

# TSI Assessment

## Exam Schedule UTPA Testing Services



The Texas Success Initiative (TSI) was instituted by the Texas Legislature and is a program of diagnostic testing and developmental instruction designed to improve student success rates in Texas colleges. When entering college students are required to meet established minimum standards on assessment tests in: *math*, *reading*, and *writing*. Those students who do not meet these standards are required to enroll in developmental courses to improve their academic skills and prepare them for college-level courses.

The TSI Placement and Diagnostic tests are computer adaptive assessments, and the specific questions that appear on any given test administration varies based on each individual student's performance on each item. Questions increase or decrease in difficulty level depending on how a student responds.

The assessments are *untimed*; however, it is important for students to allow enough time to complete each test because the results are a key factor in determining the course or courses in which they can enroll. As students complete

REPLACING EXAMS  
LIKE: ACCUPLACER  
& THEA - USED  
TO DETERMINE  
COLLEGE  
READINESS

<b>Location: Community Engagement &amp; Student Success</b> <i>1407 E. Freddy Gonzalez Drive Edinburg, TX 78539</i>	
<b>* DAYS (limited)</b>	
<b>TIMES</b>	
Mondays, Wednesday & Fridays	12:30 PM
Tuesdays & Thursdays	8:00 AM
<b>Location: Academic Services &amp; Computer Labs Bldg.</b> <i>1201 W. University Drive Edinburg, TX 78539</i>	
<b>DATES</b>	
<b>TIMES</b>	
Limited Mondays	8:00 AM & 12:00 PM
Please visit <a href="http://www.utpa.edu/step">www.utpa.edu/step</a> a list of available test dates/times.	

- EXAM FEE:** \$45
- ONLINE REGISTRATION:** To secure a seat, registrations must be done in advanced. Please visit [www.utpa.edu/step](http://www.utpa.edu/step) and click on **\*REGISTER HERE\*** to view a listing of available exam dates/times. You will need a valid email address to setup an account and register for exams (see reverse side for online registration steps). Acceptable forms of payments are: VISA, MasterCard, Discover or electronic check.
- REPORTING TIME:** Report to the exam site at least 10 minutes before your testing time. Late examinees will not be allowed to test after scheduled testing time begins and exam fees will not be refunded.
- IDENTIFICATION:** Bring a valid (non expired) PHOTO ID, preferably a driver's license, recent school ID, or passport. Examinees will not be admitted without a proper PHOTO ID—expired ID's are not accepted.
- REFUND POLICY:** All exam fees are non-refundable and cannot be transferred.
- CALCULATORS:** Students will not be given or allowed to use any type of calculator when taking a TSI assessment. A pop-up calculator is embedded in the test for some questions.
- RETEST POLICY:** A student may retake the TSI Assessment at any time. However, before attempting to retest, it is strongly recommended that students review preparation materials.

☞ See reverse side for preparation information.  
📍 Visit [www.utpa.edu/maps](http://www.utpa.edu/maps) for a detailed campus map.



### **Follow these simple steps to register for an exam:**

1. To register for an exam go to [www.utpa.edu/step](http://www.utpa.edu/step)
2. Click on “register here” on the right hand side of the screen
3. Find the exam you are looking to register for and click on it
4. Click “add to cart”
5. Click “register now”
6. You will then need to create a profile for yourself and all fields marked with an \* are required fields
7. Once completed click on “Create Profile”
8. Then log in to the email that was used when creating your profile
9. There will be an email from [noreply-reg@utpa.edu](mailto:noreply-reg@utpa.edu)
10. Click on the link that was sent in the email and you will be redirected to the login page for testing services
11. Enter your email and password
12. The exam you clicked on should appear, if not click on “my cart”
13. If you will be registering for more than one exam click register for additional courses
14. If not click on “Review Purchase and Checkout”
15. Select payment type VISA, CHECK, MASTERCARD, or DISCOVER
16. Fill out the fields using the information from the debit card or check
17. Then click on “pay now”

### **Find helpful links below to start your coursework at the right level!**



◆ **Student Informative Brochure:**

<http://media.collegeboard.com/digitalServices/pdf/accuplacer/accuplacer-texas-success-initiative-assessment-student-brochure.pdf>

◆ **TSI Sample Questions:**

<http://media.collegeboard.com/digitalServices/pdf/accuplacer/accuplacer-texas-success-initiative-assessment-sample-questions.pdf>

◆ **TSI Test Content:**

[http://media.collegeboard.com/digitalServices/pdf/accuplacer/TSI\\_Test-Content.pdf](http://media.collegeboard.com/digitalServices/pdf/accuplacer/TSI_Test-Content.pdf)

◆ **TSI Writeplacer Sample Essays:**

<http://media.collegeboard.com/digitalServices/pdf/accuplacer/accuplacer-tsi-writeplacer-sample-essays.pdf>

◆ **TSI Interpreting Your Score:**

<http://media.collegeboard.com/digitalServices/pdf/accuplacer/accuplacer-texas-success-initiative-assessment-interpreting-score.pdf>