

Nursing Program Admissions

All students seeking admissions into the Nursing program at Westchester Community College are required to take the ATI TEAS exam. Please read the information below carefully.

Nursing Program Admissions Test – ATI TEAS

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the ATI TEAS?

- Students applying for admission to the Nursing Program are required to take the **Test of Essential Academic Skills (ATI TEAS)**. **Formerly known as TEAS V prior to August 31, 2016.**
- The **ATI TEAS** is a multiple-choice assessment of basic academic knowledge in reading, mathematics, science and English and language usage.
- Each of the four sections is timed for a total of 209 minutes.
- Students register for the ATI TEAS through the **ADMISSIONS department** not the Nursing department.
- Test results are available immediately 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.
 - **Math:** (36 items, 54 minutes) – section includes questions regarding whole numbers, metric conversions, fractions, decimals, algebraic equations, percentages, and ratio/proportion.
 - *** Calculators are allowed***
 - **Science:** (53 items, 63 minutes) – section includes questions regarding science reasoning, science knowledge, biology, chemistry, anatomy, physiology, basic physical principles, and general science.
 - **English and Language Usage:** (28 items, 28 minutes) – section includes questions regarding punctuation, grammar, sentence structure, contextual words, and spelling.
 - **THERE ARE 20 UNSCORED PRETEST QUESTIONS**

Which courses should be taken prior to registering for the ATI TEAS?

- Placement testing is required of all new full-time students. Part-time students who wish to enroll in English and/or Mathematics must also take placement testing. Students who have successfully completed college-level English and/or Mathematics courses with a grade of “C” (2.0 on 4.0 scale) will be waived from all or part of the placement test.
- Please see the link below for Pre Admission testing as well as the Admission checklist.
- <http://www.sunywcc.edu/admissions/admissions-information/checklist/>
- All remedial courses MUST be completed and passed successfully PRIOR to registering for the ATI TEAS.
- Program requirements include three years of High School Science including Biology and Chemistry, both with labs. Also required: two years of high school Math including Algebra.
- If a student has taken High School Biology within 5 years of registering for the TEAS; it is STRONGLY recommended that the student also take Anatomy and Physiology I and II prior to registering for the ATI TEAS.
- If a student took High School Biology with lab more than 5 years ago, he/she must successfully pass Anatomy and Physiology I (4 credit course) with a “C” or better, and either have taken or be currently taking Anatomy and Physiology II prior to registering for the TEAS.
- Students who have not completed High School Biology with a lab and/or High School Chemistry with a lab are required to take the WCC equivalent courses (see below). Also, he/she must successfully pass Anatomy and Physiology I with a “C” or better, and either have taken or be currently taking Anatomy and Physiology II prior to registering for the ATI TEAS.
- Please note that if a student wishes to transfer any College level Science course; including Anatomy and Physiology, a grade of “C” or better is required as well as having taken the course within 5 years.

- **High School Course or WCC Equivalent**
2 years of academic mathematics including Algebra or College Equivalent
3 years of high school science with lab including Biology and Chemistry

MATH 93-Beg Algebra, **MATH 94**-Mathematical Literacy for College Students or College Level Math
BIOL 101-Biological Science & Lab or **BIOL103**-Biological Science 2 & Lab (Human), **CHEM 113**-Principles of Inorganic Chemistry

What is the score needed for admission into the program?

- Below is a table outlining the possible categories a student might score into after taking the ATI TEAS.
- PLEASE NOTE THAT THE BELOW CHART IS VALID FOR BOTH THE TEAS V AND THE NEW VERSION ATI TEAS WHICH WILL BE AVAILABLE ON 8/31/16

TEAS V Proctored Assessment	
Preparedness Category	Score Range
Developmental	< 41.3%
Basic	> 41.2% & < 58.7%
Proficient	> 58.6% & < 78.0%
Advanced	> 77.9% & < 90.7%
Exemplary	> 90.6%

- You must achieve a minimum ATI Academic Preparedness Level of **Advanced** for admission consideration. Students who place in the high end of Proficient (75%-77.8%) will be given consideration space permitting.
- Those students scoring in the high end of Proficient (75%-77.8%) will be allowed to take the ATI TEAS the next time the exam is given at WCC. ALL others will be required to remediate and take the exam in one year.

How can the student prepare for the ATI TEAS?

- The ATI 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 study guide and the on-line practice assessment which are available through ATI. In addition to the materials provided by ATI, listed below are several additional sites that offer study assistance for the ATI TEAS .
- http://www.atitesting.com/ati_store/TEAS-Products.aspx
- <http://www.flashcardsecrets.com/teas/>

How do students register to take the ATI TEAS ?

- The ATI TEAS is given twice a year; in March and October. Contact our **Admissions Department** for an application and examination dates at **914-606-6735**.