

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.

Step 1: Check for 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.

Step 2: Schedule and Pay for the ATI TEAS

Students MUST contact DNE staff at (361) 698-2809, (361) 698-2864 or (361) 698-2892 to verify eligibility and to register for a test date prior to paying the testing fee. Students who fail to register with the nursing department will not be able to test.

A. Scheduling and Payment for In-person ATI TEAS Testing at Del Mar College

Beginning April 4, 2023, in-person ATI TEAS tests at Del Mar College are administered weekly on Tuesdays at 9:00 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 online with a credit or debit card via the Del College payment service found here: [Del Mar College Exam Registration](https://www.registerblast.com/delmar/Exam/List) (<https://www.registerblast.com/delmar/Exam/List>). Choose “Nursing TEAS” and select the testing date confirmed with nursing department staff.

NOTICE: Effective July 1, 2023, the cost will be \$73.50 (\$70.00 + \$3.50 convenience fee.)
Payments for in-person testing must be made before 12:00 pm on the Friday immediately prior to the student’s scheduled test date. No late payments will be accepted.

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. Scheduling In-person ATI TEAS Third Party Testing at PSI

Students unable to test at Del Mar College may take the test in-person at a third-party location. Please note that students who test at third-party locations **must** contact DNE staff to verify eligibility as detailed in Section IV, above.

Instructions to register for a third-party test can be found here: [Third Party ATI TEAS at PSI](https://atitesting.com/teas/register/teas-at-psi) (<https://atitesting.com/teas/register/teas-at-psi>). Third-party testing fees are set by the third party testing facility and are subject to change.

ATI will automatically send your scores to the institution that you select when registering for the TEAS exam. If you would like to send a copy to another, visit ATI's online store for instructions. You can immediately send scores via email for a TEAS Transcript fee of **\$27**.

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

C. Scheduling Online ATI TEAS Remote Testing

ATI TEAS testing is available online with remote proctoring by ATI. Details regarding remotely proctored ATI TEAS tests can be found here: [ATI TEAS Test with Proctorio](https://www.atitesting.com/teas/register/teas-at-ati) (<https://www.atitesting.com/teas/register/teas-at-ati>). Remote testing fees are set by ATI and are subject to change. For Technical support, contact ATI directly at (800) 667-7531 or use the “Contact Us” option when you log in.

Step 3: Create ATI TEAS Student Access Account

All students testing MUST create an ATI student account a minimum of 48 hours prior to their schedule test date.

Students who fail to create an ATI student account prior to arriving at the testing center on their scheduled test date will be turned away and will not be allowed to test. Students who are turned away must reschedule with the nursing department.

To create a student account, go to www.atitesting.com. In the upper right-hand corner, choose “CREATE ACCOUNT” and follow the instructions. Choose **Del Mar College ADN** as your institution.

For in-person testing at Del Mar College, stop after you finalize your screenname and password.

Step 4: Review Purpose of the ATI TEAS

The purpose of the ATI Test for Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) examination is to assess an examinee’s overall academic preparedness for a health science program.

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.

Current number of questions and time limits are as follows:

Content Area	Number of Questions	Time Limit
I. Reading	45	55 minutes
II. Mathematics	38	57 minutes
III. Science	50	60 minutes
IV. English and Language Usage	37	37 minutes
TOTAL	170	209 minutes

The ATI TEAS is a registered test of ATI Testing and is not affiliated with Del Mar College. ATI TEAS results are calculated and distributed by ATI.

More information about the ATI TEAS can be found here: [Official ATI TEAS Version 7 exam](https://www.atitesting.com/teas) (<https://www.atitesting.com/teas>).

Step 5: Prepare 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 \(https://www.atitesting.com/teas/teas-prep\)](https://www.atitesting.com/teas/teas-prep).

Additionally, an ATI TEAS preparation book is available for purchase in the Del Mar College Bookstore located on Heritage Campus.

Students do not have to purchase study materials from ATI or Del Mar College. 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.

Step 6: Take the TEAS

A. In-person ATI TEAS Testing at Del Mar College

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 15 minutes prior to their scheduled test time. Students arriving late may be turned away and could have to reschedule.

If you have questions regarding specific test day requirements, please contact the testing center at (361) 698-1645.

B. In-person Third Party ATI TEAS Testing at PSI

Instructions for in-person third-party testing can be found here: [Third Party ATI TEAS at PSI \(https://atitesting.com/teas/register/teas-at-psi\)](https://atitesting.com/teas/register/teas-at-psi). Third-party testing is administered by PSI.

If you have questions about your registration or specific test day requirements, please contact PSI customer service at 1-833-537-1330. If you have general questions about the ATI TEAS exam, please contact ATI customer support at 1-800-667-7531 or use the “Contact Us” option when you log in.

C. Online ATI TEAS with Remote Proctoring

Instructions for remote testing can be found here: [How to Take The TEAS Exam at ATI \(https://www.atitesting.com/docs/default-source/pdf/teas-at-ati-qsg-without-registration.pdf\)](https://www.atitesting.com/docs/default-source/pdf/teas-at-ati-qsg-without-registration.pdf). Remote testing is administered by ATI. For Technical support, contact ATI directly at (800) 667-7531 or use the “Contact Us” option when you log in.

Step 7 (if needed): Retake 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 4-week (28 days) waiting period between each attempt at the ATI TEAS regardless of where a previous test was administered. The 4-week waiting period also applies to students who choose to utilize remote or third-party test locations.

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.

Important Information for Admission:

A. 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:

Academic Preparedness Level	Proficient, Advanced or Exemplary
Reading	68.1%
Science	48.9%

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.

B. 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.

C. ATI TEAS Bonus Points for Admission

Students may earn up to ten (10) ATI TEAS Bonus Points toward their Total Admission Points based on their **TOTAL** performance as shown on their ATI TEAS Individual Performance Profile. Points that can be earned are as follows:

<u>Academic Preparedness Level</u>	<u>Points Earned</u>
Advanced	5
Exemplary	10