

Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS)

California Community Colleges are required by Senate Bill 1309 to administer a Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) to prospective nursing students. The TEAS is designed to test the foundational academic knowledge that is required for the student to understand and master nursing course work. Thus, the TEAS is a predictor of academic success in nursing school. Subjects tested are Reading, Mathematics, Science, and English and Language Usage. The total test time is 3 hours and 48 minutes not including breaks. Calculators are not allowed.

This test is administered to nursing students throughout the United States. The College of Marin uses the passing score called the Composite Minimum Cut Score that is set by the California Community College Chancellor's Office. Schools of Nursing that are not part of the California Community College system may have a different passing score.

Content Areas

TEAS Content Domain	Number of Items	Administration Time
Reading	40	50 minutes
Mathematics	45	56 minutes
Science	30	38 minutes
English and Language Usage	55	65 minutes
TEAS Total	170	209 minutes

Preparation

The ATI company recommends that the average student spend 58 hours preparing for the TEAS.

The following study guides may be purchased from the test vendor:

1. *Pre Test Study Manual for the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS)*.

A copy of this manual is on hold at the College of Marin library. <http://www.marin.edu/lrc/index.html>

2. *Online Practice Assessment for Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS)*.

ATI Purchasing information: www.atitesting.com or 1 800 667-7531.

College of Marin TEAS Preparation Course

The College of Marin offers a noncredit *TEAS Preparation Course*. Prerequisites: Chemistry 110, Biology 120 and Math 101. Check Community Education Course Listings for dates. <http://marincommunityed.org/>

The TEAS Test will be offered at College of Marin after completion of the TEAS Preparation Course. Check Nursing website for dates, fees and application. <http://www.marin.edu/departments/nursing/>

Registration for TEAS

After a student submits their application for enrollment into the College of Marin Registered Nursing Program, they will be sent via email the testing date and registration form. There will be no make up dates.

Other Testing Sites

If you cannot attend the College of Marin testing date, other colleges and universities may be offering the TEAS test. Check websites for information. The student must request that an official transcript be sent to College of Marin, 835 College Avenue, Kentfield, CA 94904.

Sacramento State University – <http://www.hhs.csus.edu/nrs/teas>

CSU East Bay (Hayward) – <http://testing.csuhayward.edu/nursteasdates.asp>

CSU Chico - <http://www.csuchico.edu/nurs/TEAS.pdf>

San Jose State University – <http://www.sjsu.edu/nursing/exam.htm>