

Nursing Program Admissions Test (ATI TEAS) Fact Sheet for Students – LADDER PROGRAM

All students are required to achieve an “Adjusted Individual Total Score” of 55% or greater in order to be accepted into the first year of the Nursing Ladder Program. All four sections of the ATI TEAS (Reading, Mathematics, English & Language Usage, and Science) must be included in the Adjusted Individual Total Score. Testing must be done in-person at a DMACC Testing Center. In order to progress to the second year of the program, students must achieve a score of 92% or higher on the ATI PN Comprehensive Predictor Probability Score (test given in class during the second semester of Year 1 of the program) -OR- achieve 65% or higher for the ATI TEAS Composite Score. Please note this is higher than the 55% required for the first year of the program. ATI TEAS testing (if needed) prior to the second year must also be done in-person at a DMACC Testing Center.

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

- Use the ATI TEAS Study Manual to assist in content review and practice tests.
- This book is available for purchase online at <https://www.atitesting.com/teas/study-manual>
Manuals are on reserve at campus libraries and also the Ankeny and the Urban Academic Achievement Centers.
- Online study/practice packages: <https://www.atitesting.com/teas/practice-assessment-package>
- 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
2. If you are a student with a disability and wish to receive testing accommodations for the TEAS exam, please contact the DMACC Disability Services Office. [DMACC Disability Services website](#)
3. In the Secure Sign On area click on "Create an account"
4. 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**. Also enter your DMACC Student ID number. You must do this before testing.
5. 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.**
6. 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 \$70 plus tax (\$4.20.) If re-testing, the cost is the same.
- 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

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

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

- **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: 641-791-1730 or 1-800-362-2127, ext. 1730 or stop in Room 109.
- **Southridge** Center call: 515-287- 8720, Room 3
- **Urban** campus call: 515-697-7807 or 1-800-362-2127, ext 7807
- **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** hours prior to closing of the testing center to allow time to check in, pay for the test, and then complete testing.
- 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	45	55 minutes	55% or greater for first year of Ladder Program 65% or greater for second year of Ladder program (if a 92% or higher on the ATI PN Comprehensive Predictor Probability Score test given in class during the second semester of Year 1 of the program isn't achieved, students may take the ATI TEAS and achieve a score of 65% or higher to continue in the program.) (All four content areas <u>must</u> be included in the Adjusted Individual Total Score.)
Mathematics	38	57 minutes	
English and Language Usage	37	37 minutes	
Science	50	60 minutes	
Total	170*	209 minutes	

*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 **\$70 plus sales tax**.

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 [ATI study guides with practice tests](#) or an [ATI Comprehensive Study Package](#).
- For additional assistance, contact an Academic Achievement Center at <https://www.dmacc.edu/student-resources/aac.html>

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?

- There is no limit to the number of times a student may attempt the ATI TEAS at DMACC.

Will DMACC accept TEAS scores taken at another location?

- Testing must be done in-person at a DMACC Testing Center.