



PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT PROGRAM

TEAS TESTING ENTRANCE EXAMINATION

The ATI Entrance Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) is used as a component of the admission process. Students will earn points towards the score earned. Applicants must attend one mandatory PTA information session discussing specific program policies and entrance testing requirements; weekly information sessions are held during the application period, applicants may contact an Admissions Representatives for information session dates and times.

The TEAS examination provides academic indicators of the student's ability to succeed in a competitive and challenging education program they are seeking admission into. Applicants must schedule a proctored, timed TEAS entrance examination and are highly recommended to earn an overall composite score equal or greater than 60%. A lower composite score may be considered based on the number of applicants received by the program. Applicants will be required to complete the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) and meet a composite score greater than or equal to 60% , in addition to content specific scoring noted on the below tables.

WHAT IS THE TEAS ENTRANCE EXAM?

The proctored TEAS measures basic essential skills in the academic content area domains of reading, mathematics, science, English and language usage. The test is intended for use with applicants primarily seeking entry into our competitive programs such as Vocational Nursing, Associate Degree Nursing (LVN to RN), and the Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) Programs. Each question on the TEAS (Current Versions) is mapped to one of 115 objectives, all of which address topics presented in grades 7 to 12. The objectives assessed are those which healthcare educators deemed most appropriate and relevant to measure entry-level skills and abilities of the aforementioned program applicants.

The TEAS is a 170-item, four options, multiple-choice examination offered in computer-administered formats. To prepare in an organized and efficient manner, it is important to know what to expect from a proctored examination.

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The table below lists the number of items and time limits allotted for each section of the TEAS (Current Version) examinations:

Content Area	Number of Items	Time Limit
Reading	48	58 minutes
Mathematics	34	51 minutes
Science	54	66 minutes
English and Language Usage	34	34 minutes
TOTAL	170	209 minutes

The following table contains the content, sub-content areas and number of items on the scored portion of the proctored TEAS.

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Content & Sub-content Area	Number of Scored Items	Percent of Test Items
Reading	42	28
• Paragraph and Passage Comprehension	19	12.7
• Informational Source Comprehension	23	15.3
Mathematics	30	20
• Numbers and Operations	19	12.7
• Measurement	4	2.7
• Data Interpretation	3	2
• Algebraic Applications	4	2.7
Science	48	32
• Human Body Science	11	7.3
• Life Science	15	10
• Earth and Physical Science	14	9.3
• Scientific Reasoning	8	5.3
English and Language Usage	30	20
• Grammar and Word Meanings in Context	15	10
• Spelling and Punctuation	9	6.0
• Structure	6	4.0

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HOW TO SCHEDULE A TEAS EXAMINATION

The following provides guidance for applicants wishing to schedule a TEAS examination:

1. Contact an admissions representative to schedule a TEAS Exam, by appointment only; Admissions Representative will provide dates and times available for scheduling testing.
2. TEAS Examination Cost: \$80.00 per attempt and must be paid prior to scheduling a date.
3. Student must test within 2 weeks of payment, no refunds available after 3 days of payment receipt. Applicants are allotted a maximum of 2 attempts within a 6 week period;
4. Pay examination fee by contacting Business Office – TEAS@rgvcollege.edu and include “PTA Program” in the subject line. Make payment via link -
5. <https://rgvcareers.securepayments.cardpointe.com/pay>. The applicant will be provided a link to schedule their testing date by viewing dates and times of availability.

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