The Test of Essential Academic Skills- ATI TEAS Handout

The ATI TEAS, or Test of Essential Academic Skills, is a standardized test designed specifically to assess a student's preparedness for entering the health science fields. Questions are designed to test the basic academic skills students will need to perform successfully in the areas of: Reading, Math, Science, and English and Language Usage. The ATI TEAS has been statistically proven to be a valid predictor of early nursing and allied health school success. Your score on the TEAS is one measure of academic preparedness that helps Bellingham Technical College consider your acceptance into our nursing and allied health programs. ATI routinely updates the TEAS; the current version is 7 but TEAS 6 scores will still be accepted as long as it has been less than four years since the TEAS was taken.

The Test of Essential Academic Skills (ATI TEAS) is required for all applicants seeking admission to the Bellingham Technical College Nursing, Dental Hygiene, Radiologic Technology and Surgery Technology Programs. This test is intended to be taken by applicants who have completed, or are near completion, of required prerequisite coursework. Some content in the exam may relate to content in the prerequisite courses.

What is covered in each of the areas being assessed on the ATI TEAS?

The ATI TEAS test is comprised of 170 questions that are formatted as both multiple choice items with 4 answer options and alternate-type items. This includes 150 scored questions and 20 unscored pretest questions.

- **Reading (45 questions)** – key ideas & details, craft & structure, and integration of knowledge & ideas.
- **Math (38 questions)** – numbers & algebra, and measurement & data. An on-screen four function calculator is available for many of the questions. Personal calculators are not allowed.
- **Science (50 questions)** - human anatomy & physiology, biology, chemistry, and scientific reasoning.
- **English and Language Usage (37 questions)** – conventions of standard English, knowledge of language, and using language and vocabulary to express ideas in writing.

How long does the ATI TEAS exam take?

The maximum amount of time allotted for the ATI TEAS is 209 minutes (about 3.5 hours). Each section is timed: Reading = 55 minutes; Math = 57 minutes: Science = 60 minutes; English = 37 minutes. There is not a break between sections.

Where can applicants take the ATI TEAS exam?

The ATI TEAS exam may be taken through the BTC in the Assessment Center. Students should visit the Assessment Center website for current information about taking the TEAS at BTC. For those students taking the TEAS at BTC who require accommodations on the exam they should visit the Accessibility Resources website or email ar@btc.edu. Students identified as having Limited English Proficiency may request academic adjustments for the TEAS by meeting with the Student Navigator for their Program of Intent. Non-BTC students are welcome to take the ATI TEAS exam in the Assessment Center and have their scores transferred to another college. Applicants can also take the ATI TEAS online proctored by ATI, visit the ATI TEAS website for more information.

Students will need to set up an ATI account there is no cost to set up an account. Steps for setting up an ATI account are as follows:
- Go to www.ATItesting.com (recommended browser is Firefox).
- Click on "Create Account" located in the top right of the homepage. If you have an existing ATI account you will need to login and update your profile.
- Create a username and password and enter your preferred email address.
- Next complete the personal information and select the Institution based on which program you plan on applying for. "*Bellingham Technical College ADN"* for RN Program or "*Bellingham Technical College PN"* for PN Program or "*Bellingham Technical College AH"* for Dental Hygiene, Rad Tech and Surg Tech.
- Complete account set up process.

How can applicants prepare for the ATI TEAS exam?

Prior to taking the ATI TEAS, applicants are encouraged to visit the [ATI TEAS Prep website](#) and consider purchasing any of the ATI TEAS preparation products listed. These products can be purchased individually or in packages through the website. Products include three online practice tests and an ATI TEAS Study Manual. Each online practice test contains a different set of 150 questions, patterned after the original ATI TEAS exam and designed to give the applicant a sense of what to expect in both test content and format. The official ATI TEAS Study Manual is specifically written to address each objective that could potentially be addressed on the ATI TEAS exam and also contains two 150-item practice tests. The study manual can also be purchased at the BTC Campus Store or borrowed from the BTC Library.

How do applicants know if they *passed* the ATI TEAS exam?

For applicants to be eligible for entry into the BTC Nursing, Dental Hygiene, Radiologic Technology and Surgery Technology Programs they must score at the **"PROFICIENT"** level or higher *in each of the four assessment areas*, not Overall Proficiency. Applicants must score at the *Proficient* level or higher in all four areas on **one** ATI TEAS transcript. Review the table below for scores and details. ATI TEAS scores are available to the applicant once they login to their ATI account in the form of an Individual Performance Profile. The Individual Performance Profiles are located by clicking on the "My Results" tab and selecting the Assessment Name and then by clicking on Download Report. A PDF will open in another window showing the results.

How is the ATI TEAS exam scored?

ATI TEAS Proctored Assessment		Reading (42 items)	Mathematics (30 items)	Science (48 items)	English & Language Usage (30 items)	OVERALL (150 items) Overall score not considered for BTC Nursing admission
Scores	Developmental	< 47.6%	< 46.7%	< 33.3%	< 40.0%	< 41.3%
	Basic	47.6%	46.7%	33.3%	40.0%	41.3%
	Proficient	**69.0%**	**63.3%**	**45.8%**	**60.0%**	58.7%
	Advanced	83.3%	86.7%	66.7%	80.0%	78.0%
	Exemplary	95.2%	96.7%	81.3%	93.3%	90.7%

Can applicants retake the ATI TEAS exam?

Yes, applicants may take the ATI TEAS as many times as they need to meet Proficiency in each of the four areas on one assessment. Applicants who need to retake the ATI TEAS will need to complete the entire exam, not just the section(s) that were below the level of Proficiency. Each time an applicant takes the ATI TEAS at the BTC Assessment Center or other location the applicant will be assessed the entire fee. Applicants are encouraged to wait a minimum of two weeks before taking the test again to allow for additional preparation. If scores do not meet the program's entry requirements, applicants can study the Topics to Review information provided by ATI prior to scheduling a retake.

How do applicants submit ATI TEAS scores?

Applicants who took the ATI TEAS at the BTC Assessment Center will have their scores automatically transcribed into their BTC transcript and will not need to do anything further when they applying to or registering for the Nursing, Dental Hygiene, Radiologic Technology and Surgery Technology Programs. Applicants who took the TEAS online proctored by ATI should select Bellingham Tech College as the program they are applying to when they register for the TEAS. An Official Transcript will then be sent to the BTC Admissions office. For applicants who test at another testing center they will need to purchase and have sent an Official ATI TEAS Transcript. The applicant must request from ATI an official ATI TEAS transcript be sent electronically to transcripts@btc.edu prior to the application or registration deadline. There is an additional cost ($27) for ordering an Official Transcript. The BTC Program or Admissions staff cannot accept transcripts directly from the applicant. All ATI TEAS results are valid for up to four years. (e.g. test date 8/1/19 are good until 8/1/23).

Is there a deadline to take the TEAS before applying to my program?

Yes, applicants should check their programs website for each academic year's deadline. The ATI TEAS must be successfully completed prior to this deadline to be considered for admission to or registration for program core courses.