



## Information Sheet for the Health Technologies Pre-Admission Entrance Test (TEAS)

### Why are students being tested?

Lakeland Community College and the Health Technologies faculty want students to succeed in their goals. When students perform poorly in basic skills, their chances of success in a health science program are very poor. Preadmission testing is an assessment to evaluate a student’s ability to be successful in nursing and allied health. Students who achieve a successful score have a greater chance of success.

### What is the nursing and allied health preadmission test?

The health preadmission test is TEAS (“Test of Essential Academic Skills”) which is administered by Assessment Technologies Institute, or ATI.

### Who must be tested?

See chart below to identify the appropriate health program preadmission entrance test requirement.

#### The test is waived for:

- LPN to RN transition program
- High-school-option students
- Students who have completed an Associate of Science degree, Associate of Applied Science in Nursing or Allied Health, and those who have completed any bachelor’s degree from an accredited college.

### What is the minimum score?

Each department determines criteria for admission, and some departments do not require a minimum score. Minimum scores are subject to change based on numerous factors, including changes in national norms. Department score/criteria for each health technology program is the following:

| Program  | TEAS Test<br>Required? Y/N | Minimum Score |
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| <b>Biotechnology Science</b>   | N                          | N/A           |
| <b>Dental Hygiene</b>  | Y                          | 50%           |
| <b>EMT</b>   | N                          | N/A           |
| <b>Health Information Management Technology<br/>(HIMT)</b>           | N                          | N/A           |
| <b>Histotechnology</b>   | N                          | N/A           |
| <b>Medical Assisting/Administrative Medical Office<br/>Assistant</b> | N                          | N/A           |

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| <b>Medical Coding</b>                        | N | N/A |
| <b>Medical Lab Technology</b>                | N | N/A |
| <b>Nursing</b>                               | Y | 62% |
| <b>Occupational Therapy Assistant</b>        | Y | 55% |
| <b>Paramedic</b>                             | N | N/A |
| <b>Phlebotomy</b>                            | N | N/A |
| <b>Physical Therapist Assistant</b>          | Y | 62% |
| <b>Polysomnography</b>                       | Y | N/A |
| <b>Radiologic Technology</b>                 | Y | 55% |
| <b>Respiratory Therapy</b>                   | Y | 55% |
| <b>State-Tested Nursing Assistant (STNA)</b> | N | N/A |
| <b>Surgical Technology</b>                   | Y | 55% |

**What happens if a student does not achieve the minimum score?**

A student is allowed two TEAS test attempts. Prior TEAS tests from other institutions are counted. A student who does not achieve the minimum score a second time must be seen by a Lakeland counselor to evaluate whether the Health Technologies area is an appropriate career choice. Students may also want to take the credit course, **COUN 1100** (Career Exploration), to facilitate their selection of a career path.

**What preparatory courses are offered to prepare for the test?**

These preparatory courses are listed in the course schedule and college catalog.

***COUN 1100 (Career Exploration)***

This course assists students in testing the components of career choice. It focuses on career awareness, personal awareness and educational awareness as they relate to the process of career choice. Career planning skills and self-assessment inventories will help students identify tentative career options. (3 credit hours)

***COUN 1300 (Skills for College Success)***

This course helps students to utilize more of their potential and to succeed in college. It introduces strategies for personal growth coupled with skills such as time management, critical thinking note-taking and test-taking. (2 credit hours)

***FYEX 1000 (First Year Experience)***

This course introduces students to the behaviors, skills and attitudes that are important to success in college and in college-level courses. It will include an overview of how to utilize college resources and services and how to succeed as a college student preparing for a career. (1 credit hour)

***MATH 0745 (Essential Skills for Algebra)***

This course reviews and develops fundamental arithmetic skills regarding rational numbers and introduces techniques for solving basic linear equations. (2 credit hours)

***PSYC 1050 (Psychology of Effective Studying)***

This introductory course focuses upon skills and the design of materials necessary in the organization for and the studying of college-level courses. (1 credit hour)

**How much does the test cost?**

The test costs \$65 per attempt. Payment can be made at the Lakeland Cashier's office or online through MyLakeland. The fee is nonrefundable. This fee covers the cost of the test and proctor. See below for the ways to register for the test.

**Does financial aid cover the cost of the test?**

Students who receive financial aid should call the Lakeland Financial Aid office at 440.525.7070 to find out if financial aid can be applied to the cost of the test. Students who receive benefits from the Board of Vocational Rehabilitation (BVR) or Workforce Investment Act (WIA) should contact the counselor from that agency to determine if the cost of the test can be included in their funding package.

**How do I register for the test?**

There are two ways for a student to register:

1. First, the student must pay for the test. The Cashier's Office can collect the fee by cash, check or credit card. Both the student and the Health Technologies office will receive a receipt. Then the student may register for the test in person at the Testing Center in room A-1044e or by phone at 440.525.7574 or 440.525.7568.
2. Online via "Schedule It" on MyLakeland. After making their payment via credit card online, a printable confirmation screen will be available with the testing appointment date and time. The student will receive an e-mail confirmation. The system will allow students to cancel and reschedule the testing appointment 24 hours before the scheduled date and time.

**PLEASE NOTE: STUDENTS WHO DO NOT CANCEL OR RESCHEDULE AT LEAST 24 HOURS PRIOR TO THE TEST DATE FORFEIT THE \$65 EXAM FEE. The fee for the exam is non-refundable.**

**When is the TEAS test offered?**

The TEAS test is a computerized test and is available in the Lakeland Testing Center (A1044e) Monday-Saturday. Contact the Testing Center for availability and times. The test is approximately 3 ½ hours in length. Testing is not available during mid-term and finals weeks but is available between semesters.

**NOTE: Students will need an ATI username and password to log into the test. To obtain one, students will need to log on to [atitesting.com](http://atitesting.com) and click on "Create New Account" from the ATI home page. Students will need to bring the username and password with them for their testing session.**

**How will students receive the results of their test?**

Students will receive their scores immediately upon completion of the test. Students who do not achieve the minimum score will be advised to see their Lakeland counselor in order to discuss preparation.

**When should students take the test?**

Students can take the test whenever they choose. It is strongly recommended that students take the test after they have completed the prerequisites for admission. The test **must** be taken prior to applying to the nursing and allied health program of interest. Scores are valid for five (5) years.

**What do students need to bring to the test?**

Students should bring their receipt showing proof of payment and a picture ID to the test. Do not bring a calculator, study guides or notes. A calculator will be accessible within the test. The Testing Center will supply scratch paper and collect it at the end of the test.

**Can students prepare for the test?**

Preparation for the test is recommended. There is a copy of the TEAS study guide on reserve in the Lakeland Library and for purchase in the Bookstore. Students can also attend a preparatory courses to prepare for the test. Information about the preparatory program is available through Lakeland's Counseling and Advising Center at 440.525.7200.

**Who can students contact if they have questions?**

Students may call Lakeland's Counseling and Advising Center at 440.525.7200 or the Health Technologies office at 440.525.7180 if they have any questions.

**Can I transfer results of the preadmission test or test from another school?**

Yes, the results can be transferred as long as they are sent directly from the test company to the Lakeland Admissions Department or Health Technologies office. The student may contact ATI directly. A slight fee for this service is required by the test company. For additional information, call 1.800.667.7531. The address for ATI is 7500 W. 160<sup>th</sup> Street, Stilwell, KS 66085.