

TESTING

Texas Success Initiative

*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 for one or more sections 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 TAKS.
- Students who have graduated with an associate or baccalaureate degree.

Students who have not yet passed all sections of the TSI-approved test may need to 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 not college credit-bearing but do meet requirements for full- and part-time status, financial aid, and health insurance.

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:

• the prerequisite for Eng Comp	• an English placement test
• the prerequisite for Reading based courses	• a reading placement test
• the prerequisite for College Algebra	• 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 to take the exam. (Look for **UHD 9000** in the Class Schedule). For WPE dates and registration information, and exam results visit Testing Services web site www.uhd.edu/admissions/testing.htm. You will not be charged any tuition or fees to register for this examination. Students must bring in their student IDs when they wish to register. Information on the criteria used to evaluate essays may be found in the UHD catalog.