



## School of Nursing

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Dear ADN Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in becoming a student in the Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) Program. Passing The Test for Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) in basic math, English, reading and science is required for all applicants prior to enrollment in the first semester of the nursing program. The following are eligibility criteria and guidelines for the TEAS test. These guidelines were developed by the California Community College Nursing Advisory Committee and modified and approved by the California Community College Chancellor's Office.

**Due to the ongoing budget crisis in California RCC cannot offer the TEAS test to all eligible applicants. Only applicants with the highest science GPAs will be invited to take the TEAS at RCC. If you are not invited to take the TEAS at RCC, you may contact other Nursing schools to see if you can take the TEAS with them and then send your TEAS results to RCC.**

The TEAS test is a 209 minute, 170-item, four-option, multiple-choice test. The test will cover the following:

Content Areas	Number of Test Items	Time Allotted
Reading	42	58 Minutes
Mathematics	30	51 Minutes
Science	48	66 Minutes
English/Language	30	34 minutes
<b>Total</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>209 minutes</b>

**Times and dates for the test will be assigned if you are selected for the TEAS and after the signed eligibility form is submitted (in person) to The School of Nursing.**

Please read the second page for more information on the TEAS.

## Testing Procedure

- It is **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED** that you **PREPARE** for the TEAS. For study materials and practice tests visit: [www.atitesting.com](http://www.atitesting.com).
- **Although a minimum passing score (Adjusted Individual score of 62) is an ADN program eligibility requirement, the TEAS results will be one of the criteria used to determine points. Your TEAS results will be a major factor used to determine your points. Do your very best on the TEAS.**
- Information relating to the TEAS test eligibility is also available on The School of Nursing website at: [www.rcc.edu/academicprograms/nursing](http://www.rcc.edu/academicprograms/nursing)
- Eligible applicants will be notified of the testing procedure. **Testing date and time will be assigned to you once you submit the TEAS Acceptance form.**
- The cost of administering the assessment/readiness test to eligible applicants shall be funded by the college.
- Applicants must meet or exceed the established overall composite score of 62 on the TEAS test to be considered for enrollment in the ADN Program.
- Applicants who have not met the passing Adjusted Individual score of 62 either at Riverside Community College or any other accredited institution will be referred for a remediation plan in the respective areas of English, Reading, Mathematics, and/or Science. The length of this remediation shall be approximately one semester, depending on each student's identified area of difficulty. Remediation must be done at RCC. **No remediation course work from any other institution will be accepted.**
- Remediation will be offered, but not required, to those students who achieved low scores in any section of the assessment/readiness test, even if they have a passing composite score overall.
- Required remediation may consist of self-paced learning modules in each area that the student did not pass. The student will be required to register/pay for each course indicated. Applicant transcripts must reflect "**credit**" in remediation course taken to be considered eligible for enrollment in the ADN Program.
- Students will have twelve (12) months to remediate and demonstrate readiness to retake the TEAS test. The period of remediation shall commence on the date the student enrolls in his/her remediation coursework.
- After completion of the remediation plan and verification of credit earned, the applicant may then re-apply for the Nursing program, then re-take the TEAS test at RCCD School of Nursing **ONLY**. Re-testing may not occur at any institution other than RCCD. The cost of re-testing will be assumed by the student.
- **If the student does not successfully pass the TEAS test the second time, the student will no longer be eligible to take the RCCD TEAS test or be given entrance into the RCC nursing program, first semester.**
- The RCC ADN Program will accept any Adjusted Individual score of 62 or greater no matter the date or location of the test (except for re-tests). **The applicant will have the responsibility to have official TEAS test scores submitted electronically to the Nursing Enrollment Technician. TEAS results from non-RCC TEAS administrations may be submitted to the RCC School of Nursing via the [www.atitesting.com](http://www.atitesting.com) site, ATI charges \$25 for this service.**