



# TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY CORPUS CHRISTI

## Texas Success Initiative (TSI) Assessment

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. 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](http://casa.tamucc.edu) – click “[Texas Success Initiative](#)” (located on the left side of the webpage).

### **ON-CAMPUS TESTING**

The Office of Academic Testing offers on-campus testing.

### **REGISTRATION & PAYMENT FOR ON-CAMPUS TESTING**

**STEP 1:** Complete your **PAA** (see above).

**STEP 2:** Make **payment** online at [testing.tamucc.edu](http://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; a 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](http://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 three other testing options: remote testing at centers in Texas and out-of-state, virtual testing, and remote proctoring. Our cost for these off-site services is \$10. (**Note: you may have to pay an additional proctoring fee at the institution where you take the assessment**).

## **REMOTE TESTING AT CENTERS IN TEXAS AND OUT-OF-STATE**

You may request a voucher from the Office of Academic Testing to take the test at another college or university that participates in the TSI Assessment (ACCUPLACER) voucher system.

## **VIRTUAL TESTING**

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 home or at another location you choose as an appropriate testing site.

### **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.
2. A wired high-speed internet connection (3 Mbps). A wireless internet connection is not recommended.
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.
7. Browser compatibility: IE, Firefox, Chrome, Safari.

## **REMOTE PROCTORING AT A HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE, OR UNIVERSITY TESTING CENTER**

If you have a high school testing center, or a college/university testing center that does not practice in the voucher system and 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](http://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).

## **REGISTRATION & PAYMENT FOR OFF-SITE TESTING**

**STEP 1:** Complete your **PAA** (see reverse side for information).

**STEP 2:** To make a **payment** online, go to [testing.tamucc.edu](http://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). If you sign-up for a voucher or virtual exam, you will receive an email from ACCUPLACER, the testing platform for the TSI Assessment, detailing how to make an appointment with your assigned testing center and any proctoring costs. If you sign-up for a remote proctored exam, we will send you an acknowledgement email when we have assigned the necessary credentials to your proctor to administer the exam to you.

## **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.