



**ATI TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills)
TESTING POLICIES AND CUESTA COLLEGE EXAM INFORMATION
For October 2019 RN Program Applicants (August 2020 Admission)**

ATI TEAS Test Dates at Cuesta College: Multiple dates for eligible applicants will be offered in November 2019. Registration via the online application (available October 1 -31, 2019) is required.

Time: Check-in at 9:00 am. Test begins at 9:30 a.m. The ATI TEAS is a timed test: Please allow 3 ½ hours for testing. Plan to arrive early. **Late arrivals will not be allowed to test.**

Location: Cuesta College San Luis Obispo Campus, Bldg. 3400/Rm. 3414 (High Tech Ctr – 2nd Floor)

Cuesta College Testing Policies:

The Cuesta College nursing department offers eligible applicants the opportunity to take the ATI TEAS at Cuesta one time per 12-month application cycle. There is no charge to take this test.

- **Taking the ATI TEAS at Cuesta in this application cycle is only available to applicants who:**
 - submit a complete application by the application due date and
 - have NOT taken an ATI TEAS exam at any location since December 2, 2018 (the due date for TEAS scores to be submitted in last year's application). Please note that your ATI TEAS report indicates how many times you have taken the exam and how many days have passed since your last attempt.
- **Only the first ATI TEAS score within the past 12 months can be accepted.** If you have taken the ATI TEAS one or more times since the above date, you are ineligible to test at Cuesta in this application cycle (only the first score within the past 12 months can be accepted). **No exceptions to this policy can be made.**
- **If you tested at Cuesta last fall as part of the RN program application, you must test again this year as part of the current application.** If you tested at Cuesta in July as part of the AP LVN to RN program, you are ineligible to test at Cuesta in this application cycle (only the first score within 12 months can be accepted).
- **A minimum Adjusted Individual Total Score of 62% is required.** Applicants with *any* previous ATI TEAS score below 62% are required to complete a remediation plan before being eligible to apply to the program. Remediation plans from other schools will be considered. For more information, contact nursingsuccess@cuesta.edu
- **Only ATI TEAS test scores will be accepted. The TEAS V test is no longer accepted.**
- **DSPS Accommodations:** Applicants eligible for Disabled Students Programs and Services must request testing accommodations by emailing to nursingsuccess@cuesta.edu no later than **October 17, 2019**.
- **Applicants testing at Cuesta are required to create an account with ATI prior to their test date.** Create an account by going to www.atitesting.com , click on 'create a new account', then follow the screen prompts. **You are not registering for the exam; you are simply creating an account with ATI.** When creating an account, the Institution will be "Cuesta College ADN". *You will need your ATI username and password to take your online test at Cuesta College. Please bring this information with you on test day.*

Submitting your ATI TEAS score to Cuesta:

- **If you meet the above criteria and take the ATI TEAS at Cuesta during the current application cycle** your score will be automatically received and you do not need to request it from ATI.
- **If you DO NOT take the ATI TEAS at Cuesta in the current application cycle** it is your responsibility to contact ATI and request that they send your *official transcripts* to Cuesta College by the due date stated in the application. To request that ATI send your official transcript to Cuesta, go to their website at: www.atitesting.com. Only official ATI TEAS scores sent directly to Cuesta by ATI can be accepted. No unofficial copies will be accepted.

Pre-Registration for Test Dates for Applicants Testing at Cuesta College:

- **NEW for the October 2019 application:** If you plan to take the ATI TEAS at Cuesta in fall 2019, you must register for a test date via the online application before the application deadline.
- **After submitting your application, be sure to make note of your test date and show up to test on that date.** No follow-up email or other reminder will be sent to remind you of your test date.

Test Date Conflicts:

Applicants are expected to show up to test on the date they selected via the online application. Applicants who cannot or do not attend their selected test date are not automatically provided an alternate test date at Cuesta College. A variety of test dates is provided in the online application to allow applicants to choose a date that works with their schedule, and applicants are responsible for making necessary arrangements and showing up to test on their selected date. In the event of an emergency or other unplanned situation, you may request to reschedule your test date, but due to the large number of applicants and limited number of testers each day, an alternate test date may not be available. To request an alternate test date on a space available basis, email to: nursingsuccess@cuesta.edu and provide a reason for your request along with documentation of your emergency or unforeseen conflict. If you are unable to test at Cuesta, you will be responsible for taking the ATI TEAS at another test site, at your own cost, and submitting test scores by the due date.

Test Day Information:

- **Parking on Campus:** Parking permits are required. Daily permits may be purchased for \$3 at one of the kiosks located in all paved lots. Dollar bills and quarters are accepted; machines do not give change. Building 3400 is easily accessible from parking lots 2, 3, 4 and 5.
Campus map: <http://www.cuesta.edu/about/maps/index.html>
- **Test Day Checklist:**
 - ✓ Arrive early to purchase a parking permit, find a parking spot and arrive on time for check-in.
 - ✓ Bring your photo ID - your name will be checked against our list of eligible applicants.
 - ✓ Bring your ATI user name and password.
 - ✓ Bring water if desired.
 - ✓ A four-function calculator will be provided – do not bring your own.
 - ✓ Scratch paper & pencils will also be provided.
 - ✓ Ear plugs will be available upon request.
 - ✓ Please refrain from using scented grooming products for the comfort of other participants.
- **Prohibited Items:**
The following items are NOT allowed in the testing area; please leave them at home or in your vehicle:

Cell phones	Smart Watches	Personal calculator	Personal items	Food
Headphones	Recorders	Purse/Backpack	Books/Dictionary	Electronic devices

Additional Pre- and Post- ATI TEAS Test Information

WHAT RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE TO PREPARE FOR THE ATI TEAS?

- ATI has developed self-guided study materials to help you target your ATI TEAS study. Information on purchasing these materials is available at: [How to Prepare for the ATI TEAS Exam](#)
- Refer to your study materials and textbooks from your prerequisite coursework.

HOW WILL I KNOW IF I HAVE “PASSED” THE ATI TEAS?

- Applicants must achieve a minimum Adjusted Individual Total Score of 62% on the ATI TEAS to continue in the application process. This score is found on the top right corner of your ATI TEAS report.

WHAT IF I SCORE BELOW 62%?

- Applicants who score below the 62% minimum Adjusted Total Individual Score on any ATI TEAS test become ineligible to participate in the application process at Cuesta and are required to successfully complete a remediation plan in order to become eligible to apply in a future application cycle. Remediation plans completed at other schools will be considered. Email nursingsuccess@cuesta.edu for more information.