

TEAS[®] Information Packet Reading Area Community College (RACC) Health Professions Programs

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Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS[®])

Introduction

The Health Professions Programs requires applicants to the Associate Degree Nursing (ADN), Practical Nursing (PN), and Respiratory Care (RC) Programs to submit results from the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS[®]) as part of the application process. This booklet contains policies associated with the exam and frequently asked questions. If after reading this booklet, you have further questions regarding the exam, please go to atitesting.com. If you have questions regarding the admissions criteria as it relates to the exam, please contact the Health Professions Academic Advising Office at 610-372-4721 ext. 5067.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Who is required to take the $TEAS^{(\mathbb{R})}$?

Applicants to the Associate Degree, Practical Nursing and Respiratory Care programs at RACC.

What is the TEAS[®] assessment?

The Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS[®]) administered by Assessment Technologies Institute, LLC (ATI) is a standardized, timed, computer-based exam designed to assess the general academic preparedness of students interested in applying to the RN, PN, or RC programs. The test measures knowledge in basic, essential skills in the academic content areas of Reading, Mathematics, Science and English.

What is the purpose of the TEAS[®]?

The TEAS[®] assessment evaluates academic readiness of applicants for the health professions programs. The results may be referenced during the advising process to identify areas where additional support may be needed.

What subject areas are included in the TEAS[®]?

The test consists of 170 multiple-choice questions (150 are scored). There are four sections: Reading, English, Math and Science. Basic understanding of these subjects is important for success in a nursing program.

The **Math** subtest measures knowledge of whole numbers, metric conversions, fractions and decimals, algebraic equations, percentages and ratio/proportion.

The **Science** subtest covers science reasoning, science knowledge, biology, chemistry, anatomy, and physiology, basic physical principals and general science.

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

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

How many sub-sections of the exam am I required to take?

You are required to take all four sub-sections of the exam (Math, English, Reading, and Science).

How do I prepare for the TEAS[®]?

Since $TEAS^{(R)}$ scores are part of your application to a highly competitive program, you should prepare thoroughly for the exam.

- Study manuals and practice assessments are available for purchase on the ATI website. To access the manual and practice assessments, login to the ATI online store at <u>https://www.atitesting.com/ati_store/Default.aspx</u>.
- The Yocum library at RACC also has a limited number of study manuals.

What score do I need to be considered for admission into the program?

<u>AND, PN, and RC Programs</u>: Primary consideration for admission will be given to a student who scored at the TEAS[®] academic preparedness level of **PROFICIENT** (58.7) and above.

***Scores will not be combined from multiple TEAS attempts to meet the benchmark.

When should I take the TEAS[®]?

<u>You cannot take the exam until the minimum admission requirements to the program of</u> <u>interest are met.</u> To avoid unnecessary early testing and cost, it is recommended that you confirm eligibility with your academic advisor prior to scheduling your test.

Health Professions Advising

Location: Weitz Hall W320 Phone: 610-373-4721 ext. 5067 Email: <u>HPAdvising@racc.edu</u>

Can I use results of TEAS[®] taken previously?

Yes, $TEAS^{(\mathbb{R})}$ scores are valid for two years from the date of the last exam.

How often can I take the exam?

The TEAS[®] is limited to <u>two attempts per year</u>. The minimum time between a first attempt and a repeat attempt is 30 days. Scheduling exams thirty days apart allows a student to remediate and prepare for the next exam. <u>Results will not be considered for an exam taken less than 30 days from a previous attempt.</u> The highest achieved score of exam(s) will be considered for admission.

Is there a deadline for testing?

So the TEAS[®] results can be reviewed with your application, testing must be completed prior to applying to the program. TEAS[®] deadlines used for admission to the ADN, PN, and RC programs are the last day of the following months:

- ADN Program: March
- PN Program: June
- RC Program: May

If I receive testing accommodations, may I receive them to take the TEAS?

Yes, you may receive testing accommodations provided you have documentation of the need for accommodations. Contact Accessibility Services to discuss and set up a testing time for accommodations. Please allow plenty of time to set up accommodations and testing to facilitate your success. <u>Students must provide accommodation documentation to Accessibility Services</u> <u>before scheduling their TEAS</u>[®].

What is the cost of the TEAS[®] test?

The cost to register for TEAS[®] at RACC is approximately \$120.00 (non-refundable) including tax, and includes one TEAS transcript sent to RACC. The fee must be paid online, in advance, by debit or credit card when registering for the exam. Please make sure you select RACC to receive your transcript. Additional transcripts may be sent to other schools of choice for an additional \$27 per transcript.

How do I register to take the exam at RACC?

- **Step 1:** Meet with your assigned academic advisor to verify you have met the pre-requisite requirements of the program.
- Step 2: If you meet pre-program requirements, you can schedule your TEAS exam at <u>www.aittesting.com</u>.
- **Step 3:** Scheduling the exam requires creating an account on the ATI website. If you are not a current user on <u>www.atitesting.com</u>, you must create a new account to access the student portal or to make a purchase from the ATI online store.

When is the TEAS[®] offered at RACC?

The exam is offered during the months of January through June at the RACC campus. Testing for the <u>ADN program</u> occurs January through March. Testing for the <u>PN Program</u> occurs January through June. Testing for the <u>RC program</u> occurs January through May. You can

view the schedule of testing dates when you register on-line to take the $TEAS^{(R)}$ test. The exam can be taken at any time online throughout the year.

Where do I take the TEAS[®] at RACC?

The TEAS is taken at RACC in rooms B200/B201 of the Pearson Vue Center located in Berks Hall.

What are the rules of the Testing Center?

- Report to the Pearson Vue Center at least 30 minutes prior to your scheduled test time.
- Come prepared with your ATI username, password, paper, and pencil. If you are not prepared with your log in credentials, you may be denied testing and will not be rescheduled or refunded.
- The examinee must have an ID which is government-issued with a current photograph and examinee's signature and permanent address.
- The following examinee information must be confirmed prior to testing:
 - **Exact name match**. First name, middle initial *(if applicable)*, last name spelling match to the presented government-issue ID.
 - **Photograph ID match**. Verified positive match to presented ID's current photograph.
 - If either **DOES** NOT MATCH, the examinee WILL NOT be permitted to TEST.
- All personal belongings must be stored out of reach. This includes coats, jackets, hats and sunglasses, phone, personal calculators and smart watches, with discretionary allowances for religious apparel. No personal electronic devices of any kind are allowed during testing.
- Clothing or other items being brought into the test booth may be subject to inspection.
- The testing room is under audio and visual surveillance.

- Examinees may bring two #2 pencils; students are not allowed to have any other personal materials at their testing station.
- Examinees may use the calculator that is available as a pop-up during the test and can be launched from the Web page.
- Food and beverages are prohibited inside the testing area.
- Children are not allowed in the testing room.

What should I bring to the test?

You must bring the following items on the day of your test: (1) A valid photo ID to gain admission to the testing area (2) Your ATI user name and password to access the test on-line (3) Two or more sharpened # 2 pencils.

Calculators, cell phones and other electronic devices are <u>NOT</u> allowed.

What if I cannot take the TEAS session I scheduled?

If you can't make the purchased session and have a documented emergency, please contact: 800-667-7531. If you miss the original purchase date, it will not count against you as an attempt. However, you will have to pay for an additional session.

How do I receive my results?

By selecting RACC as your receiving school during the registration process, ATI will automatically send your results to RACC. After you leave the testing area, you may view your results by logging into the ATI website at <u>www.atitesting.com</u> with your user name and password and selecting "results".

Can I take TEAS[®] at a location other than RACC?

Yes, applicants may choose to take $TEAS^{\mathbb{R}}$ at another location. The name of the exam must be ATI TEAS^R (Test of Essential Academic Skills) and the exam must be published by ATI (Assessment Technologies Institute, LLC.). You can request to send an official TEAS^R transcript to RACC through the ATI on-line store for a fee of \$27.

How do I create an ATI account and register for the TEAS[®]?

If you are not a current user on <u>www.atitesting.com</u>, you must create a new account to access the student portal or to make a purchase from ATI's online store. Directions on creating an ATI account and registering for the exam are located on the pages 8-14 of this document.

HOW TO REGISTER FOR THE TEAS® ASSESSMENT

1. CREATE A NEW ACCOUNT

If you are not a current user on <u>www.atitesting.com</u>, you must create a new account to access the student portal or to make a purchase from ATI's online store. Follow the steps below to create a new account.

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You can now register for the TEAS® Assessment through our Online Store.

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IMPORTANT:

ATI does not offer refunds. Damaged or defective products will be replaced if sent back to ATI within 30 days of purchase. Please call Customer Service at 1.800.667.7531 for more details.

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