals will not be allowed to test and will therefore forfeit the testing fee.

### **What not to bring to the Testing Site:**

- Plan ahead and leave the following items at home or in your car as they are not permitted in the exam room.

- Additional Apparel, including but not limited to jackets, coats, hats and sunglasses. Discretionary allowances are made for religious apparel. All apparel is subject to inspection by the proctor.
- Personal Items of any sort , including but not limited to purses, computer bags, backpacks, and duffel bags.
- Electronics of any kind, including but not limited to cell phones, smart phones, beepers/pagers, calculators (will be provided), and digital or smart watches.
- Food or Drink, unless it is documented as a medically necessary item.

### **What to Expect:**

- Testing staff will check your photo ID, admit you to your test room, and direct you to a seat.
- Physically present proctors in the room are monitoring for odd or disruptive behavior. Do not engage in misconduct or disruption. If you do, you will be dismissed and your exam will not be scored.
- A four-function calculator will be provided by the testing center. You will not be allowed to use calculators that have built-in functionalities or other special features.
- The proctor will provide you with scratch paper for use during the test. Scratch paper is not to be used before the exam or during breaks. All paper, in its entirety, must be returned to the proctor at the end of the testing session.
- After the Mathematics session, you may take a 10 minute break. During the break, DO NOT access any personal items.
- If you need to leave your seat at any time other than the break, raise your hand. Time for the exam section will not stop. Lost time cannot be made up.
- If, during the exam, you have a technical issue with your computer, or for any reason need the proctor, raise your hand.
- Test challenges or testing room complaints should be reported to the proctor before leaving the room on exam day.

### **TEAS Exam Scores:**

Upon completion of the online version of the TEAS test, your test will be scored immediately, allowing you to view your TEAS score report at that time. If you took a paper-pencil version of the TEAS Test, ATI Nursing Education will score the test within 48 hours of receiving it from the testing site. The score report includes your total and content area scores. In addition, the report identifies specific topic areas you missed along with information on where you can review the content.

You can access your ATI TEAS Score Report at any time through your ATI Account under My Results. Within that same area, next to your score report, you have the ability to create a Focused Review. A Focused Review is an online review tool that aligns question topics missed and the relevant study materials for your review.

The ATI TEAS has four content areas (Reading, Mathematics, Science, and English and Language Usage) each of which is comprised of several sub content areas (e.g., Key Ideas and Details, Craft and Structure). Adjusted percent correct scores that range from 0.0% to 100% are provided for each of the content areas. These scores are equated scores, meaning they are adjusted to account for possible differences in difficulty across questions. The percentage of questions answered correctly in each sub content area is also provided. These percentages do not account for difficulty across the sets of questions administered and therefore should not be compared across administrations. A total score is also provided and indicates one's overall preparedness for early success in a health sciences program, but again cannot be calculated directly from the four content area scores. The total score is an adjusted percent correct score which ranges from 0.0% to 100%. It is an equated score generated by the information from the entire set of 150 scored questions. The total score cannot be calculated directly from the individual content area scores.

### **TEAS Transcript:**

Scores are automatically viewable by only the school where you took the TEAS exam. If you want to send your transcript to a different school, visit [http://www.atitesting.com/ati\\_store/product.aspx?zpid=942](http://www.atitesting.com/ati_store/product.aspx?zpid=942) to purchase and send an official TEAS transcript to the school of your choice.