

Emergency Tuition Loans

Emergency tuition loans are available during **Fall and Spring semesters only** to students who are unable to make their first installment payment either because financial aid funds are not yet available or because of temporary financial hardship.

In order to apply you must:

- be registered for **all** classes you intend to take
- have **two** picture IDs (preferably a driver's license and a student ID)
- be classified as a Texas resident for tuitions purposes
- not have any holds on your account

Available
online

Terms for Emergency Tuition Loans

Emergency Tuition Loans:

- Cover first installment payment only (**You must make all following installment payments. See page 14 for other important information about installment payments.**)
- Carry a \$24 installment charge and an interest charge of 5%
- Are due 90 days from the date the money is borrowed. Repayment must be made in the Cashier's Office on or before the due date

Emergency loans are available online through e-services during the period specified in the Academic Calendar found at the front of this publication or online at www.uhd.edu.

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. Your performance on the placement test will determine if you will be placed in developmental courses.

| If you have not earned credit for: | Before registering for classes, you must take: |
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| • college-level English composition | • an English placement test |
| • an appropriate college-level course with intensive reading | • a reading placement test |
| • college-level algebra | • a mathematics placement test unless |