

TSI Assessment

The "Texas Success Initiative" is intended to assess when a student is ready to perform freshman-level academic coursework. To help determine such college readiness, full and part time students enrolling in associate degree programs will be required to test for reading, writing, and math skills, unless exempted.

Before a student can take the new TSI Assessment, they must participate in a Pre-Assessment Activity. WTC is required by the state of Texas to provide the Pre-Assessment Activity as well as document the participation, so it is very important that this activity is completed before the test is taken. Also, a student will not be allowed to take the new TSI Assessment until they have completed this activity. Students may visit the WTC Counseling Website to complete the Pre-Assessment Activity.

Students, unless otherwise exempt (see list below), are required to take the Texas Success Initiative (TSI) test. Students who fail to achieve a passing score on any section of an initial assessment will be advised and provided an individual plan designed to help them achieve college readiness. Students found deficient in one or more of the three areas will be required to enroll in a program of developmental coursework.

The test fee is \$30 and test dates for upcoming TSI tests are available through the WTC Counseling Office.

Basic Skills Testing Exemptions

The following students are exempt from Basic Skills Testing:

1. For a period of five (5) years from the date of testing, a student who is tested and performs at or above the following standards:
 - a. ACT: composite score of 23 with a minimum of 19 on the English test and/or the mathematics test shall be exempt for those corresponding sections;
 - b. Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT): a combined verbal and mathematics score of 1070 with a minimum of 500 on the verbal test and/or the mathematics test shall be exempt for those corresponding sections; or
2. For a period of five (5) years from the date of testing, a student who is tested and performs on the Eleventh grade exit-level Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) with a minimum scale score of 2200 on the math section and/or a minimum scale score of 2200 on the English Language Arts section with a writing subsection score of at least 3, shall be exempt from the assessment required under this title for those corresponding sections.
3. For a period of five (5) years from the date of testing, STAAR end-of-course (EOC) with a minimum score of Level 2 on the English III shall be exempt from the TSI Assessment required under this title for both reading and writing, and a minimum score of Level 2 on the Algebra II EOC shall be exempt from the TSI Assessment required under this title for the mathematics section.

4. A student who has graduated with an associate or baccalaureate degree from an institution of higher education.
5. A student who transfers to an institution from a private or independent institution of higher education or an accredited out-of-state institution of higher education and who has satisfactorily completed college-level coursework as determined by the receiving institution.
6. A student who has previously attended any institution and has been determined to have met readiness standards by that institution.
7. A student who is enrolled in a certificate program of one year or less (Level-One certificates, 42 or fewer semester credit hours or the equivalent) at a public junior college, a public technical institute, or a public state college.
8. A student who is serving on active duty as a member of the armed forces of the United States, the Texas National Guard, or as a member of a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States and has been serving for at least three years preceding enrollment.
9. A student who on or after August 1, 1990, was honorably discharged, retired, or released from active duty as a member of the armed forces of the United States or the Texas National Guard or service as a member of a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States.
10. An institution may exempt a non-degree-seeking or non-certificate-seeking student