The Texas Success Initiative (TSI) Assessment is a state-legislated program that requires students to be assessed in the areas of reading, writing, and math PRIOR to enrolling at a Texas public institution. The results of the TSI assessment are used to determine your placement in certain courses and overall readiness to enroll in collegiate-level coursework.

ON-CAMPUS TESTING
The Office of Academic Testing offers on-campus testing. Prior to registering and paying for the exam, you should complete the state-required online Pre-Assessment Activity (PAA). Information on the PAA is available online at casa.tamucc.edu – click “Texas Success Initiative” (located on the left side of the webpage).

REGISTRATION & PAYMENT
STEP 1: Complete your PAA.
STEP 2: Make payment online at testing.tamucc.edu - click “TSI Assessment” (located on the left side of the webpage), then click “Pay for your exam” (located at the bottom of the webpage).
   The cost of the TSI exam is $35; each section is $15. After you have made payment, you will receive an order number.
STEP 3: Call the Office of Academic Testing and schedule your appointment. Please be sure to provide them with your order number. The test is offered Monday thru Friday BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. Students that require alternative arrangements should notify the office with the nature of the accommodation. A student can retest immediately, subject to availability.
STEP 4: Review test content and sample questions prior to your scheduled exam at testing.tamucc.edu - click “TSI Assessment” (located on the left side of the webpage), then click “Test Content & Samples”.

ON YOUR TEST DAY
On the day of the test, you should arrive 15 minutes early to the Student Services Center (The Round Building), Office of Academic Testing, room 210. You must bring one form of current identification with a photograph. IMPORTANT- The following items are prohibited in the testing room: calculators, any communication device, backpacks, beverages, books, briefcases, calculator watches, cameras, cellular phones, dictionaries, electronic pagers, food, highlighters, notebooks, notes, packages, paper, slide rules, spell checkers, or study aids.

HOW MUCH TIME DO I HAVE?
The TSI Assessment is untimed. However, please allow 4 hours to complete all three sections of the exam. The TSI Assessment uses computer-adaptive testing technology to select specific test questions that are best suited for each particular test taker. Questions will increase or decrease in difficulty level depending on how the student responds.

WHEN DO I GET MY SCORES?
A score report will be generated immediately upon your completion of the exam.
OFF-SITE TESTING
If students are not able to take the TSI Assessment on our campus, the Office of Academic Testing offers other testing options:

REMOTE TESTING CENTERS IN TEXAS ONLY
If you are not in the Corpus Christi area, but in Texas, you may request a voucher from the Office of Academic Testing to take the test at another location. The cost of the voucher is $10. To make a payment online, go to testing.tamucc.edu - click “TSI Assessment” (located on the left side of the webpage), then click “Pay for your exam” (located at the bottom of the webpage). Once the Office of Academic Testing has created your voucher, you will receive an email on behalf of ACCUPLACER, the testing platform for the TSI Assessment. It will indicate the other testing institution’s test fees and how to make an appointment to take the exam at their location. (Note: you may have to pay an additional proctoring fee at the institution where you take the assessment).

HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE, OR UNIVERSITY TESTING CENTER
If you have a high school that is willing to proctor the exam for you, please have your proctor complete the TSI Assessment Proctor Agreement Form, and return it to the Office of Academic Testing. The form is available online at testing.tamucc.edu - click “TSI Assessment” (located on the left side of the webpage), then click “TSI Assessment Proctor Agreement Form” (located at the bottom of the webpage).

VIRTUAL TESTING
If the Office of Academic Testing is not able to locate a remote testing center nearby, students have the option to take the TSI Assessment via College Board’s approved virtual vendor, B-Virtual. This will allow you to take the exam at a location you choose.

WHAT YOU NEED
In order to take a virtual exam, you must have the following:
1. A well-working computer with 1 GB of RAM or higher.
3. Any webcam with 640x480 video pixel resolution (a laptop camera is acceptable).
4. Working speakers connected to the computer.
5. A microphone connected to the computer (consider a webcam with a built-in microphone).
6. Flash player version 7 or higher.

REGISTRATION & PAYMENT
STEP 1: Prior to registering and paying for the exam, you should complete the state-required online Pre-Assessment Activity (PAA). Information on the PAA is available online at casa.tamucc.edu – click “Texas Success Initiative” (located on the left side of the webpage).

STEP 2: In order to take the virtual exam, you will need a VOUCHER. The cost of the voucher is $10. To make a payment online, go to testing.tamucc.edu - click “TSI Assessment” (located on the left side of the webpage), then click “Pay for your exam” (located at the bottom of the webpage). After you have made the payment, you will receive an email from B-Virtual further instructing you on how to set-up an appointment to take your virtual exam. B-Virtual will charge you a $25 testing fee.

QUESTIONS
Please contact the Office of Academic Testing at 361.825.2334, or visit with us in the Student Services Center (The Round Building), room 210.

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