

Testing

Texas Success Initiative (formerly TASP)

TASP has been replaced with the Texas Success Initiative (TSI). **Delay in taking one of the four TSI -approved tests can prevent you from registering for classes and may delay your graduation.** The four options are ASSET, ACCUPLACER, COMPASS, and THEA (formerly known as TASP).

Texas law requires that you **take one of the TSI-approved tests before you enroll, unless you are exempt. Exemptions include:**

- Students who served or are serving in the military.
- Students who have satisfactorily completed college-level coursework at a private or out-of-state institution.
- Students who meet qualifying standards on the SAT, ACT, or TAAS.
- Students who have graduated with an associate or baccalaureate degree.

Students who have not yet passed all sections of the TSI-approved test must enroll in developmental courses in the areas they have not passed. Some departments also require enrollment in a tutorial. All developmental courses in English, reading and mathematics are charged tuition, and are credit-bearing courses for purposes of full- and part-time status, financial aid, and health insurance requirements.

Taking and passing the TSI-approved test as soon as possible will save you time and money. Academic advisors in the Academic Advising Center will assist you in meeting these requirements.

Testing options at UHD

UHD offers you two testing options:

- **Accuplacer/Writeplacer (WP)**, a computer-based test. We recommend it to students who have never attended college.
- **THEA Quick Test** may be taken by anyone who wants to pursue a degree in education.

Placement Testing

All students new to UHD are assessed in basic writing, reading and mathematical competence, either through placement testing or through evaluation of transfer credit.

If you have not earned credit for:	Before registering for classes, you must take:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • college-level English composition 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an English placement test
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an appropriate college-level course with intensive reading 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a reading placement test
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • college-level algebra 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a mathematics placement test unless you choose to enroll in MATH 0300, the lowest-level developmental math course

Writing Proficiency Exam (WPE)

If you have completed 60 or more college-level credit hours, are seeking a degree from UHD and have not passed the Writing Proficiency Examination (WPE), you must register for the examination when you register for classes. WPE dates are listed in the University Calendar. You will not be charged any tuition or fees to register for this examination. Information on the criteria used to evaluate essays may be found in the UHD catalog.

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Friday, September 17	Saturday, September 18
8:00 am – Downtown (One Main)	7:30 am – Downtown (One Main)
11:00 am – Downtown (One Main)	7:30 am – UHS-Sugarland
2:00 pm – Downtown (One Main)	7:30 am – University Center
5:00 pm – Downtown (One Main)	10:30 am – Downtown (One Main)