

TEAS TEST INFORMATION FOR PROSPECTIVE NURSING STUDENTS

Tips for first time TEAS test takers

LBCC's Registered Nursing Program, in accordance with California state guidelines, requires all students to take the TEAS and achieve a score of at least 62% on their FIRST attempt. Most students pass this test; however there are always a few who do not. In order to improve your chances of passing the test, we are providing the following information.

CHALLENGING AREAS - The test has questions in four general areas: Reading, Math, Science, and English. Within each area, there are several more detailed sub-areas. Many students who took the TEAS exam scored low in similar sub-areas of the test.

- In the **READING** area, most students scored lowest in the sub-area Inference and Conclusions.
- In **MATH**, most students had trouble with Fractions and Decimals, Ratio & Proportion, Metric Conversions, and Percentages.
- In **ENGLISH**, many students had difficulty with Sentence Structure.
- In **SCIENCE**, there was no clear pattern; however more students remediated in Physical Science.

Keep in mind, each student is different and the areas difficult for some may not be difficult for you. The above information is based on general patterns observed with students who have not passed the TEAS test on their first attempt.

COURSE/SUBJECT RECENCY - Often a student's performance in the various areas of the test correlated to how recently they had taken classes in these areas and how well they had done when they took the related course(s). It is quite possible that students who had taken these courses may have forgotten much of the material. For many students, brushing up in each of these subject areas helps them pass the test the second time around.

UNFAMILIAR SUBJECT MATTER – Also, many students became anxious for answering questions in areas which they have never taken courses, such as geology. It is important to remember that students are required to achieve an overall score of 62%, and that being low in one or two of the subareas would not prevent the students from passing.

TIME RESTRICTIONS - Many students who have taken the TEAS reported that they were unaware of the time allotted for each portion of the test. They felt that had they been more aware of how much or (how little) time they had, to answer questions, especially in the math portion of the test, they might have scored higher. It is important to review this information to get an idea of how quickly one must progress through each question on the test.

HOW TO PREPARE FOR THE TEAS – Enroll in BAE 601B, a non-credit, zero-unit basic skills course offered on the PCC campus of LBCC. (You must have a permission number to register.) There you can get information on the TEAS and brush up on the sub-areas listed above and skills required for TEAS success. For more information, call (562)938-3979 or go to the PCC Multidisciplinary Student Success Center on the 2nd floor, Library/Learning Resources building.