

TEAS Frequently Asked Questions

What is the TEAS? The Test for Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) is a required assessment for all applicants considering Practical Nursing or Surgical Technology programs at First Coast Technical College (FCTC). It is 170 questions assessing in four sections: Science, Reading, Mathematics, and English/Language. ATI is the testing agency which created the TEAS. <https://www.atitesting.com/>

How much time is allotted for the TEAS? It is a 3 hour and 29 minute test.

What score do I need to be considered for FCTC's Practical Nursing or Surgical Technology programs?

Practical Nursing: A score of 55% or higher is needed to apply. The score requirement will increase to 58.7% affecting students starting in the 10/19/2026 class and beyond. *Students may need to retest in person depending on their start date.*

Surgical Technology: A score of 58.7% or higher is needed to apply.

How do I schedule the TEAS at FCTC? **FCTC highly suggests taking the TEAS in person at our Testing Center.**

- Ensure you have a FOCUS account on file. To create your FCTC account: [Fctc.edu/account/](https://fctc.edu/account/)
- Contact Registration to pay the \$100 fee over the phone at (904) 547-3383 or (904) 547-3381 or you can come to campus and pay in person.
- Once you have paid for the test, reach out to the Testing Center at Testing@FCTC.edu (email preferred) or (904) 547-3390 to set up your test date and time.

Do I need to do anything before I take my TEAS? Yes, create your account through ATI (remember your log in information and password) and STUDY!

What do I need to bring with me to take the TEAS? Your ATI account log in/password and a valid government issued picture ID.

How can I send my TEAS scores to FCTC, if I take it elsewhere? Send the scores officially through ATI. Fees will apply.

Practical Nursing: All students applying for or enrolling in the 10/19/2026 class or after, TEAS scores taken remotely through ATI will not be accepted. *Students may need to retest in person depending on their start date.*

Surgical Technology: FCTC will not accept TEAS scores taken remotely through ATI.

How long will my TEAS scores be valid for? 2 years

For more information, visit: <https://fctc.edu/assessment/teas/>

What if I don't score a 55%/58.7% or higher? Reach out to our Academic Coach on campus for one-on-one help. Kelly.Walters@FCTC.edu

Resources other students have suggested:

- ATI TEAS Study Manual <https://www.atitesting.com/teas-prep> and [ATI TEAS Version 7 Exam | ATI \(atitesting.com\)](#) for content breakdown
- ATI TEAS has [multiple apps](#) (one for free, two for purchase) for your smart device
- Pocket Prep: nursing school section
- [Test-guide.com](https://www.test-guide.com)
- <https://www.mometrix.com/academy/teas-practice-test/>