

TOP TIPS FOR THE TEAS *READING* TEST

For the Nursing and Dental Hygiene programs

BEFORE TAKING THE TEST

Familiarize yourself with some **free tests**. Note: the practice online has only a few questions for practice.

<https://uniontestprep.com/teas/practice-test>

<https://study.com/academy/exam/course/teas-test-study-guide.html>

<https://www.mc3.edu/degrees-and-programs/programs/health/assets/nursing/docs/teas-information-packet-for-mccc.pdf>

<https://www.mometrix.com/academy/teas-reading-practice-test/>

➤ Use library resource:

There is an older edition of the TEAS practice book that is for use within the library.

To buy study materials (highly recommended):

<https://www.atitesting.com/teas/practice-assessment>

Scores needed for Reading portion:

Both the Dental Hygiene and Nursing program require a score of 75%.

"Nuts and bolts" of the Reading test:

- Test is 64 minutes
- There are 47 questions. This means **one minute and 36 seconds** for each question allotted.

Critical Thinking Skills Needed:

- Identify the author's purpose
- Draw logical conclusions, predictions, and inferences
- Identify the main idea and supporting details
- Evaluate print and non-print sources
- Differentiate between facts and opinions
- Identify media sources

Tips for success:

- Obtain the test book and study guide - Kaplan or ATI TEAS is strongly encouraged
- Share resources as a group. "Divide and Conquer"
- Use time effectively. This is an essential skill.
- Prepare at least 2 or 3 months ahead for all the 4 subject tests: Math, English, Science and Reading.

What successful test takers recommend for the TEAS:

- Read through the portions of the test book or study guide that explain each section of the test. Doing this will give you a strategy to look for clues for correct answers.
- Work on comprehension. Often the information is inferential, so you have to look for clues within the passage and use your reading background to answer these types of questions.
- Read nursing or health related journals. Although the reading portion of the test does not have medical questions, reading the journals will prepare you for the “flavor” of the test.
- Do all practice tests. Consistent practice will help you will better able to anticipate the answer.
- Read the questions first, then read the paragraph. This will give you an idea about what to look for in the answer. Scan the paragraph; look for the “big idea”.
- If you don’t know a term, look it up.
- Read all rationales of the questions even if you get the question correct. This will promote good thinking skills.
- English Language Learners: It is important that English composition courses are complete as well as any Reading pre-requisites.

POUR yourself a cup of Success:

- **P**lan at least 2 months ahead before test day. Be well rested and eat a meal or have a protein drink. This will keep your energy level up.
- **O**btain the practice book and study guides and *use them*.
- **U**se the time to practice. The more you practice, the better you will become. Once is not enough, nor is once a week.
- **R**ead the information for each section before the practice test. These sections will tell you what to look for.