

# STLCC Nursing Program Admission Assessments FAQs

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**What is the TEAS and how long does it take?** 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 you 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 school success. The ATI TEAS exam is comprised of 170 total questions, with 209 minutes in allocated testing time. Question types include multiple choice, multiple select (select all that apply), fill in the blank, ordered response and hot spots.

Content & Sub-content Areas	Number of Scored Items
<b>Reading (55 minutes)</b>	<b>45</b>
Key ideas and details	15
Craft and structure	9
Integration of knowledge and ideas	15
Unscored items	6*
<b>Mathematics (57 minutes)</b>	<b>38</b>
Number and algebra	18
Measurement and data	16
Unscored items	4*
<b>Science (60 minutes)</b>	<b>50</b>
Human anatomy and physiology	18
Biology	9
Chemistry	8
Scientific Reasoning	9
Unscored items	6*
<b>English and Language Use (37 minutes)</b>	<b>37</b>
Conventions of standard English	12
Knowledge of language	11
Using language & vocabulary to express ideas in writing	10
Unscored items	4*
*There are an additional 20 unscored pretest items for a total of 170 scored and unscored items.	170

## Is there a minimum score required for these assessments?

- **TEAS:** Yes, students must obtain a composite score of 58.7% (Proficient) or higher. *TEAS scores over two years old will not be accepted.*

## How can I prepare for the TEAS?

**You can and should prepare for the TEAS Test.**

- The [ATI TEAS Study Manual](#) contains content review and practice tests. Study manuals are available for purchase on the [ATI website](#) and is also available for use at all STLCC libraries (ask at the circulation desk). Practice questions are included in the manual.
- Online TEAS Practice Tests, ATI TEAS SmartPrep and TEAS Basic Packages are available for purchase through the [ATI website](#).
- The TEAS exam includes reading, math, science especially A&P, and English and language use. Courses/Program Pre-Reqs you may want to consider completing prior to taking the TEAS exam to increase your chance of achieving a composite score at or above the required benchmark of 58.7% include:
  - Met the Reading prerequisite
  - Met the Math prerequisite
  - Completed ENG 101
  - Completed CHM 101
  - Completed BIO 207 and/or BIO 208

**When will I receive my results?** Results are available on-line at the conclusion of the test. Detailed results may be accessed through your [ATI account](#).

## What if I don't meet the TEAS Benchmark Score?

- Students scoring below the suggested 58.7%, do not satisfy the STLCC Nursing program TEAS pre-admission requirement. Students may take the TEAS three times in a 12 month period. Students must wait 8 weeks between attempts. During the waiting period students are strongly encouraged to remediate the areas they scored basic or developmental. A Focused Review is available in your ATI account. STLCC will not accept test scores taken prior to the end of the two month waiting period, regardless of the score obtained or location of the test.
- Nursing Retention Coaches are available to discuss your results and help you design a remediation plan. If you plan to retest and would like to meet, please contact a Nursing Retention Coach.

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### What if I have a documented disability and need special services for testing?

If you have a disability that requires an accommodation, register with the [ACCESS Office](#) at the campus of your choice prior to testing. Documentation will be required.

**What if I have already taken the TEAS at another location?** STLCC will accept TEAS scores from other testing locations within the two year time frame. Your TEAS test report will need to be officially transferred to STLCC from ATI before we will accept your scores. To have your TEAS report sent to STLCC please contact ATI at 1-800-667-7531. There is currently a fee of \$27 to have your TEAS Transcript sent to STLCC.

### What are the steps to testing?

1. If you are not a current STLCC student, you must [Apply to STLCC](#). Once accepted you will receive a student A#.
2. [Create an Account with ATI](#) prior to your test date
  - Go to [www.atitesting.com](http://www.atitesting.com) and in the secure sign on area click on "[Create an Account](#)"
  - When a new screen opens, fill in all your blue fields. Blue fields are required to create your account. In the "Institution" field search **St. Louis CC**. Please also enter your STLCC student ID number. You must create an account before you can test. Be sure to save your User Name and Password, you need them to test.
  - Click the "Register" button, wait for the progress bar to complete.
3. You are DONE creating your ATI account and may now register to take the **TEAS**.
  - The cost of the TEAS is \$XX. (A credit or debit card is needed to register)
  - Click Register for **TEAS** on the main page of [www.atitesting.com](http://www.atitesting.com) then click **REGISTER NOW**.
  - Choose **In-Person** or **Online**. STLCC offers both.
    - If you choose **In-Person** you will select **TEAS for Nursing Students**. Search by School Name. Currently Florissant Valley and Forest Park offer In-Person testing. It does not matter what campus you test at.
    - If you choose **Online** you will select **Institution Remote Proctor - Nursing**. Currently Meramec and Wildwood offer Online testing. **\*\*If you choose ATI Remote Proctor Nursing you will pay an additional fee of \$27 to have your scores sent to STLCC. Register and pay. Contact an STLCC Testing Center if you have additional questions.**

#### Florissant Valley

Location: A-153  
Phone: 314-513-4292

#### Forest Park

Location: G-229  
Phone: 314-644-9233

#### Meramec

Location: CN-122  
Phone: 314-984-7596

#### Wildwood

Location: Student Information  
Desk  
Phone: 636-422-2000

4. On test day have a **valid government issued photo ID** and **student ID** number. Finally, make sure you understand the directions for taking the test (calculator use, time limits, and breaks). Don't start until you are ready.

### What should I do after I complete all the TEAS?

- **Retention Coach Meeting:** When you score 58.7% or higher on the TEAS it is required that you meet with a STLCC Nursing Retention Coach to meet the prerequisite allowing you to be placed on the waiting list pending completion of all additional prerequisites. After you speak with the Nursing Retention Coach (NRC), the NRC will communicate with Advising that the assessment prerequisite has been met. All prerequisites will not be considered met until:
  1. **You complete the TEAS and Score 58.7% or higher.**
  2. **Meet with a Nursing Retention Coach. Please email to set up an appointment. (NRC emails are listed on the front of this page)**
- **Contact an Academic Advisor:** After completing the TEAS and meeting with a Nursing Retention Coach, you should contact an [Academic Advisor](#) to determine your status and next steps toward completing your pre-admission requirements.