

Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS®) Entrance Exam FAQs

The School of Nursing at Salem State University requires the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS). Applicants for the Fall 2017 semester to the School of Nursing Undergraduate Program will be required to take the TEAS test and submit the scores as part of the application process, prior to the January 15, 2017 application deadline. **TEAS is required of all transfer nursing and LPN/BSN applicants only.** First Year students, RN/BSN and Accelerated BSN applicants are not required to take the TEAS exam at this time.

What is TEAS?

The ATI TEAS a “Test of Essential Academic Skills” (TEAS) is a computerized test composed of multiple-choice questions organized into four sections, which measure reading ability, basic mathematics skills, science and English grammar. It is a timed test published by Assessment Technologies Institute (ATI Testing), LLP. Testers should plan to spend approximately **4 hours** to complete the test. The use of calculators, dictionaries or other aids is not permitted.

Which version of the exam must be taken?

The updated version of the ATI test (<http://atiteas.info/>) will be required. However, applicants who have previously taken the TEAS version 5.0 and achieved the required scores are not required to retake the new version if they achieved the required scores. Applicants who have taken TEAS version 5.0 must submit scores with application.

How many sections are required?

You must complete all four sections (math, English, reading, and sciences).

What is the required score (s) to be considered for admission?

Reading = 69%, English = 70%, Math = 73%, and Science = 60.4% or higher.

1. Reading 48 questions 58 minutes: Paragraph comprehension, inferences and conclusions.
2. Mathematical Skills 34 questions 51 minutes: Metric conversions, fractions, decimals, percentages and algebraic equations.
3. Science 54 Questions 66 minutes: Basic science and logical thinking.
4. English and Language Usage 34 questions 34 minutes: Measures knowledge of punctuation, grammar, and sentence structure.

Why (and how) is TEAS used?

TEAS is designed to evaluate the academic readiness of candidates as one of the criteria to determine admission into the undergraduate nursing program at Salem State University. The results also provide useful documentation for advisement. TEAS scores will be one part of the application process, but students must meet all conditions for admission.

Where do I take the ATI TEAS Test?

Applicants **must** take the ATI TEAS Test at Salem State in the School of Nursing Testing Center. However, applicants who have previously taken the TEAS version 5.0 test must submit their official scores from www.atitesting.com.

How do I register to take the TEAS®?

1. Go to [ATI Testing](#)
2. Log into ATI or create an ATI account if you don't already have one.
3. Follow the prompts to "Register for the TEAS."
4. Choose Massachusetts and then Salem State University to view SSU's TEAS schedule. The testing location is on South Campus of Salem State University in the Harrington Building Room 213 (11 Harrison Road, Salem, MA 01970). Upcoming 2016/2017 dates for testing are scheduled from 9am to 1pm. Please arrive 15 minutes prior to testing time.
5. Select your test date and enter your credit card information.
6. Payment is due online at the time of registration.
7. Payment is **NON REFUNDABLE** and **ALL TEAS REGISTRATIONS ARE FINAL** so be sure that you have read the admissions packet thoroughly and that you are ready to test on the date scheduled.
8. You will receive an email confirmation of your testing appointment. You will need your **ATI Username and Password** on the testing date.
9. If you need help registering for the TEAS, call ATI at 1-800-667-7531.

What do I do on my Testing Day?

Make sure you have registered online through ATI, paid the required, fee and have a user name and password, **PRIOR** to your test date. Space is limited for testing at Salem State University so please register soon. Please remember to bring a **photo ID** for admission to the test. Applicants arriving late will not be admitted and will forfeit the testing fee.

How do I prepare?

As with any standardized test, there are many ways to prepare. ATI, the company who creates and administers the TEAS® test, offers comprehensive study guides for the various versions of the test. Because of the content updates that occurred for the ATI TEAS, the TEAS V preparation materials will not provide the tester with a comprehensive overview of the topics assessed. Individuals preparing for the ATI TEAS will want to purchase the ATI TEAS preparation materials. [ATI Store](#)

How do I get my ATI score?

Applicants receive their individual TEAS score reports immediately upon completion of the exam. You may also view your score at [ATI Testing](#)

Does Salem State University have a Retest Policy?

Applicants may take the test a total of two (2) times in the academic year prior to submitting their application. Students should not take the test unless properly prepared. The TEAS test is only valid for two years prior to the application deadline. If the test was taken more than two years ago, you will need to retest. This is regardless of your previous scores.

Where can I get more information about the ATI TEAS test?

Please visit: [TEAS FAQs](#)