How to Study for the TEAS
Imperial Valley College RN Program

The policy for the RN Program at IVC requires a cut score of 62% to be eligible to apply. A lower cut score does not meet eligibility – a higher cut score merits higher points toward the application. If this cut score is not achieved on the first attempt, the student can repeat the test but must first participate and complete a remediation plan. If the cut score is achieved on the second attempt, the student meets eligibility but points will be limited to no more than 25 toward the application. If the cut score is not achieved after two (2) attempts, the student is no longer eligible for admission to the IVC RN Program.

It is therefore, important that students be prepared for the TEAS and pass it on the first attempt. Below are some helpful tips to get you started, as shared by other nursing students.

- Schedule time with the IVC TEAS Tutor – this is mandatory prior to scheduling the test.
- Purchase the ATI TEAS V Study Manual found on the ATI website www.atitesting.com and take the test on the back of the Manual. Review where you need studying. Time yourself on each question as the test will be timed. The manual also has detailed information on preparing for the test.
  - Bring this Manual with you when working with the TEAS tutor.
- Accompany your practice of test questions with some of the websites recommended by students:
  - http://www.bozemanscience.com/
  - http://brightstorm.com/
  - http://www.homeschoolmath.net/
  - http://quizlet.com/subject/anatomy/
- For additional practice, purchase the TEAS V Online Practice Test from www.atitesting.com
  - Students with scores less than 80% on practice test questions should continue studying and obtain additional tutoring.
- Other resources that have been helpful:
  - Kaplan’s Nursing School Entrance Exams (paperback)
  - Secrets of the TEAS V Exam Study Guide: TEAS Test Review for the Test of Essential Academic Skills (paperback)
- Free mobile application available on the TEAS
- Here’s what one student shares:
  - I take the test from the back of the book to know where to focus my study.
  - I use the ATI book and underline the important keywords, directions, or numbers. I look over each answer even if I think I know the answer. NEVER think you know because there might be another answer better than the one you chose!
  - If I think I need more practice, I use the websites. I will go over the ATI notes again, do all the practice questions, and take the second test for said section (let’s say, math). If I don’t get AT LEAST 15 points higher, I’ll do it all over again, going over similar questions online.

- Good luck!

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