

# Nursing Program Admissions Test (ATI TEAS)

## Fact Sheet for Students

All students are required to achieve an "Adjusted Individual Total Score" of 60% or greater in order to be accepted into the ADN program **OR** 41.3% or greater in order to be admitted into the PN program. All four sections of the ATI TEAS (Reading, Mathematics, English & Language Usage, and Science) must be included in the Adjusted Individual Total Score. Students will have **only 3 attempts** to achieve the required score.

### How to prepare to pass the ATI Test of Essential Academic Skills

- Use the ATI TEAS Study Manual (6<sup>th</sup> edition) to assist in content review and practice tests.
- This book is available for purchase online at [www.atitesting.com](http://www.atitesting.com). Study manuals are on reserve at the campus libraries and at the Ankeny and Urban Academic Achievement Centers.
- Online practice tests: [https://atitesting.com/ati\\_store/product.aspx?zpid=1494](https://atitesting.com/ati_store/product.aspx?zpid=1494)
- DMACC students may visit their campus Academic Achievement Center for interactive instructional support using their ATI TEAS Study Manual.

#### STEP 1: Create an Account with ATI prior to your test date

1. Go to [www.atitesting.com](http://www.atitesting.com)
2. In the Secure Sign On area click on "Create an account"
3. When a new screen opens, fill in all your blue fields. Blue fields are *required* to create your account. In the "Institution" field select **DMACC and your campus**. Please also enter your DMACC Student ID number. You must do this before you can test.
4. Take note of your User Name and Password and **SAVE** both for future reference. **You will need both items for the ATI TEAS test and throughout nursing school.**
5. Click the "Register" button, wait for the progress bar to complete. You are DONE creating your ATI account; **do not go any further**. DMACC won't be listed as a testing site.

#### STEP 2: Secure a Credit card or Debit card prior to your test date

- On the day you test, you must have either a Credit card or Debit card to pay for the ATI TEAS. Cash or checks will not be accepted.
- Cost of the test is **\$65**. If re-testing, it is also \$65.
- DMACC One card may be used IF it was set up as a debit card and has sufficient funds
- Debit cards can be purchased at Hy-Vee and Walmart. For a list of locations go to: <http://usa.visa.com/locators/reloadable-locations.jsp>

#### STEP 3: Select a date, time and campus for the test

For a schedule of ATI TEAS test dates and times, go to:

<http://www.dmacc.edu/programs/nursing/Pages/requirements.aspx>

Contact a DMACC Testing Center to reserve a Date and Time to Test

<http://www.dmacc.edu/testingcenter/> or

- **Ankeny** campus call: 515-964-6595 or 1-800-362-2127, ext. 6595 Bldg. 6, Room 23
- **Boone** campus call: 515-433-5096 or 1-800-362-2127, ext. 5096 Room 102
- **Carroll** campus call: 712-792-1755 or 1-800-622-3334, ext. 1755 or go to the front office
- **Newton** campus call: 641-791-1731 or 1-800-362-2127, ext. 1731 or stop in Room 120.
- **Southridge** attendance center call: 515-287- 8700 or 1-800-622-3334, ext. 8700, Room 3
- **Urban** campus call: 515-248-7218 or 1-800-362-2127, ext 7218
- **West** campus call: 515-633-2426, Room 119W

#### STEP 4 The day of the test

- Valid Photo ID, ATI User name and password, credit or debit card required.
- A calculator is embedded within the test. Personal calculators are not permitted.
- Plan to arrive no less than **4 ½** hours prior to closing of the testing center to allow time to check in, sign on to ATI and pay for the test. The test is timed and will take approximately **4 ½** hours to complete.
- Carroll campus students – plan to arrive 15 minutes prior to the scheduled testing time.

Content	Number of questions	Time limit	Required ADJUSTED INDIVIDUAL TOTAL SCORE
Reading	53	64 minutes	<b>60% or greater for ADN program</b>  <b>41.3% or greater for PN program</b>  (All four content areas <u>must</u> be included in the Adjusted Individual Total Score.)
Mathematics	36	54 minutes	
English and Language Usage	28	28 minutes	
Science	53	63 minutes	
<b>Total</b>	<b>170*</b>	<b>209 minutes</b>	

\*There are 20 unscored pretest questions.

#### After the test

- At the end of the test you will print 2 copies of the score report. Keep one and give the other to the test proctor.
- Scores will be entered in your student record and communicated to the DMACC Admissions specialist for Health & Public Services.
- **Interpreting your scores**
  - On [page 1](#) of your **Individual Performance Profile** you will see your **Adjusted Individual Total Score** expressed as a percent. You will also see separate percentages for each of the four content areas.
  - See [page 2](#) of your report for a list of **Topics to Review**. Refer to the Table of Contents in the *Study Manual for the ATI TEAS* to locate and review information in the areas you missed and find direct references of where to go in the Study Guide to remediate.
  - See [page 3](#) of your report for further explanation of scores.

#### When can I re-test?

- You may re-test after a **30 day** remediation period and when there is a seat available on a scheduled testing date. Cost to re-test is **\$65**.

#### How do I prepare to re-test?

- Refer to your **Individual Performance Profile** page 2, **Topics to Review** for guidance on what to review in the *Study Manual for the ATI TEAS*.
- You may also purchase online ATI TEAS practice tests at [www.atitesting.com](http://www.atitesting.com)
- For additional assistance, contact an [Academic Achievement Center](#)

#### Do I have to retake all four sections if I do not meet the required adjusted individual total score?

- Yes, you must retake all four sections in order to properly generate a new total score.

#### How many times can I attempt the ATI TEAS?

- Students may test **no more than three** times at DMACC.
- Students who are unsuccessful after the maximum number of attempts at DMACC will be ineligible for admission into DMACC's Nursing program.

#### Will DMACC accept TEAS scores taken at another location?

- Provide DMACC Admissions with a copy of your Individual Performance Profile from the other location. Admissions will then verify that your scores satisfy the entry requirement for DMACC Nursing.