Practical Nursing Pre-Admission Test Information

Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE)

I. Preparing for the Test
   1. This is a timed test to evaluate math, language and reading skills. Study materials are available at public libraries (ask for TABE, GED, ACT, or SAT study guides) or you may purchase them at a bookstore for approximately $25.00.
   2. The SLC/VPI lab, which is located on the 2nd floor of the ETA Building in Room 235, provides TABE remediation courses in Reading, Language and Math Computation, and Applied Math for students who have taken the TABE and need remediation in the specific areas identified by his/her scores. Students receive classroom instruction and use the computer software to improve their skills. Each TABE remediation course is approximately 2 ½ weeks long and is offered at various times during the day. There is a small fee for each course and each course requires a workbook. You must obtain an application for a TABE remediation course and a class schedule in the VPI Lab – ETA235.

Math Proficiency – “Pre-Nursing Procalc”

The math test required for admission to the Practical Nursing program will be available on computer at the Lake Worth Testing Center. There is a $5.00 testing fee.

I. Preparing for the Test
   A. All students are encouraged to prepare for the Math Proficiency Exam. Strategies may include:
      1. Independent review of math materials
      2. Practice in the Math Lab ETA230 (Pro Calc Dosage Calculations):
         - Abbreviations and Equivalencies
         - Drugs and Solutions Practice
      3. Access the website [www.palmbeachstate.edu/programs/Nursing](http://www.palmbeachstate.edu/programs/Nursing) click on Pre-RN Procalc on the left side of screen.
      5. Access the website [www.dmacc.edu/medmath1](http://www.dmacc.edu/medmath1)
      6. Practice disks are loaded on computers on the 1st floor of the Library Learning Resource Center (LLRC)
      7. Attendance at a Procalc Workshop offered by Math Lab. See Schedule at [www.palmbeachstate.edu/programs/lpn](http://www.palmbeachstate.edu/programs/lpn) for dates/times

   B. The Math Competency Exam will contain the following types of questions:
      1. metric conversions (mcg, mg, g)
         - metric/apothecary conversions (gr, mg, g)
         - metric/apothecary conversions (g, kg, oz)
         - metric/household conversions (tsp, tbs, ml)
      2. calculations (#of tabs, caps, or ml to prepare)
3. The directions for rounding numbers will be given with each test question.
C. The following equivalencies will be used to determine test answers. You must learn these before taking the test.

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Remember: This is a math test! Do not be confused by the names of drugs and solutions!

Test Administration Procedure
A. You must pay $5.00 fee at the cashier and present photo ID to the testing center.
B. The exam will contain twenty questions.
C. One hour will be allotted to complete the exam and a calculator may be used (will be provided).
D. A score of at least 80% is required to pass. (No more than four questions can be missed).
E. Scrap paper will be provided and must be turned in prior to leaving the testing area.
F. After the exam, the results are available before logging out of the testing program.

There is no limit to the number of times the exam can be retaken. A different version of the exam will be available each time. Only one exam can be taken per day.

Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS)

DIRECTIONS FOR CREATING AN ATI STUDENT ACCOUNT
*The TEAS cannot be administered without this information*
1. Go to www.atitesting.com
2. Click on “Create an account”.
3. Complete the information on the ATI site.
4. Please use your Palm Beach State Email
   **Indicate Palm Beach State College as your Institution**
   **Enter your Palm Beach State Student ID #**
5. Bring your username and password at the time of testing

Preparing for the Test
The TEAS is a 170 item, four option, multiple-choice timed computerized scholastic aptitude test designed to predict the academic readiness of applicants.
The general areas are:
- Math (whole numbers, metric conversion, fractions and decimals, algebraic equations, percentages and ratio/proportion).
- Reading (paragraph comprehension, passage comprehension and inferences/conclusions).
- English (punctuation, grammar, sentence structure, contextual words and spelling).
• Science (science reasoning, science knowledge, biology, chemistry, anatomy and physiology, basic physical principles and general science).

The Pre-test Study Manual for the TEAS is available at the Palm Beach State College Bookstore. It is also available for purchase through Assessment Technologies Institute at 1-800-667-7531 or on their website at www.atitesting.com. There is a $45.00 testing fee for the TEAS test. **Only TEAS scores taken at the Palm Beach State College testing center will be accepted.** TEAS test can only be taken once during the application period. Students must achieve a cumulative average of 55 based on **their individual score in** Math, Language, Science and Reading.