

Testing Requirements

Texas Success Initiative

The Texas Success Initiative (TSI) replaced the Texas Academic Skills Program (TASP) in September 2003. TSI is a state-mandated program designed to improve students' success rates in college. TSI includes testing, advising, and if necessary, developmental coursework.

These elements of the plan help ensure that all students who register for college-level courses at public colleges and universities are **College Ready**—that is, they have the necessary skills to succeed.

Who is exempt from the TSI requirements and how do I know if I am College Ready?

1. Students who have taken THEA/TASP test, or any state approved alternative test, have satisfied the TSI testing requirement. That is, they don't need to take a TSI test.
2. Students who were classified as TASP-Passed in any or all of the three areas of the TASP test are considered College Ready in that area with regard to TSI. In other words, students who were TASP-Passed in reading, writing, or math are College Ready in those areas and students who were TASP-Deficient in one or more areas are TSI-Deficient in the same areas.
3. Students who were granted TASP-Exempt status because of scores earned on exams such as SAT, ACT, TAAS, or prior college courses, are considered College Ready.
4. Students who have earned an associate or baccalaureate degree from a public college or university in the state of Texas are considered College Ready.
5. Students who have been classified College Ready by another Texas college or university will retain that status when they transfer to Lee College.
6. Students who satisfy the TSI military standard are exempt from TSI standards. (Students who are members of the military or have had recent military experience should see a Counselor.)
7. Students who wish to enroll in courses for personal enrichment at Lee College may be exempt from initial testing. (Personal Enrichment enrollment may be limited, and students who enroll for Personal Enrichment are not eligible for state or federal financial aid.)
8. Students with high scores on the SAT, ACT, or TAKS test are TSI-Exempt. To achieve this status, the scores must meet or exceed the following scores:

a.	SAT	
	Combined	1070
	Verbal	500
	Math	500
b.	ACT	
	Composite	23
	English	19
	Math	19
c.	TAKS	
	Math	2200
	English/Language	2200
	Writing Sub-score	3

(Exemption scores are established by the state and are subject to change. Scores are effective for three years from the date a student takes TAKS and are effective for five years from the date the SAT or ACT is taken.)

9. Students who have completed college-level courses at a private or out-of-state college or university may be exempt. (Students who transfer credits from other colleges or universities should check with the Records Office.)

10. Students pursuing most Lee College Certificates of Completion are waived from TSI requirements. (Students who are in doubt about their certificate programs should check with a Counselor or Advisor.)

Are any deadlines associated with TSI requirements?

1. TSI-responsible students must take initial testing before they begin their first college-level courses.
2. At Lee College, TSI-responsible students must meet the TSI college readiness standards in reading and writing to receive an associate degree or level-two certificate of completion. TSI-responsible students must also meet the TSI college readiness standard in math to receive an Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, and some Associate of Applied Science degrees.

What if a student does not pass TSI initial testing?

Failure to pass a section of TSI testing does not prevent students from enrolling in most college-level courses, provided that the student meets the pre-requisites for the courses that the student wishes to take.

A FEW MORE THINGS TO KNOW AND REMEMBER

What does testing cost?

THEA (whether one section or more) costs \$29 to \$59, depending on regular or late registration.

Accuplacer		
	All sections	\$29
Re-testing		
	Reading	\$5
	Math	\$10
	Sentence Skills	\$5
	Essay	\$10

Where are tests given?

In the Counseling Center. Call (281)425-6384 or (800)621-8724 to make an appointment

When are tests given?

THEA is given about 1-4 times each month.
Accuplacer is given almost every day the Counseling Center is open.
During registration periods, the number of testing sessions increases.

Students must bring a picture ID (for example, driver's license) when coming to test.

Total time to complete the Accuplacer (all three sections) is approximately 3 to 5 hours.

Remember:

The secret to hassle-free testing is setting up an appointment to reserve a test time!! Walk-ins may test only if there are testing stations not occupied by someone who scheduled ahead to reserve a test time.