

TSIA2 (Texas Success Initiative) Pre-Assessment

The purpose of this pre-assessment activity is to prepare you for completion of the TSIA2, which will determine appropriate course placement with regard to the Texas Success Initiative standards for Math, Reading and Writing.



What is the TSI (Texas Success Initiative) Assessment Version 2 (TSIA2)

The TSIA2 is part of the Texas Success Initiative program designed to determine if you are ready for college-level course work in the general areas of reading, writing and mathematics. This program will also determine what type of course or intervention you may need to be successful in your college career.

Your score determines your eligibility for college level coursework, and failure to put forth your best effort and do well on this test could add additional classes and time to complete your degree.



Exemptions and Waivers for the TSI Assessment

Texas Administrative Code Title 19, Part 1, Chapter 4, Subchapter C, Rule §4.54

*Unless otherwise stated, all scores expire five years from the date of testing.

- **ACT**
 - **SAT**
 - ***TAAS (Expire three years from date of testing)**
 - **TAKS**
 - **STARR End-Of-Course (EOC) Scores**
 - **Prior Degrees**
 - **Transfer**
 - **Military**
 - **Certificate**
 - **Dual Credit Only Waiver with STARR End-of-course Scores**
 - **Accuplacer (Prior to 8/26/2013 if previously enrolled)**
- TSI Version 1**



What is the test like?

The TSIA2 is broken into two components;

- The placement portion, measuring the Texas College and Career Readiness Standards (CCRS) for math, reading and writing
- The Diagnostics portion, given as part two of a TSIA2 module, which is designed to help identify areas of deficiency which may need interventions and/or more study time before retaking the TSIA2
- The test is adaptive (adjusts to your skill level) and consists of multiple-choice questions with a written essay which is typed on the computer



Other Useful Information

The TSIA2 is not timed but, for scheduling purposes, plan for four hours

A computer based calculator is provided on the math questions which allow a calculator. You will not be allowed the use of a personal calculator

Since your scores will determine your eligibility to take college level coursework, it is important to schedule enough time to **carefully complete the test.**

The cost of the exam is \$39.

Upon completion of the Assessment, you will be given a copy of your scores to turn into Advising or to your high school counselor.



COLLEGE LEVEL SCORES FOR THE TSIA2

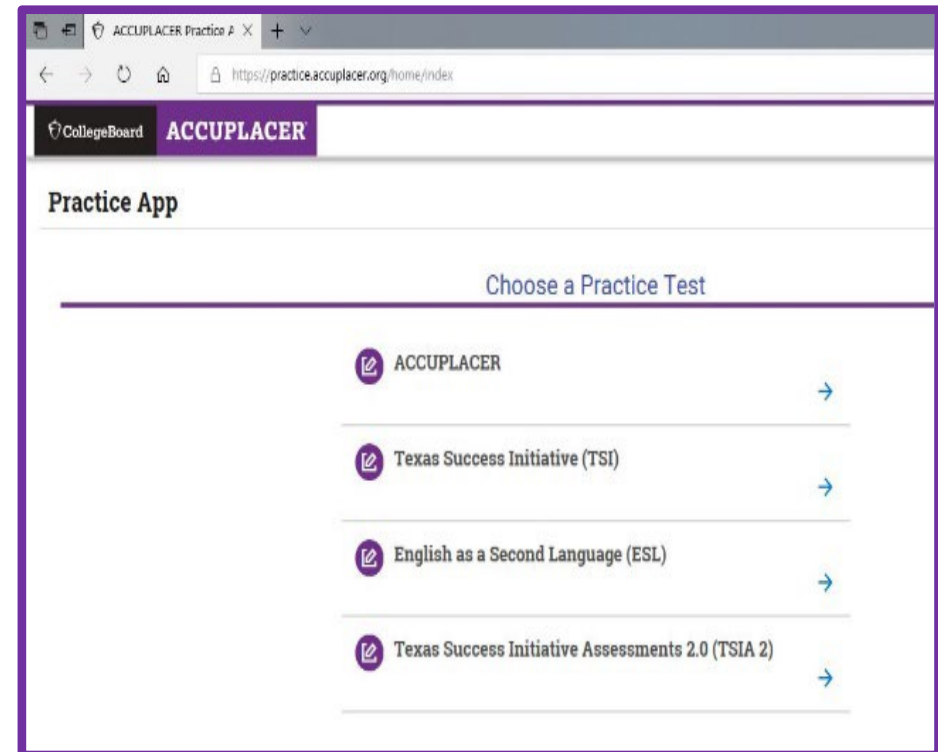
- **ELAR (English Language Arts and Reading):** College Readiness Classification Test (CRC) of a 945-990 and an Essay score of a 5-8 OR a CRC score of a 910-944 and a Diagnostic Test score of a Level 5-6 AND an Essay score of a 5-8
- **Math:** College Readiness Classification Test (CRC) score of a 950-990 OR a CRC score of a 910-949 AND a Diagnostic Level of 6



Preparing for the TSI Assessment

To help prepare for your TSIA2:

- Complete the practice questions in the next section of this pre- assessment; and
- FREE Web-Based practice tests at:
<https://practice.accuplacer.org/login>



What you will bring to the Testing Center:

Photo ID

Receipt for payment

Have knowledge of your Social Security Number or your Hill College Student ID Number

Among the items you can't take into the testing room with you are your cell phone or any other electronic devices. If you bring personal items with you, you will be given a locker key to store your items while you test.

To find a complete set of Testing Center Rules go to

<http://www.hillcollege.edu/students/Testing/index.html>



If you do not achieve the desired score your options include:

- Retaking the TSIA2 or
- Successfully completing developmental coursework

Contact Hill College's Academic Advising and Success Center for further resources

www.hillcollege.edu/students/Advising/index.html

Hillsboro Campus – 254-659-7650

Cleburne Campus – 817-760-5650

Burleson Campus - 817-295-7392

Contact Hill College's Continuing Education Department

www.hillcollege.edu/cwe

Hillsboro Campus – 254-659-7824

Cleburne Campus – 817-760-5820

Burleson Campus – 817-295-7392



Your Next Step....

- If you haven't already done so, complete the ApplyTexas application at ApplyTexas.org
- Contact the testing center (either on the Hillsboro or Johnson County campus) for an appointment to take your TSIA2 (you cannot test without an appointment)
- Hillsboro: 254-659-7817
- Cleburne: 817-760-5814
- Complete and submit the electronic certificate of completion
- Pay the required test fee (\$39.00) to the Business Office
- Payment must be made at the location where testing will occur, is nontransferable and nonrefundable
- Arrive early for your testing appointment
- Take your test scores to the Academic Advising and Success Center

