

Del Mar College
Department of Nurse Education
ATI TEAS Guidance Document

All Del Mar College Department of Nurse Education (DNE) student applicants are required to pass the ATI Test of Essential Academic Skills (ATI TEAS) as a condition of admission. The ATI TEAS must be completed prior to submission of an application to the nursing program.

I. About the ATI TEAS

The ATI TEAS test was developed by ATI Nursing Education for health science schools to evaluate academic preparedness of prospective students. The objectives assessed are those that health science educators deemed most appropriate and relevant to measure entry-level skills and abilities of health science program applicants. The objectives cover four academic content areas: Reading, Mathematics, Science, and English & Language Usage.

The ATI TEAS test is composed of 170 questions with a total time limit of 209 minutes. The questions are four-option, multiple-choice questions. The table below provides the number of questions and time limits for each content area of the ATI TEAS.

| Content Area | Number of Questions | Time Limit |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|
| I. Reading | 53 | 64 minutes |
| II. Mathematics | 36 | 54 minutes |
| III. Science | 53 | 63 minutes |
| IV. English and Language Usage | 28 | 28 minutes |
| TOTAL | 170 | 209 minutes |

More information about the ATI TEAS, including answers to frequently asked questions, can be found at here: [About the ATI TEAS](https://atitesting.com/teas/teas-exam) (https://atitesting.com/teas/teas-exam)

II. ATI TEAS Eligibility

To be eligible to take the ATI TEAS, students must have completed ENGL 1301 and BIOL 2401. Additionally, students must have completed OR be currently attending BIOL 2402 and PSYC 2301 on or after the 5th class day of the current semester. Students must achieve a grade of C or better for a course to be considered complete. Eligibility must be verified by the Department of Nurse Education prior to registering for a test.

III. Preparing for the ATI TEAS

ATI Nursing Education has developed self-guided study materials to help student target their studies for success on the ATI TEAS test. The materials include comprehensive study packages, practice tests and other study materials.

More information can be found here: [ATI TEAS Exam & Prep](https://www.atitesting.com/teas) (https://www.atitesting.com/teas)

Students do not have to purchase study materials from ATI. Third-party study guides, review materials and practice tests for the ATI TEAS are available in libraries, bookstores and online. Students are responsible for researching and finding study materials that best fit their needs.

IV. Scheduling and Payment for the ATI TEAS

Students MUST contact DNE staff at (361) 698-2863, (361) 698-2864 or (361) 698-2872 to verify eligibility and to register for a test date prior to paying the testing fee. Student who fail to register with the nursing department will not be able to test.

A. In-Person Testing

In-person ATI TEAS tests are administered on Tuesdays at 8:00 am and 12:00 noon at the Del Mar College Testing in the Multi Service Center, Room 125 located at 3013 Ayers Street, Corpus Christi, Texas 78404.

Payments for in-person testing must be made via the Del College payment service found here: Payments for in-person testing must be made online with a credit or debit card via the Del College payment service found here: <https://www.registerblast.com/delmar/Exam/List>. Choose "Nursing TEAS" and select the testing date confirmed with nursing department staff. Cost is \$68.50 (\$65.00 + \$3.50 convenience fee). **Payments for in-person testing must be made before 12:30 pm on the Friday immediately prior to their scheduled test date.**

If a student cannot attend their scheduled test date, they may contact DNE staff to reschedule and payment can be transferred. Students who do not show up at their scheduled test time will forfeit their testing fee.

B. Remote Testing (Online)

The ATI TEAS testing is now available online with remote proctoring. Details regarding remotely proctored ATI TEAS tests can be found here: [ATI TEAS Test with Proctorio](https://www.atitesting.com/teas/the-ati-teas-exam-with-proctorio) <https://www.atitesting.com/teas/the-ati-teas-exam-with-proctorio>.

ATI TEAS tests with remote proctoring are administered on Thursdays at 9:00 am and 1:00 pm. The cost for ATI TEAS with Proctorio remote proctoring is \$70.00 (\$65.00 + \$5.00 proctor fee).

Payments for remote proctored testing will be made online with a credit or debit immediately prior to start the of a student's test. Students will be prompted to make payments when during the remote proctoring log in process. See Section VI.B below for more information.

V. ATI TEAS Student Access Account

All students (in-person and remote) **must** create an ATI student account a minimum of **48 hours prior** to their schedule test date.

To create as student account, go to www.atitesting.com. In the upper right-hand corner, choose "CREATE ACCOUNT" and follow the instructions. Stop after you finalize your screenname and password.

NOTE: Do NOT register for a test or make payments on the ATI TEAS website when you create your account. Scheduling and payments must be made as detailed above.

Students who have not created an ATI student account prior to their scheduled test will be denied testing and must reschedule for a future test.

VI. Taking the TEAS

A. In-Person Testing

In-person ATI TEAS tests are administered at the Del Mar College Testing Center in the Multi Service Center, Room 125 located at 3013 Ayers Street, Corpus Christi, Texas 78404. Students must arrive at least 30 minutes prior to their scheduled test time. Students arriving late may be turned away and could have to reschedule.

B. ATI TEAS with Remote Proctoring (Online Testing)

Before registering for the ATI TEAS with Remote Proctoring, students should read the document found here: [How to take the ATI TEAS Remote Proctored Exam](https://atitesting.com/docs/default-source/pdf/teas-remote-proctored-exam-institution-and-at-ati-1.pdf?sfvrsn=f5d505e9_8&_ga=2.7307830.522434375.1600198640-1191609384.1597932879) (https://atitesting.com/docs/default-source/pdf/teas-remote-proctored-exam-institution-and-at-ati-1.pdf?sfvrsn=f5d505e9_8&_ga=2.7307830.522434375.1600198640-1191609384.1597932879).

1. ATI Technical Requirements

Students who choose to test remotely must have the following minimum equipment:

- Desktop or laptop computer with Google Chrome installed
- Computer Microphone: Any microphone, either internal or external
- Webcam: 320x240 VGA resolution (minimum) internal or external

NOTE: iPads, tablets, and cell phones CANNOT be used.

A full list of ATI's technical requirements can be found here: [ATI Testing Technical Requirements](https://atitesting.com/technical-requirements) (https://atitesting.com/technical-requirements).

2. Mandatory Dry Run

Prior to testing remotely, all students must complete. Dry runs are necessary for test takers to verify themselves and to perform system diagnostic testing to ensure students meet technology requirements for the ATI TEAS with Proctorio remote proctoring.

The system diagnostic test and verification process requires the following:

- Desktop screen share
- E-Signature
- Student or government issued ID
- Webcam
- Microphone/Audio
- Internet Connection

Remote Proctoring Dry Run Instructions:

1. Log in to ATI student account and select "My ATI" tab at top of page.
2. Select "Test" tab in middle of page.
3. Select "Begin" on [Practice Assessment - Remote Proctoring Dry Run](#) and follow instructions.
4. Upon completion, students **MUST** download the [Individual Performance Profile Remote Proctoring Dry Run](#) report and email the report to NurseEd@delmar.edu.

The Remote Proctoring Dry Run may be completed at any time after the student creates their ATI student account but no later 12:00 noon on the Wednesday prior to their scheduled remote ATI TEAS test. Students who fail to complete the Remote Proctoring Dry Run and submit the required report to NurseEd@delmar.edu will not be allowed to test.

Students who experience problems during the Remote Proctoring Dry Run must contact ATI Customer Service for assistance. Nurse Education staff cannot offer assistance during the dry run.

Students who have previously completed a Remote Proctoring Dry Run do not need to repeat it for remote proctored retakes.

3. ATI TEAS Test Day

DNE Staff will provide students with their ATI TEAS testing code via email on the day before a scheduled test. Because students must be approved to start the test, you will not have access to the test before your testing date/time.

A minimum of 15 minutes prior to the scheduled testing time, students must log in to their ATI accounts and select “ADD PRODUCT” in upper righthand corner. After entering their test code, students will be prompted to make the required \$70.00 payment. Once payment is complete, the student’s name will appear on the proctor’s screen. The proctor will verify students have completed the registration process and approve the student to proceed with testing. DNE staff will monitor student progress throughout the exam while being remotely proctored by Proctorio. Proctorio will report any issues they detect to DNE.

C. Third Party Testing

Out-of-area students and students who cannot take the test on one of the DNE designated testing days may take the test at a third-party location. Please note that students who test at third-party location **must** contact DNE staff to verify eligibility as detailed in Section IV, above.

Instructions to register to test at a third-party location are as follows:

- Go to www.atitesting.com and login to your ATI student account.
- Select “Online Store” in upper right corner.
- Select “Register for ATI TEAS at PSI” in left side bar.
- Select Program Type “PSI Test Site ATI Nursing” in pull-down menu.
- Select “Learn More” in TEAS for Nursing Students middle bar
- Read “Steps for Registering for the TEAS administered through a PSI test center”
- Select “Register” in bottom bar
- Scroll down through Available Institutions and choose “Del Mar College ADN.”
- Click > arrow to add to Currently Selection Institutions.
- Continue to Checkout.
- Follow the prompts to register and make payment.
- Save a copy of the registration confirmation.

Students who do not choose “Del Mar College ADN” as their institution **must** submit an online request to ATI for an electronic transcript to be sent to Del Mar College. An additional \$27 fee will apply.

The ATI TEAS is a registered test of ATI Testing and is not affiliated with Del Mar College. Third-party testing fees are set by ATI and are subject to change. TEAS results are calculated and distributed by ATI.

For Technical support, contact ATI directly at (800) 667-7531 or use the “Contact Us” option when you log in.

VII. Minimum ATI TEAS Scores Required for Admission

To be eligible to apply to the nursing program, students must achieve the following scores shown on their ATI TEAS Individual Performance Profile report:

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|-----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| Academic Preparedness Level | Proficient or higher (Total Score of 58.7% or above) |
| Reading | 66.9% |
| Science | 48.0% |

Although minimum individual content area scores for Math or English are not required, students must do their best in these content areas as these scores are calculated into the Total Score.

VIII. Retaking the ATI TEAS

Students who do not meet the required minimum scores or who wish to raise their scores may retake the test up to 3 additional times during an ATI TEAS annual test cycle (September 1st – August 31st). Students opting to retake the ATI TEAS must retake the entire test in each attempt. Scores from different ATI TEAS tests cannot be combined.

Please note that DNE uses the most recent test scores for admission purposes. Students who pass the ATI TEAS but choose to retake it to raise their scores assume the risk of not passing a subsequent attempt. If this occurs, the student must retake the test again to reach minimum scores.

There is a mandatory 2-week (14 days) waiting period between each attempt at the ATI TEAS regardless of where a previous test was administered. The 2-week waiting period also applies to students who choose to utilize a distant testing location.

Students who fail to meet the required minimum content area scores in four (4) attempts before the end of a testing cycle (August 31st) must wait until a new cycle begins (September 1st) before testing again.

IX. ATI TEAS Expiration

Students have 18 months from the date they pass the ATI TEAS test to submit an application to the DNE nursing program. After 18 months, ATI TEAS scores will expire and students must retake the test prior to applying to the nursing program.

X. ATI TEAS Bonus Points for Admission

Students may earn up to four (4) ATI TEAS Bonus Points toward their Total Admission Points based on their **TOTAL** performance as shown on their ATI TEAS Individual Performance Profile report as follows:

| <u>Total Score</u> | <u>Academic Preparedness Level</u> | <u>Points Earned</u> |
|--------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 78.0 – 90.0% | Advanced | 2 |
| 90.7 – 100.0% | Exemplary | 4 |