Virtual-ATI® Terms

Virtual-ATI® is an online NCLEX® review for graduates of nursing programs. It is a resource that provides individualized guidance and assignments in preparation for the NCLEX.

The ATI client account manager (CAM) activates graduates into the Virtual-ATI enrollment process. Upon activation, graduates receive an email with information about Virtual-ATI and directions to complete an initial survey. The morning after the graduate completes the survey (Monday through Friday, excluding major holiday breaks), automatic enrollment into a Virtual-ATI classroom will occur and begin the 12-week access. Enrollment into Virtual-ATI occurs within 30 days of final course. Graduates receive an email notifying them when their 12-week access has begun. If a graduate begins Virtual-ATI but needs to be inactivated for extenuating circumstances and reactivated at a later date, Virtual-ATI must be notified at vatiadmin@atitesting.com within 10 days of enrollment to avoid a reactivation fee.

An ATI Educator will be assigned to work with graduates, providing online assessments and individualized guidance and assignments to help prepare for the NCLEX. Remote proctoring is utilized for all ATI Capstone and Virtual- ATI assessments including video, audio, and screen monitoring to maintain integrity during the testing session and to ensure uncompromised outcomes. ATI Capstone and Virtual-ATI products are supplemental online practice resources for schools to use in providing support resources for their students. These products should not be used in a high-stakes manner, as a standalone course, or as a significant portion of a course outcome. NCLEX Services products are not accredited programs and should not be the sole component of a curriculum or course. The Virtual-ATI Green Light should not be tied to, or the determining factor for, any type of school requirement (graduation, course completion, BON paperwork submission) and is only a recommendation of when a graduate appears to be ready to test for the NCLEX.

The Virtual-ATI Green Light recommendation is based on a variety of factors. When anomalies* are noted with an individual's Virtual-ATI assessments results, the Green Light may be difficult to determine for that graduate. In cases where a Virtual-ATI Green Light cannot be determined, a 100% Completion Stage can still be earned and will be the highest level that graduate can achieve. In these cases, a 100% Completion Stage indicates that the graduate has taken all of the Virtual-ATI assessments and completed suggested individualized assignments but has not met the Green Light criteria.

If a graduate receives the Virtual-ATI Green Light, tests for NCLEX within 3 weeks, and fails the NCLEX, an additional 12-week access is available from ATI at no additional fee, provided that ATI is notified of the failed attempt by the nursing program within 3 weeks of the graduate receiving the score.

Virtual-ATI resources are available for up to 12 weeks or until the graduate passes the NCLEX. Access to the Virtual-ATI Educator and NCLEX review expires after 12 weeks. At the end of the 12-week access, a post-review study guide is available for download and provides the graduate with approximately 40 hours of NCLEX review resources to be used independently until the NCLEX date. If a graduate is interested in accessing Virtual-ATI for an additional 12-week period, their account can be reactivated for a discounted rate.

Anomalies may include, but are not limited to: numerous assessment retakes, multiple exits and re-entries into the same assessment attempt, group/cohort assessment taking, taking ATI assessments not directed by the educator, irregular or unexpectedly high total scores based on known characteristics of assessment samples (e.g., standard deviation), assessment times significantly above or below normal standard deviation times, significant inconsistencies with content scores, use of AI generated assignment answers, and copied answers from third party internet resources.