

# TEMPLE COLLEGE TSI PLAN

September 2014

Students attending Texas public institutions of higher education must be in compliance with the Texas Success Initiative (TSI), as of fall 2003 (Texas Education Code §51.3062), in order to enroll in public institutions of higher education. During the 82<sup>nd</sup> legislative session, changes were made that require all Texas public institutions of higher education to assess college students under the Texas Success Initiative (TEC §51.3062) using the new Texas Success Initiative (TSI) Assessment beginning the first day of classes in fall 2013.

The law requires all entering college students be assessed for college readiness in reading, mathematics, and writing prior to enrollment unless the student qualifies for an exemption as outlined in the Texas Administrative Code Title 19, Part I, Chapter 4, Subchapter C. Each student who fails to meet the minimum passing standard of the exam offered by the institution must be placed in an appropriate developmental education program and/or Adult Basic Education program designed to help the student achieve college readiness.

Contact the Director, Testing at (254) 298-8585 for any questions regarding the Temple College TSI plan.

## COLLEGE PREPARATION

Students who do not meet the standard established by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) for a tested skill area on an assessment test must participate continuously in the TSI program upon enrollment at Temple College. "Continuously" means that until the institution certifies that a student has successfully completed the program, the student must participate in the program. Students admitted based on exceptional circumstances must test during their first semester enrolled.

Students who do not meet the minimum standards set for the test must, their next semester, enroll in and remain continuously enrolled in a college-prep course until the program is completed. The program is completed for a section when a student either successfully completes the last course in the TSI sequence or meets the minimum standard set for the assessment test.

## TESTING

Beginning with the first class day of the fall 2013 semester, the TSI Assessment is the only state-approved placement test accepted to meet TSI standards. Temple College will accept TSI Assessment scores from other Texas public colleges and universities listed on official college transcripts or official TSI Assessment score reports. The official transcript or score report must be in a sealed envelope from the institution where the test was administered.

### Pre-Assessment Activity

Students must complete an approved Pre-Assessment Activity (PAA) before they are eligible to take the TSI assessment at Temple College. The College's PAA is available online through the Testing Center website. Upon completion of the PAA, students must print the Certificate of Completion and present the Certificate to the Testing Center on the day of testing.

Main Campus (Temple) and EWCHEC-Hutto Campus Testing Centers offer the TSI Assessment. There is no pre- registration or appointment needed for the TSI Assessment as

most testing is completed on a walk-in, first-come, first-served basis. Testing dates are available online through the Testing Center website or by calling the Main Campus Testing Center at (254) 298-8586 or the EWCHEC-Hutto Campus Testing Center at (512) 759-5925. Testing fees should be paid on the day of the test. A valid picture ID is required to take any test at the Testing Center.

Prospective Temple College students, including students interested in Dual Credit, are encouraged to complete an Application for Admission prior to the test date to ensure proper matching of scores.

Students requesting special accommodations should contact the Coordinator, Student Accommodations at (254) 298-8335 prior to taking the TSI Assessment.

## **STUDENTS WITH DOCUMENTED DISABILITIES**

Temple College abides by the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, which stipulates that no student shall be denied the benefits of an education. After a student registers with the Coordinator, Student Accommodations, college staff will take the steps required for reasonable accommodations to ensure that no individual with a disability is excluded, denied services, segregated, or otherwise treated differently.

- Students must provide notice of the disability by submitting appropriate documentation to the Temple College Coordinator, Student Accommodations.
- All documentation must be on file with the Coordinator, Student Accommodations prior to scheduling the assessment test with accommodations.

Some accommodations require a testing appointment. The Coordinator, Student Accommodations, and the Director, Testing will arrange for the appropriate accommodations. These arrangements may take two to three weeks to be completed.

- Once the student has tested and the scores do not meet the passing standards as set by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, a TSI plan will be written for the student on a case-by-case basis.
- Upon successful completion of each portion of the student's TSI plan, as determined by their instructors, the student will be given a letter of completion for that area of the plan.
- Students must pass a designated course for each required area in order to be considered TSI satisfied.

## **ADVISING**

Students who have not met the minimum passing standards of the assessment test will be required to see an academic advisor. Academic advisors will monitor students' progress through the TSI program. The advisors will assist students to select appropriate college-prep courses. Students will be required to enroll and remain enrolled in at least one college-prep course each semester. They must follow the plan until all requirements have been met.

The Director, Testing with assistance from the Admissions and Records office will monitor student schedules for compliance with the TSI plan. If students are not in compliance, they will be contacted and placed into correct courses prior to the official census date of the term.

### TSI Placement Tests and Minimum Scores beginning first class day Fall 2013

Assessment	Reading	Writing	Math
TSIA	351	Essay score of 5 or 363 with essay score of 4	350

### TSI Placement Tests and Minimum Scores prior to first class day Fall 2013

Assessment	Reading	Writing	Math
Compass	81	W-6 or W-5/SS-59	39
Accuplacer	78	W-6 or W-5/SS-80	63
THEA/TASP	230	220	230
THEA/TASP (before 9/1995)	220	220	220

Disclaimer: These score can only be used for placement if the student registered for a course at Temple College or another institution of higher education prior to fall 2013. If the student took the test, but did not take a course (must have made a letter grade or had an attendance record designated by a drop or withdrawal) the student must take the current assessment test for Texas.

### ASSESSMENT TEST STANDARDS

Mathematics		
Score Range	Algebraic Course Sequence	Non-Algebraic Course Sequence
310-335	MATH 0310	MATH 0310
336-343	MATH 0330 or	MATH 0435
344-349	MATH 0350	
350+	Algebraic Entry-Level Freshman and Non-Algebraic Entry-Level Freshman	Non-Algebraic Entry-Level Freshman

Reading Comprehension	
Score Range	Course
310-341	READ 0301/INRW 0301
342-350	READ 0302/INRW 0302
351+	Entry-Level Freshman

Writing	
Score Range	Course
310-349 multiple choice	ENGL 0301/INRW 0301
350-390 multiple choice	ENGL 0302/INRW 0302

<b>Essay 5 or <math>\geq</math> 363 multiple choice &amp; essay = 4</b>	Entry-Level Freshman
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## **TEMPLE COLLEGE TSI PROGRAM EVALUATION PLAN**

As outlined in the Temple College TSI Advisory Subcommittee policy, the TSI Advisory Subcommittee will evaluate the Temple College TSI plan yearly.