Respiratory Therapy Program Frequently Asked Questions

1. How many students are accepted into the Respiratory Therapy Program every year?
   24 students are accepted into the RT Program each year.

2. When does the program start?
   A new class of students starts the program every fall semester.

3. How are program admissions decided?
   Program admissions are on a first-come, first-serve basis with the first 24 students who have met all admission requirements receiving entry into the program.

4. What happens if I am not one of the first 24 students who meet admission requirements?
   If a student has met all admission requirements but is not one of the first 24 qualified applicants, any student wanting to enroll into the respiratory therapist coursework will be encouraged to register online into the electronic waiting lists.

5. How does the alternate list work?
   If a currently enrolled student withdraws from one of these courses, the system will send the student an email notifying them of the opportunity to enroll. If the student fails to enroll, the opportunity will go to the next student on the list.

6. How many observation hours are required for program admission?
   4 hours of observation is required. This can take place at one or more respiratory departments. Please contact the RT Program Director if you are having difficulty finding a place to perform clinical observation.

7. What is the ATI TEAS®?
   The ATI TEAS® is a computer-based three-and half-hour test that measures skills in academic areas of reading, mathematics, science, and English/language usage.

8. Where can I take the ATI TEAS®?
   The ATI TEAS® test can be taken, as long as secure test results can be provided to NCTC, from any authorized testing center, and it is also administered at the East Grand Forks campus of Northland Community and Technical College in the library testing center.

9. What score do I need to receive on the ATI TEAS® to be admitted into the Respiratory Therapy Program?
   An applicant must score above 45% for the Adjusted Individual Total (AIT) Score.

10. Can I take the ATI TEAS® admissions exam more than once?
    Yes, a student can take the ATI TEAS® as many times as they would like.
11. Is there a fee for taking the ATI TEAS®?
   Please check the testing center you are planning on using for the current cost. If you are testing at the NCTC Test Center, the fee of $70 (plus tax) is paid on the day of the test, at the test center. Please make sure to bring a credit/debit card the day of your exam.

12. Is there a study guide for the ATI TEAS®?
   The ATI TEAS Study Manual-6th Edition and is available on the ATI website after you have created an account (as specified in FAQ #16). The ATI TEAS Study Manual is the official TEAS resource, written specifically to address the needs of students preparing to take the TEAS. Go to the ATI Online Store, located at the top of the page and click on TEAS Products. Also, there are online practice assessments you can purchase to help prepare for the TEAS; all are optional.

13. Do I have to take this exam if I have a degree from another college?
   Yes, all applicants to the RT Program must complete the ATI TEAS®.

14. When can I take the ATI TEAS® for AH?
   Only a limited number of testing positions are available for each listed date, students must be registered at least 24 hours before the scheduled exam time. The following dates/times are available for taking the ATI TEAS® for Spring Semester 2021:
   
   • Friday, January 22 beginning at 11:30am
   • Friday, February 5 beginning at 11:30am
   • Friday, March 19, beginning at 11:30am
   • Friday, April 16, beginning at 11:30am

   **Expected arrival time for each test date is 11:30am, for admission purposes and to pay for the exam online**

15. How do I schedule a date to take the ATI TEAS® if I am taking it at the NCTC Test Center in East Grand Forks, MN?
   Prior to the testing date, the student must schedule a date with the NCTC Testing Center. To do so, send an email to egr.proctor@northlandcollege.edu. In this email, you must put “ATI TEAS® for AH” in the subject line, and in the message state:
   
   • Your name
   • Email address
   • Phone number
   • Program you are applying for
   • The date you would like to take the ATI TEAS®, according to dates available set by the test center
You will receive a confirmation email from the test center confirming the test date as well as additional information regarding what to bring on test day. It is recommended one schedules early as there are only a limited number of testing positions for each date.

16. How do I register to take the ATI TEAS®?
At least 24 hours before the scheduled exam time, students must register at the following website: www.atitesting.com, go to “Create an account” under the log-in area on the right. Fill out all information; on the Institution Info page select “Northland Community & Tech College AH”. DO NOT PAY FOR THE EXAM ONLINE, YOU WILL PAY FOR THE EXAM AT THE NCTC-EGF CAMPUS TEST CENTER WITH A DEBIT/CREDIT CARD THE DAY OF THE EXAM.

17. How do I pay the exam fee?
DO NOT PAY FOR THE EXAM ONLINE, YOU WILL PAY FOR THE EXAM AT THE NCTC-EGF CAMPUS TEST CENTER WITH A DEBIT/CREDIT CARD THE DAY OF THE EXAM. Students will make payment online, in the test center, the day of the exam. Please make sure to bring a credit/debit card the day of your exam.

18. What do I do on the day of testing?
Students must bring a picture ID that includes a signature (example: driver license), debit/credit card, the log-in and password that the candidate has created when registering with ATI and arrive at the testing center at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the scheduled exam time. Calculator is provided on the exam. Do NOT bring your own calculator.

19. What do I do if I have any questions?
Contact the Respiratory Therapy Program Director, Tony Sorum, MS, RRCP tony.sorum@northlandcollege.edu.

Remote Proctoring for TEAS® Allied Health is available!

We are excited to be able to offer the ATI TEAS® remotely with Proctorio. ATI is partnering with Proctorio to virtually proctor assessments. There are a few items that you will need for this to work smoothly if you choose remote proctoring for your TEAS Exam. Please go to https://www.atitesting.com/teas/the-ati-teas-exam-with-proctorio for more information including the Technical Requirements needed to have a successful testing experience.

- When Registering for a remote proctoring session please go through the following steps:
  1. Log into your account at www.atitesting.com
2. Go to: Online Store (top right corner)
3. Register for... > TEAS® at ATI (Left side of webpage)
4. Program Type select “ATI Remote Proctor-Allied Health”
5. View all exam dates/times available when you have chosen one select “Register”
6. Choose “Northland Community & Tech College AH” as your Available Institution. Select the > right arrow and Continue. The exam fee is $115.00.
7. Select “Check Out”
8. Verify your Address Information
9. Enter your payment details
10. Submit Order