



Assessment Technologies Institute, LLC (ATI) Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) — Frequently Asked Questions —

What is the TEAS?

The 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, Mathematics, Science, and English and Language Usage.

Why do I have to take the TEAS?

The TEAS has been statistically proven to be a valid predictor of early nursing school success. If you are applying to Rivier University's Associate of Science in Nursing (ASN) program and you are not a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN), your score on the TEAS will be required to complete your application for admission.

What is the format of the TEAS?

The TEAS 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.

How should I prepare for the TEAS?

There are a variety of resources available on ATI's website (<https://atitesting.com/teas/teas-prep>) for test preparation. The ASN pre-requisites such as A&P I and II will also assist you in preparing.

Where can I take the TEAS?

The TEAS is offered online and in-person. You can view testing center locations, exam dates and times and sign up online at:

<https://atitesting.com/teas/register>

How do I register for the TEAS?

You will need to create an ATI account on the ATI website (<https://atitesting.com/teas>) and can then register for a TEAS exam. Registration and payment must be completed via the ATI website.

Is there a fee?

Yes. The fee is specified on the ATI website. Registration and payment must be completed via the ATI website.

How is my TEAS score sent to Rivier University?

You will receive one complimentary TEAS transcript with your TEAS exam registration. You specify which institution should receive your TEAS transcript. Additional transcripts may be purchased from within your ATI account.

What is a "passing" score?

Score requirements vary by institution. Rivier University has a holistic review process. Holistic review means that all application materials are considered.

The TEAS score is just one part of the overall application. Strongest consideration for 2025-2026 applicants would be based on a 64% or higher on the TEAS.

If you have questions regarding TEAS scores or holistic review, please contact the Office of Admissions.

Can I take the exam online?

All TEAS exams taken after August 1, 2026, must be completed in person at an approved testing facility or testing center. Any questions please reach out to admissions@rivier.edu.