

March 2021



TO: Pre- Dental Hygiene Students
FROM: Dr. Ostrander – Dental Hygiene Program Director
RE: Fall 2021 Dental Hygiene Mandatory Application Information Session

Dear Students,

HACC's Dental Hygiene Program will host **mandatory** application information sessions in August, September, October, November, and January via Zoom. Students who are planning to apply for admission to the clinical program in January 2022 for the Fall 2022 class **are required** to attend one of these sessions (without exception).

Choose one session to attend and do not reschedule. **Students will not be admitted to the session late so please plan accordingly.**

Choose one session to attend and RSVP immediately!			
Wednesday	August 18, 2021 8:30AM.	Zoom	Send your RSVP to: RSVPDHADVISING@hacc.edu Include your name, HACCID, phone number and email address along with the date and time you plan to attend.
Wednesday	September 15, 2021 6:30PM	Zoom	
Monday	October 11, 2021 8:30AM	Zoom	
Monday	November 8, 2021 6:30PM	Zoom	
Monday	November 29, 2021 8:30AM	Zoom	
Monday	January 10, 2022 8:30AM Last day to sign up is Mon, Jan 11	Zoom	

Zoom (online) Meeting (All students must RSVP at least 3 days prior to meeting - meeting link will be provided 24 hours prior to meeting). Due to this Mandatory Information Session being online through Zoom, there will be no tour of the clinic. Please contact Dr. Ostrander, Program Director if you would like to schedule a tour. Please plan for the session to be at least 60 minutes in length. Students who enter the Zoom session late and will not be admitted. Email rsvpdhadvising@hacc.edu

Attached is the point system for Fall 2021. Please note that all students must take the TEAS test prior to completing the application. You will receive additional and complete instructions when you attend the information session. The Fall 2022 points system will be available in Summer 2021.

- Link to DH website - <https://www.hacc.edu/ProgramsandCourses/Programs/HealthCareers/Dental-Hygienist.cfm>
- [Learn more about the TEAS test here.](#) Includes link to the ATI website to register, remote proctoring, contact information, study groups and TEAS information sessions.

If you have any questions please contact your advisor for clarification or call Jen Stutzman at 717-780-2490.

Attachments: Point system, TEAS information

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**HACC
Dental Hygiene Program
Point System – Fall 2022**

Students must take the TEAS test prior to application

Students will be considered for admission into the dental hygiene program who have:

- *Met with a dental hygiene counselor/advisor*
- **Taken the TEAS test and achieved a minimum score 62**
- **Attended a mandatory application session within 12 months prior to the application**
- High school diploma or GED or equivalent foreign education as verified by a HACC-approved credential evaluation service
- 2.5 overall GPA at the time of application
- Grade of C or higher in any completed science course required for the program
- High school chemistry (academic or honors) or Chemistry 100 with a "C" or better within the past 7 years
- Documented proficiency, C or better, in English through the 051 level, Reading through the 003 level, and in Math through 051/055/091 level.
- Minimum of 300 hours documented experiences as a clinical dental assistant OR completion of 10 hours shadowing a dental hygienist. Documentation forms available on the Dental Hygiene web page.

Your Points	Points	Criterion
	62 - 100	TEAS score (highest score at the time of application will be used) A minimum score of 62 is required for admission consideration
	5	No history of W's, D's, or F's in any college level course within the last 7 years once 12 or more credits have been completed (transfer courses included; developmental courses are not included)
	-3 (per occurrence after first)	Minus 3 for each W in BIOL 121,122,221 within the past 7 years. Transfer courses are subject to the same deductions. First W – no penalty, subsequent W's -3 point deduction per occurrence
	3	Completed an ADA accredited (CODA) dental assisting program with an overall GPA of 3.0 and subsequent nine (9) months full-time (32+ hours) employment experience as a chairside dental assistant
	3	Certified Dental Assistant Certification (includes successful completion of all three exams – general chairside, radiology, and infection control)
	3	Ranked applicant from last year
	5 - 8	GPA from 12 or more college credits X 2 (minimum GPA 2.5 from a regionally accredited school. Fewer than 12 college credits - no points awarded for GPA. Official transcripts must be on file in the Records Office.)
	2	Completed DH100 or AH CE 149 (Non-credit) Intro to Dentistry with a "C" grade or better
		Total Score (127 max)

The accepted time limit for science courses (HACC or transfer) for use in health career program requirements is 7 years.

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Test of Academic Skills (TEAS) - www.atitesting.com

The TEAS is a required test for students submitting application to both the HACC Nursing and Dental Hygiene programs. The TEAS measures basic essential skills in the academic content area domains of reading, mathematics, science and English and language usage. The TEAS is a 170-item multiple choice test (20 unscored, pretest items) with a 209-minute time limit.

HOW TO PREPARE FOR THE TEAS

We recommend you prepare for the TEAS so that you can achieve the best possible score.

https://www.atitesting.com/ati_store/TEAS-Products.aspx to purchase official study material from ATI, the creators of the TEAS.

The ATI TEAS Study Manual is available in the library at each campus. Check with your campus about availability and restrictions for borrowing.

Available materials include:

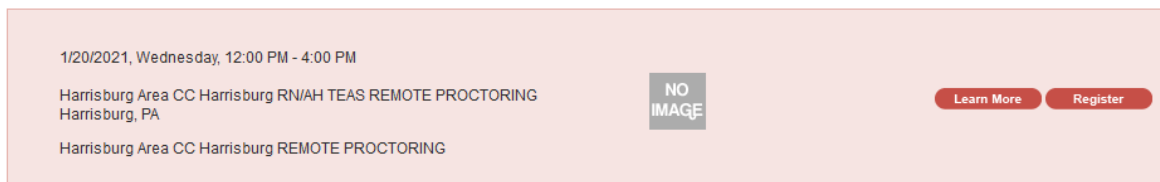
- **TEAS Online Practice Assessment – Forms A & B**
- **ATI TEAS Study Manual** - Sixth Edition
- **TEAS SmartPrep Study Package (NEW)**

HOW TO REGISTER FOR THE TEAS

All TEAS tests are given **remotely** at the Gettysburg, Harrisburg, Lancaster, and York campuses, and you may register at any HACC location since you will be taking the exam from home, using your personal computer (camera, microphone, and stable internet connection required). You may also take the test at ANY PSI or other non-HACC location. Just be sure to have your results sent to HACC. **Specific program or campus doesn't matter – all results are the same.**

- Go to the ATI website and navigate to the online store (https://www.atitesting.com/ati_store/Default.aspx) and click on “Register for TEAS”
- Complete the registration and payment process by identifying your location, school testing location and completing the payment process. For a HACC site - Select “TEAS for Nursing” (everyone - even dental hygiene students select this option) then “Pennsylvania” and city (“Gettysburg”, “Harrisburg”, “Lancaster”, “York”) and you will see “Harrisburg Area CC (city) REMOTE PROCTORING” (see below). It doesn't really matter which program or campus you select; the test and results are the same.

Location	All Sites	State/Province	Pennsylvania
		City	Harrisburg



- The cost of the TEAS *taken at HACC (remotely)* is around \$96 plus tax (subject to change).
- You may take the TEAS – Nursing or Allied Health (because there is only one test just labeled differently on the ATI website) – *anywhere* because it is the same test and the results are the same. If taken at another location, additional fees may be included for use of the site.
- You will receive an email confirmation with your receipt and testing session information.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Applicants to HACC **Nursing** program must achieve a TEAS composite score of **70** if applying to the Associate Degree (RN) program and **60** if applying to the PN program.
- Applicants to the HACC **dental hygiene** program must achieve a TEAS composite score of **62**.
- In the event students want to remediate and retest, **it is recommended to wait 45 days between tests so, remediation can take place.** Students should not take more than 3 tests in an application period.
- TEAS scores are valid for 3 years.
- The TEAS test (and your score) is the same whether you indicate TEAS for Nursing or TEAS for Allied Health.