



# 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](#)”.

### 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 Assessment is \$30; one 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).

### 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 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 network testing, virtual testing with an approved College Board vendor, or virtual testing with A&M-Corpus Christ employees. Our cost for the first two off-site services is \$10. **(Note: you may have to pay an additional proctoring fee at the institution where you take the assessment).** Our cost is \$15 a section for the third option.

## **REMOTE NETWORK 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 (or ACCUPLACER) voucher system.

## **VIRTUAL TESTING WITH A COLLEGE BOARD VENDOR**

Students have the option to take the TSI Assessment with an approved College Board vendor. This will allow you to take the exam at home or at another location you choose as an appropriate testing site.

### **WHAT YOU NEED**

To take a virtual exam, you must have the following:

- A desktop computer or laptop (Chromebooks, tablets, and smartphones are not allowed)
- Webcam and microphone (built-in or external)
- System computer requirements can be verified at [tsia2accuplacer.org](https://tsia2accuplacer.org).

## **VIRTUAL TESTING WITH TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI**

Students have the option to take the TSI Assessment with staff from the Office of Academic Testing via a video conferencing system. This will allow you to take the exam at home or at another location you choose as an appropriate testing site. You must meet the requirements listed above.

## **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](https://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 remote network voucher or virtual voucher, 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.

## **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.