Mandatory Registered Nursing Program Pre-Enrollment TEAS Test

California state legislation, SB 1309, requires all selected Registered Nursing Program applicants to take and pass a Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) exam (basic Mathematics, English, Reading and Science). This test is given to better ensure that the students entering the Registered Nursing Program have an adequate level of knowledge in the content areas of Math, English, Reading and Science to successfully complete the Registered Nursing Program and obtain licensure.

The COD Nursing Program will start using TEAS version 5.0 beginning fall semester of 2011.

The TEAS test is a 209 minute, 170-item, four-option, multiple-choice test. The test is conducted in a proctored computer lab on the COD campus and is administered on a computer. The test will cover the following:

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Applicants who do not score at least 62% (Version 5.0) on the TEAS will be required to complete remediation and retest prior to full acceptance into the Program. Remediation requirements may include successful completion of additional coursework, tutoring, or independent study. The remediation may take up to one year.

TESTING POLICY/PROCEDURE – Provisionally accepted applicants who have NOT previously taken TEAS

- All provisionally accepted applicants must attend TEAS orientation meeting.
- Eligible applicants who meet all other prerequisite criteria for enrollment in the COD Registered Nursing Program will be offered the opportunity to sit for the TEAS.
- Eligible applicants will be notified in writing by the COD nursing program of the testing procedure, date, time and location, and instructions on reserving a seat for the TEAS test. Those taking the tests MUST sign up with the RN counselor prior to the test date to reserve a spot on one of those dates. Contact information will be provided in the email sent to all provisionally accepted students.
- The first-time cost of taking the test is grant funded.
- Provisionally accepted applicants must meet or exceed the overall composite score of 62% on the TEAS test to be considered for enrollment in the Registered Nursing Program.

TESTING POLICY/PROCEDURE – Provisionally accepted applicants who have previously taken TEAS

- Applicants are advised to not submit copies of TEAS scores results (they will not be viewed and will be shredded) and/or arrange for ATI to send official results until after you have received a provisional acceptance letter.
- Once a letter of provisional acceptance has been received and the applicant has already taken the TEAS at another college, the applicant MUST then notify ATI to forward the results of that test to the College of the Desert– School of Health Sciences office. If the student achieved a score of at least 62%, that will be accepted as fulfilling the test criteria for COD admission consideration. The only acceptable pre-placement examination is the TEAS - no other pre-placement test score will be accepted as equivalent.
REMEDIATION POLICIES

- Applicants who have not met the passing composite score of 62% will be referred to the Health Sciences counselor for development of a remediation plan. All remediation plans must be approved by the counselor.
- Remediation coursework completed as part of the remediation plan must be completed at COD.
- 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 formal coursework or independent study for each area that the student did not pass. The student will be required to register/pay/meet all college admission and prerequisite requirements for each remedial course recommended.
- Students will be allowed up to 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/begins the remediation plan.
- After completion of the remediation plan the applicant must provide documentation to demonstrate completion of the remediation plan. The applicant must then re-take the TEAS test at COD ONLY. Repeat test scores will only be accepted with a test date no sooner than three (3) months after the original test. **Repeat test results will not be accepted from any institution other than COD.**
- **If the student does not successfully pass the TEAS test the second time, the student will lose their provisionally accepted status for entry into the nursing program at COD. The second failure of the TEAS test will result in having to start the application & selection process over from the beginning.**

Additional TEAS testing information and prep materials may be obtained at the Assessment Technology Inc. website at: www.atitesting.com  Click “Students” box, click “Entering Nursing School – TEAS” tab