

ASSESSMENT TEST REQUIRED FOR NURSING PROGRAM

TEST OF ESSENTIAL ACADEMIC SKILLS (TEAS)

Changes in legislation have been made requiring all students who attend California Community College Nursing Programs to take an assessment/readiness test. Sacramento City College (SCC) uses the *Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS)* developed by Assessment Technologies Institute (ATI). A student must take the assessment test prior to applying to the nursing program. The *TEAS* test measures basic essential skills in academic content of reading, math, science, English and language usage. These skills have been identified as important entry level skills for nursing program applicants.

The *TEAS* item format is multiple choices with four response options, one of which is identified as the correct response. No calculators may be used during the testing. The *TEAS* is a computer based test, requiring that you are able to point with a mouse and select the answer. Scoring is automatic; you will receive your score within five minutes of completing the exam. The passing standard and parameters for implementation of assessment testing have been developed by the California Community College Chancellor's Office.

For Fall 2011 all applicants to the SCC ADN program must submit their *TEAS Version V* results with their application for Spring 2012. This means applicants must take the proctored *TEAS Version V* of the test prior to applying to the nursing program. Assessment testing will be offered at our Main Campus and Extended Campus sites. Please check website www.scc.losrios.edu for dates and times of TEAS testing. An overall score of 62 (average of the four test elements) will be required for applying to the SCC nursing program. This score is required for California Community College Nursing Programs. Private and California State Universities may have different testing requirements and passing scores.

SCC will provide the testing site and proctor for the *TEAS Version V* testing. Students must be prepared to pay for the test online with a credit card on the day of the test. To prepare for the test, study guides are available for purchase from ATI at www.atitesting.com/onlinestore SCC has several copies on Reserve in the Learning Resource Center. SCC will only accept the FIRST *TEAS V* scores. A student may use other testing sites that provide *TEAS Version V*. If a student does use other testing sites, the student is required to go onto the ATI website and electronically transfer their *TEAS* scores to SCC, to verify application test scores.

A student's *TEAS* scores will be given a point value as part of a new multi-criteria enrollment process. Higher *TEAS* scores are given greater point values. The online application consists of nine criterion that yield's a total of 100 points. Students are highly recommended to study and prepare for the *TEAS* test. Please see the New Application Process powerpoint presentation at ([Link](#)).