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THE ATI TEAS VERSION 7 EXAM NEWSLETTER





WHAT IS THE ATI TEAS EXAM?

The Assessment Technologies Institute, also known as ATI, is a nursing program used by several United States nursing and healthcare schools to help student nurses gain mastery over concepts in their field. This organization also ensures that student academic achievement is kept at the forefront of all their work. Therefore, they have designed the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS), which is a standardized exam used to determine the healthcare students' academic abilities to succeed in programs like Associate Degree of Nursing (ADN) or Bachelor Degree of Nursing (BSN). It is a test that presents questions based on a student's prior academic learning, and uses this base knowledge to test student ability of applying their understanding to various areas of study. In other words, this exam gives potential nursing or healthcare school an indication of how well the students will be able to perform academically in their chosen healthcare degree program. It also acts as a diagnostic for the student applying, because the results will help them determine their level of readiness for an intensive healthcare or nursing program.

WHAT IS ATI TEAS VERSION 7 EXAM COMPRISED OF?

ATI TEAS Version 7 Exam was released on June 3, 2022, and it brought some new changes to how this test would be conducted for the next generation of student nurses. The biggest change in this new version is that it includes alternate item-type questions rather than the single-answer multiple choice questions that students have seen in the past. These alternate item-type questions are a bit more complex than just presenting students with four options to a question, so they can choose one correct answer. In addition, there are four categories covered in the TEAS 7 Exam:

· **Reading:**
This category consists of 39 questions, and students are allowed 55 minutes to focus on this section. Here are some of the areas that this component will focus on: Key Ideas & Details, Craft & Structure, and Integration of Knowledge & Ideas.

· **Math:**
The category of Math will have 34 questions based on: Numbers & Algebra, and Measurement & Data. Students are allowed to spend 57 minutes on this section, which is a little more than Reading, because of calculations that must be conducted in order to answer these questions.

· **Science:**
This section is allowed 60 minutes since it's one of the most intensive categories on the test, and it is composed of 44 questions. The sub-categories for this test are: Human Anatomy & Physiology, Biology, Chemistry, and Scientific Reasoning.

· **English & Language Usage:**
The final category of the TEAS 7 Exam consists of 33 questions with an allotted time of 37 minutes to complete this section. The sub-categories for this content area are: Conventions of Standard English, Knowledge of Language, and Using Language & Vocabulary to Express Ideas in Writing.



TYPES OF ALTERNATE ITEM-TYPE QUESTIONS:

- **Multiple Select Items:** These are questions that are similar to multiple choice questions with four to five possible answers provided, except that there is a possibility of more than one correct answer. This type of question will have a "Select all that apply" phrase, so there is a possibility of more than one correct answer. The students must choose all correct options in this type of question to get it right, because partial credit is not provided for any item.
- **Supply Answer Items:** For this type of question, students have to provide the answer to a "fill in the blank." There will not be a set of options provided, and the answer can either be a word/phrase answer or a number answer.
- **Hot Spot Items:** This particular question is essentially an image that will be provided with about two to five clickable places. Students have to click on the correct area of the image to answer the question provided.
- **Ordered Response Items:** Students have to order a set of items according to what the question is asking. Basically, there will be about four to six items, and students must drag them all in order. All of the items must be correctly placed/ordered, since no partial credit will be provided.