

NCTC Physical Therapy Assistant Program Frequently Asked Questions

1. How many students are accepted into the PTA Program every year?

18 students are accepted into the PTA 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 18 students who have met all admission requirements receiving entry into the program. There is not an admission deadline.

4. What happens if I am not one of the first 18 students who meet admission requirements?

If a student has met all admission requirements but is not one of the first 18 qualified applicants, they will be placed on the program's alternate list.

5. How does the alternate list work?

If a student gives up their position in the program, the first student on the alternate list would be offered that position. After the beginning of the fall semester, the first 18 students on the alternate list would be guaranteed a position in the next year's class.

6. Are observation hours needed to apply to the program?

Observation hours are no longer needed for PTA Program admission.

7. What is the ATI TEAS?

The **ATI TEAS** is a computer-based 3.5-hour test that measures skills in academic areas of reading, mathematics, science, and English/language usage. The exam is 209 minutes/170 questions.

8. Where can I take the ATI TEAS?

The ATI TEAS is 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 PTA Program?

An applicant must score above 60% for the Adjusted Individual Total (AIT) Score after October 1st, 2018. Scores between 58-60% will meet admission requirements for exams taken prior to October 2018.

10. Can I take the ATI TEAS admissions exam more than once?

Yes, a student can take the ATI TEAS a maximum of two times per academic year.

11. Is there a fee for taking the ATI TEAS?

If you are testing at the NCTC Test Center, the fee of \$70 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 is available on the ATI website. 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 www.atitesting.com and select TEAS > ATI TEAS PREP. There you will find quality TEAS Prep material

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including Comprehensive, SmartPrep, or Basic Packages, ATI TEAS Mobile App, Individual Online Practice Test Package; all are optional.

13. Do I have to take this exam if I have a degree from another college?

Yes, all applicants to the PTA 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 exam is 209 minutes/170 questions.** The following dates/times are available for taking the ATI TEAS® for SPRING SEMESTER 2025:

Spring Semester 2025	
Friday, January 17, 2025	begins at 11:30am
Friday, February 7, 2025	begins at 11:30am
Friday, March 28, 2025	begins at 11:30am
Friday, April 11, 2025	begins at 11:30am
Friday, May 2, 2025	begins 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 an exam date for TEAS if I plan to take it at the NCTC Test Center in East Grand Forks, MN?

Prior to the testing date, the student must schedule an exam date with the NCTC Testing Center. To do so, send an email to egf.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 a limited number of testing positions for each date.

16. How do I create an account with ATI TEAS®?

At least 24 hours before the scheduled exam time, students must create an account at the following website: www.atitesting.com, go to “Create an account” under the log-in area on the right. Fill out all required information; on the *Institution Info* select “Northland Community & Tech College AH”.

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.

18. What do I do on the day of testing?

Students must bring a picture ID that includes a signature (example: driver license), the log-in and password that was created when registering with ATI and arrive at the testing center at the time listed. Calculator is provided on the exam. Do NOT bring your own calculator.

19. What do I do if I have any questions?

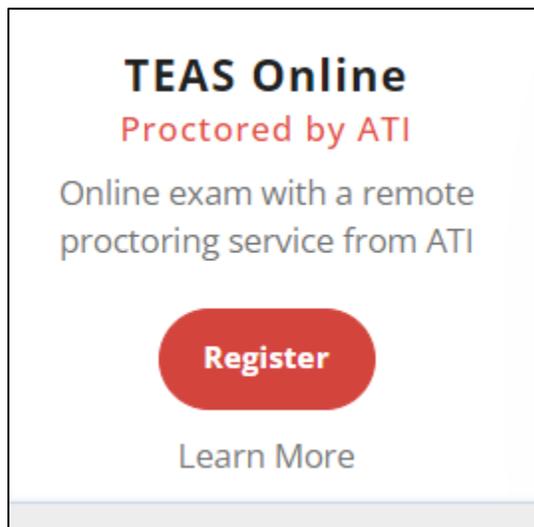
Contact the PTA Program Director, Justin Berry, PT, DPT, PhD, at: Justin.berry@northlandcollege.edu

Remote Proctoring for ATI TEAS® Allied Health is available if you are unable to schedule an In-Person exam at our college.

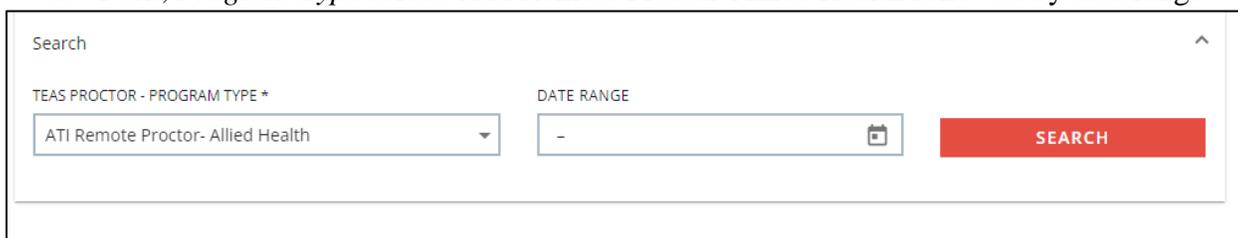
(This is an online method for taking the TEAS exam proctored by ATI. Fee is \$120.00)

1. Go to the ATI website: <https://www.atitesting.com/teas/register>

2. Select



3. Next, *Program Type* select: ATI Remote Proctor-Allied Health followed by date range.

A screenshot of a search interface. At the top left is a 'Search' label with an upward arrow. Below it are two input fields: 'TEAS PROCTOR - PROGRAM TYPE *' with a dropdown menu showing 'ATI Remote Proctor- Allied Health', and 'DATE RANGE' with a calendar icon. To the right of these fields is a red button labeled 'SEARCH'.

4. Proceed to the following screens, make sure to **read all of the information provided**-very important to go over: System Requirements, Official ATI TEAS Transcript, TEAS Exam Dry Run, TEAS Exam Retake Policy, TEAS Exam Reschedule Policy.

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5. ***Don't Forget:*** You will receive one complimentary transcript with your TEAS Exam Registration. You will need to send your transcript to the school [Northland Community and Technical College AH] of your choice following the completion of your TEAS Exam by logging into your ATI Account at www.atitesting.com and selecting the MY ATI tab then the RESULTS tab. Follow the prompt for Send Transcript.