The Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS)

The TEAS V is a proctored, online assessment containing 170 questions, including 20 “unscored” pretest questions, which cover the following content areas: reading; mathematics; science; and English and language usage. Each question on the TEAS V is mapped to one of 115 objectives, all of which address topics presented in grades 7 through 12. This 170 multiple-choice question test is offered at Skagit Valley College through the Testing Center as well as at other regional locations.

The Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) is required for all students seeking admission to the Skagit Valley College Registered Nursing Program. This test is intended to be taken by students who have completed, or are near completion, of required prerequisite coursework. Some content in the exam may relate to content in the prerequisite courses.

The maximum points applied toward admission based on the TEAS test results are 40. TEAS application points are found by taking the Adjusted Individual Subject Score and multiplying that score by .10. (i.e. 78% = 7.8 points)

What is covered in each of the areas being assessed on the TEAS?

The TEAS assesses reading, writing, math and science. Students must score at the "PROFICIENT" level or higher in each area.

- **Reading (42 questions)** - paragraph comprehension, passage comprehension, and informational source comprehension.
- **Math (30 questions)** - numbers and operations, algebraic applications, data interpretation; measurement.
- **Science (48 questions)** - human body science; life science, earth and physical science, scientific reasoning.
- **English and Language Usage (30 questions)** - grammar and word meanings in context, sentence structure, punctuation and spelling.

### TEAS SCORING TABLE

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Advanced scores generally indicate a high level of overall academic preparedness necessary to support learning of nursing-related content. Students at this level are not likely to require additional preparation for the objectives assessed on TEAS.

**Proficient**

Proficient scores generally indicate a moderate level of overall academic preparedness necessary to support learning of nursing-related content. Students at this level may require additional preparation for some objectives assessed on TEAS (see Topics to Review on the score report).

Basic scores generally indicate a low level of overall academic preparedness necessary to support learning of nursing-related content. Students at this level are likely to require additional preparation for many objectives assessed on TEAS (see Topics to Review on the score report).

Developmental scores generally indicate a very low level of overall academic preparedness necessary to support learning of nursing-related content. Students at this level will require additional preparation for most objectives assessed on TEAS (see Topics to Review on the score report).

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**How much time does it take to complete the TEAS?**

The maximum amount of time allotted for the TEAS is 209 minutes (about 3.5 hours). Each section is timed: Reading = 58 minutes; Math = 51 minutes; Science = 66 minutes; English = 34 minutes. There is no break between sections.

**TAKING THE TEAS AT SVC:**

1. **Set up an ATI account:**
   - Go to the ATI Testing website (www.atitesting.com).
   - Under the username and password boxes, select “Create an Account” (the username and password you select will be used for ALL of your future access to the ATI account).
   - Complete all blue mandatory fields (use your Skagit Valley College email account only).
   - Under “Institution”, select Skagit Valley College.
   - Once your account is set up you can now register for a TEAS date.

2. **Register for a TEAS V test date:**
   - Go to the ATI Testing website (www.atitesting.com).
   - Select the state and city from the drop-down menu.
     - You will then find a series of TEAS V test dates for Skagit Valley College.
     - Pick a date and continue through the registration process. At the time you register for a test date, you will need to provide a major credit card.
     - Once the TEAS V test is purchased, there are NO refunds. Students are charged the full price of the test for the initial test, or if necessary, for any number of retakes.
     - Please print off payment confirmation and bring this to the testing site.

All students are required to pre-register with ATI at least 24 hours before any scheduled date, there are no exceptions to this registration process. There are limited computer spaces available at each testing session, so register early. Please note that if you need to cancel your registration you must do so via the instructions on the ATI website.
If I have testing accommodations already approved by Skagit Valley College (DRS), can I get these accommodations when I take the TEAS V?

Students who are approved for testing accommodations by Skagit Valley College can take the TEAS V. If the student has not yet received approval for accommodations, they should contact Disability Access Services at 360 416-7958.

TAKING THE TEAS AT OTHER REGIONAL LOCATIONS

Students may also test at a regional location, access that information through ATI by clicking on the link provided.


This links will take you to the ATI website where you can register to take the exam at SVC through ATI or ATI PSI. Once on this page, select the "register" option and follow the prompts.

Cost

The ATI exam fee for taking the exam through Skagit Valley College is $81. You will need to pay for the TEAS V using a major credit card via the ATI Testing website test at least twenty-four hours prior to any test date.

The ATI exam fee for registering through ATI PSI will vary depending upon the testing facility.

Is a photo ID required?

For identification purposes, a valid photo ID is required to take the ATI TEAS V test. Please bring an ID when you test.

How can I prepare for the TEAS test?

Prior to taking the TEAS V, students are encouraged to visit the ATI website and consider purchasing any of the TEAS V preparation products listed on the ATI website (www.atitesting.com). Please check the website for current TEAS preparation products and prices, all of these can be purchased individually or in packages through the ATI website.

Available through ATI (www.atitesting.com)

- Online practice tests
- ATI TEAS V Study Manual. Also available for purchase through the Skagit Valley College Cardinal Bookstore.

This official TEAS V resource is specifically written to address each objective that could potentially be addressed on the TEAS V exam, including the four content areas: reading; mathematics; science; English and language use. The Study Manual also contains two 150-item practice tests.

There are three TEAS Online Practice Assessments on the ATI website, each test contains a different set of 150 questions, patterned after the original TEAS V exam and designed to give the student a sense of what to expect in both test content and format.
How many times can the TEAS test be taken?
The TEAS may be taken twice an academic year (June-July). The highest score of the most recent two results will be used for admission purposes.

Each time you complete the TEAS V test you will be assessed the $81 fee. You are encouraged to wait a minimum of two weeks before taking the test again to allow for additional preparation.

Can I retake just the sections of the TEAS test in which I was unsuccessful?
To raise a composite score, it is necessary to retake the entire TEAS. The registration is still completed at the ATI Testing website and the fee is still $81.

How Do I submit my TEAS scores?
Only an official TEAS transcript will be accepted. Scores are automatically sent to the location where your test was administered (no cost). If the TEAS V test is completed at Skagit Valley College, the college will be able to view your scores. If you have taken the TEAS V test somewhere other than Skagit Valley College, the applicant must request an from ATI an official TEAS transcript be sent to Skagit Valley College by the application deadline date. There is an additional cost (see ATI website-Pre-Nursing School Test of Essential Academic Skills-TEAS Transcript) for ordering. Transcripts are electronically sent directly to the college. The SVC Nursing Program cannot accept transcripts directly from the student.

How do I log in to see my test scores?

How will I know if I have "passed" the TEAS?
ATI has completed an extensive statistical analysis of TEAS V to establish five categories of academic preparedness. These categories (listed from lowest to highest) are Developmental; Basic; Proficient: Advanced; and Exemplary. After thoughtful and careful review of the TEAS V National Standard Setting Study 2010 - Executive Summary, the Madison College Programs have determined their individual benchmarks. Please refer to your program Admission Requirement sheet to review your TEAS V test required for your program of choice.
How long are my TEAS V scores good for?
ALL TEAS V test results are good for up to **four years**. (e.g. test date 8/1/13 are good until 8/1/17).

How do I read my Individual Performance Profile?
Once you have logged into your account and retrieve your Individual Performance Profile. You will see the Adjusted Individual Total Score, is your Composite Score. Then below, you will see the Adjusted Individual Score for each category, we have highlighted the areas below to show.
What do I do if I do not meet scores required by Skagit Valley College Programs?
After completing the TEAS V you will be able to log into your account to view your Individual Performance Profile and your Adjusted Individual Scores. If your scores do not meet your program requirements, you can study the Topics to Review information provided by ATI prior to setting up your next testing date.

Are you unsure about your program selection?
After reviewing your Adjusted Individual Score and The Topics to Review sheet, if you feel that you would like to explore other career/program options, please contact the Counseling Office at 360 416 7654. Skagit Valley College offers an array of programs, and a Counselor can help you identify the right program for you.

Who do I contact if I have any further questions about TEAS V?
For questions regarding scheduling, please contact ATI directly at 800-667-7531.

For all other questions, please contact the Nursing Program Assistant at 360-416-7933