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WHAT TO EXPECT: THE TEAS TEST

WHAT IS THE TEAS TEST?

The Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) is required by Trocaire College Nursing program as a requirement before entering the program.

All candidates for the Nursing program must take the Accuplacer test and the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS). The TEAS Test is a pre-professional requirement that must be successfully completed prior to the first semester's course work.

TEAS TESTING BREAKDOWN

SCIENCE

The topics covered on the ATI TEAS Science Test fall into three main categories, with the largest emphasis on human anatomy and physiology. Here are the approximate percentages of questions from each tested area of science:

- Human Anatomy and Physiology 68%
- Life and Physical Science 17%
- Scientific Reasoning 15%

The vast majority of questions concern the human body, its systems, and the function of these systems. A few questions cover on topics from biology, chemistry, and physics. For some of the questions, you will not only need to know about scientific concepts, but also be able to reason about them using scientific methods of thought.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND USAGE

This test assesses your knowledge of the English language and your ability to use it to communicate clearly. These are the three types of language skills tested and the approximate percentage in which the skills appear in the questions:

- Conventions of Standard English 37.5%
- Knowledge of Language 37.5%
- Vocabulary Acquisition 25%

Some questions include a reference passage or sentence. Others simply ask you to choose the answer from a group of answer choices.

READING

The ATI TEAS Reading Test questions can be divided into three subcategories in these approximate percentages:

- Key Ideas and Details 47%
- Craft and Structure 30%
- Integration of Knowledge and Ideas 23%

As you can see, about half of the questions require thorough comprehension of reading material. The other half, or about 53%, asks you to take that understanding and apply it to questions that analyze the content (Integration of Knowledge and Ideas) and/or the author's craft (Craft and Structure). Here is what you need to know to successfully answer these reading questions.

MATH

About 72% of the ATI TEAS math questions will come from the areas of arithmetic and algebra. The remaining 28% cover measurement and data skills. Some of the questions ask you to solve a numerically presented math problem, while others involve dealing with a "word problem." The word-type problems present a "real-world" scenario, for which you must use math to find a solution.

RESOURCES TO HELP YOU STUDY

Practice Tests

<http://www.pocketprep.com/exams/ati-teas/>

<https://www.teas6practicetest.com/>

ATI Testing

<https://www.atitesting.com/Solutions/pre-program/TEAS.aspx>

Khan Academy

Pre-Algebra: <https://www.khanacademy.org/math/pre-algebra>

Algebra: <https://www.khanacademy.org/math/algebra-home>

Arithmetic: <https://www.khanacademy.org/math/arithmetic-home>

Writing: <https://www.khanacademy.org/test-prep/sat/sat-reading-writing-practice/new-sat-writing-passages/v/sat-writing-argument-passage>

Grammar

<https://www.khanacademy.org/test-prep/sat/sat-reading-writing-practice/new-sat-writing-grammar/v/precision-basic>

Reading

<https://www.khanacademy.org/test-prep/sat/sat-reading-writing-practice/new-sat-reading/v/reading-science-passage>

Although the Khan Academy Reading videos are meant to help students get ready for the SAT, the lessons learned can still be applied to the TEAS test.