



# Dental Assisting (DA) Program Veterinary Technician Program

## The Test of Essential Academic Skills- ATI TEAS Handout

The ATI TEAS is a proctored, online assessment containing 170 questions, including 20 “unscored” pretest questions, which cover the following content areas: reading; mathematics; science; and English and language usage. Each question on the ATI TEAS is mapped to one of 115 objectives, all of which address topics presented in grades 7 through 12. This 170 multiple-choice question test is offered at Bellingham Technical College through the Assessment Center as well as at other regional locations.

The Test of Essential Academic Skills (ATI TEAS) is required for all applicants seeking admission to the Bellingham Technical College Dental Assisting and Veterinary Technician 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 assesses reading, writing, math and science.

- **Reading (53 questions)** - paragraph comprehension, passage comprehension, and informational source comprehension.
- **Math (36 questions)** - numbers and operations, algebraic applications, data interpretation; measurement. ATI made the decision to allow calculators for the ATI TEAS assessment. The ATI TEAS will have a four-function calculator on-screen available for many of the questions that test takers may click on the icon to use. Personal calculators are not allowed.
- **Science (53 questions)** - human body science; life science, earth and physical science, scientific reasoning.
- **English and Language Usage (28 questions)** - grammar and word meanings in context, sentence structure, punctuation and spelling.

### 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 = 64 minutes; Math = 54 minutes; Science = 63 minutes; English = 28 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. Payment is first made at the BTC Cashier, BTC Campus Store, or Campus Store Online and proof of payment must be provided to Assessment Center staff. Students should visit the [Assessment Center website](#) for current information about taking the ATI TEAS at BTC. Applicants requiring accommodations for the ATI TEAS exam need to contact BTC Accessibility Resources at [ar@btc.edu](mailto:ar@btc.edu) or 360.752.8450. Students identified as having Limited English Proficiency may request academic adjustments for the TEAS by meeting with the Student Navigator for your Program of Intent. Non-BTC students are welcome to take the ATI TEAS exam in the Assessment Center and have their scores submitted to BTC or transferred to another college.

Applicants will need to set up an ATI account (no cost to set up account). The account may be set up before arriving at the Assessment Center. Steps for setting up an ATI account are as follows:

- Go to [www.ATItesting.com](http://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 AH*” for Dental Assisting or Veterinary Technician.
- Complete account set up process.

Applicants may also take the ATI TEAS at other regional locations. <https://www.atitesting.com/teas/register#prep> This link will take you to the ATI website where you can register to take the exam through ATI PSI. Once on this page, select the "register" option and follow the prompts.

### How can applicants prepare for the ATI TEAS exam?

Prior to taking the ATI TEAS, applicants are encouraged to visit the ATI website ([www.atitesting.com](http://www.atitesting.com)) 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 Dental Assisting or Veterinary Technician Program they must score at the "**BASIC**" level or higher *in each of the four assessment areas*, not Overall Basic. Applicants must score at the *Basic* 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) <small>Overall score <u>not</u> considered for BTC Admission</small>
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 Basic level in each of the four assessment areas. 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 Basic. Each time an applicant takes the ATI TEAS at the BTC Assessment Center or other location the applicant will be assessed the 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 register for Dental Assisting\* or Veterinary Technician Program core courses. Applicants who took the ATI TEAS at another testing center 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](mailto:transcripts@btc.edu) by the registration deadline. There is an additional cost 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 8/1/18 are good until 8/1/22).

\*Note: the ATI TEAS is given in DEN 100 as part of the course.