Virtual-ATI® Terms

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

The ATI client account manager (CAM) activates students into the Virtual-ATI enrollment process. Upon activation, students receive an email with information about Virtual-ATI and directions to complete an initial survey. The morning after the student 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 prior to graduation. Students receive an email notifying them when their 12-week access has begun. If a student 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.

A Virtual-ATI Coach will be assigned to work with students, providing online practice assessments, individualized remediation, and resources to help prepare for the NCLEX. A Green Light may be awarded once a graduate has demonstrated readiness to test for the NCLEX. The Virtual-ATI Green Light should not be tied to—or the determining factor for—any type of school requirement (graduation, course completion, board of nursing 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 might not be able to be determined 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 remediation, 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 student passes the NCLEX. Access to the Virtual-ATI Coach and NCLEX review expires after 12 weeks. At the end of the 12-week access, a post-review study guide is available for download from the Virtual-ATI website 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 include numerous assessment retakes, assessment times significantly above or below normal standard deviation times, group/cohort assessment-taking, taking Virtual-ATI assessments not directed by the coach, patterns of more than four subscale scores significantly above or below normal standard deviation, and significant inconsistencies with content scores and length of time between assessments completed.