

Entrance Testing for Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program

Is there an entrance test for admission to the nursing major?

Yes. Students applying for September 2012 or January 2013 will take the ATI Critical Thinking Entrance test. The use of this shorter test (40 items and 40 minutes) is being piloted for students applying for September 2012 and January 2013. Our local research suggests that this test, in combination with the student's grades, is a fairly good predictor of student success in our program.

I already took the TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills). Do I also need to take this test?

Students who took the TEAS, version V, before July 2011, but less than two years before the date of application to the major, may be considered based on either the TEAS or the critical thinking scores.

Is anyone exempt from this testing?

Students who began study at Madonna directly after high school and had ACT composite scores of 20 or higher and students who have completed masters or higher degrees in other areas are not required to take the test as part of the application process. However, these students, if admitted to the major, will take the test early in the first semester of the program for our internal review purposes.

Can I study for this test?

There are no specifically prepared practice or study materials for this test. There are some textbooks available regarding critical thinking that may be of some value.

How do I register for the test?

You need to reserve a spot with our testing coordinator, Mrs. Julee Gould, by email at jgould@madonna.edu or telephone at 734-432-5476. You must also create a username and password with ATI at www.atitesting.com. You do not register to take the test on the ATI website.

How much does the test cost and how do I pay?

The fee is \$40 and may be paid on-line at www.madonna.edu or in person at Student Accounts, Room 2005, Academic Building. The fee must be paid prior to taking the test. The payment receipt and a picture ID must be presented on arrival at the test site.

When will the test be given?

The ATI critical thinking test will be given in October and November 2011 and January 2012 for students applying for September 2012. Please check with Mrs. Gould regarding exact dates. These are usually on Fridays. Please plan to arrive 15 minutes before the test time.

Can I retake the test?

One retake is permitted. The higher score is considered for admission purposes. Students who previously took the TEAS twice are only permitted to take the ATI Critical Thinking Entrance Test once.

Where will the test be given and what do I need to bring?

The test is normally given in room 1107, main campus (Graduate School entrance). You will need: a pen or pencil, testing fee receipt, ATI username and password and a photo ID. No calculators, books or scrap paper are permitted. Scrap paper will be provided as necessary. Please do not bring children with you.