

## Taking the TEAS V Assessment at FDTC

The Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) is required to enter most Health Sciences programs

The TEAS V is a computerized test consisting of 170 multiple choice questions with a time limit of 209 minutes for the test. It consists of four parts:

**Reading:** (48 questions, 58 minutes) – section includes questions regarding paragraph comprehension, passage comprehension, and inferences/conclusions.

**Math:** (34 items, 51 minutes) – section includes questions regarding whole numbers, metric conversions, fractions, decimals, algebraic equations, percentages, and ratio/proportion.

**Science:** (54 items, 66 minutes) – section includes questions regarding science reasoning, science, knowledge, biology, chemistry, anatomy, physiology, basic physical principles, and general science.

**English and Language Usage:** (34 items, 34 minutes) – section includes questions regarding punctuation, grammar, sentence structure, contextual words, and spelling.

### Preparing for the TEAS test

The Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) is a standardized, multiple choice exam for students applying for nursing school. The test is created and administered by Assessment Technologies Institute. The TEAS test is used to determine the ability of potential students to adjust to a nursing program and is also correlated to success on the NCLEX-RN test for licensure at graduation. The test is not just knowledge based, but also provides information regarding essential nursing school skills of language and reading comprehension.

The TEAS is a crucial component in your nursing application and requires long range planning. You must score at proficient across all levels in order to apply for the nursing program. 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.

You may access ATI resources at:

<http://www.atitesting.com/2/teas-prep.aspx?src=ppc&gclid=CNDNlauf1coCFdgXgQodLI4J6w>

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/>

## HOW TO CREATE A NEW ACCOUNT (DO THIS PRIOR TO TESTING)

If you are not a current user on [www.atitesting.com](http://www.atitesting.com), 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.

*Step One:* Go to ATItesting.com. Click on "Create an account" usually located at the top of the page. Follow prompts to create a user name and password. You'll need to remember or have the user ID and password you created on the date of the test, so you may want to write it down.

*Step Two:* Contact the FDTC Assessment Center to schedule the test. You will pay for the test *on the day you take it*. Cost will be \$66

### On the Test day

*Step three:* Bring a current and original government issued photo ID. You will not be admitted for the test without this ID. Make sure you know your ATI login and password. Arrive as scheduled at the Assessment Center with proper identification and a **valid credit or debit card**. Login to atitesting.com. Your proctor will provide instructions on how to access the exam.

Do not bring purses, backpacks, portfolios, or anything but your keys, your photo ID and your receipt for the payment of the TEAS test. Cell phones, or any electronic devices including iWatches are not permitted

FDTC will provide pencils and numbered scratch paper that must be submitted at the end of the exam

The TEAS test is always proctored as a package. You cannot take specific sections of the test. The test is approximately 4 hours. You will receive a record of your scores immediately after testing. These scores will also be available to FDTC Nursing.

**NOTE:** You may retake the TEAS test to achieve a different score, but you must allow 30 days between testing times. Testing scores less than 30 days will **NOT** be accepted or considered

### Understanding the Scores

The table below provides the cut scores and category for the overall score and sections. FDTC requires scores at least at the **Proficient level** for Overall, Reading and Science sections

TEAS V Proctored Assessment		OVERALL (150 items)	Reading (42 items)	Mathematics (30 items)	Science (48 items)	English and Language Usage (30 items)
Cut Scores	Developmental	< 41.3%	< 47.6%	< 46.7%	< 33.3%	< 40.0%
	Basic	41.3%	47.6%	46.7%	33.3%	40.0%
	Proficient	58.7%	69.0%	63.3%	45.8%	60.0%
	Advanced	78.0%	83.3%	86.7%	66.7%	80.0%
	Exemplary	90.7%	95.2%	96.7%	81.3%	93.3%

## Categories

Exemplary	Exemplary scores generally indicate a very high level of overall academic preparedness necessary to support learning of nursing-related content. Students at this level are not likely to require additional preparation for the objectives assessed on TEAS.
Advanced	Advanced scores generally indicate a high level of overall academic preparedness necessary to support learning of nursing-related content. Students at this level are not likely to require additional preparation for the objectives assessed on TEAS.
Proficient	Proficient scores generally indicate a moderate level of overall academic preparedness necessary to support learning of nursing-related content. Students at this level may require additional preparation for some objectives assessed on TEAS (see Topics to Review on the score report).
Basic	Basic scores generally indicate a low level of overall academic preparedness necessary to support learning of nursing-related content. Students at this level are likely to require additional preparation for many objectives assessed on TEAS (see Topics to Review on the score report).
Developmental	Developmental scores generally indicate a very low level of overall academic preparedness necessary to support learning of nursing-related content. Students at this level will require additional preparation for most objectives assessed on TEAS (see Topics to Review on the score report).

### What if I do not get proficient level in all sections?

If you do not get the scores you hoped for, then it is time to evaluate your strengths and weakness BEFORE you plan to retake the TEAS test. If there is only one section that is a problem, then concentrate on preparation on that area. If you have multiple sections that are below the cut scores, then you may want to schedule an appointment with your nursing advisor to talk about readiness for the nursing program. For example, if the science score is low, you may want to take all the biology courses before you take the TEAS. That way you will have the content necessary to take the test and do well in the program. If the reading score is low, you may want to complete a reading or English course. Remember, this test provides information on whether you are ready for the rigor of the nursing curriculum. It reflects knowledge and skill attainment necessary before you add the specialization of nursing courses.