



QUICK TEST

The THEA® Quick Test allows students to work directly with their institution to schedule and take the test. In most cases, there is no need to travel to another institution and no waiting period between registration and the test date. In some instances, students can register for and take the THEA Quick Test on the same day.

Below are answers to some frequently asked questions.

GENERAL QUESTIONS

What is the THEA Quick Test?

The THEA Quick Test is offered by many colleges, universities, and high schools across Texas. The purpose of this test is to assess the reading, mathematics, and writing skills that entering freshman-level students should have if they are to perform effectively in undergraduate certificate or degree programs in Texas public colleges or universities.

Where is the THEA Quick Test offered?

The THEA Quick Test is offered by many colleges, universities, and high schools on a schedule determined by the institution. Visit the THEA program Web site at www.thea.nesinc.com and select the “Test Sites” link under the “Registering for Quick Test” tab to review a list of institutions by city. Based on the city you select, a list of institutions at which the test is offered will be displayed along with who can test at that institution, a typical testing schedule, additional testing costs, and their contact information. Contact the institution where you would like to take the test for information on how to register.

What is the test fee?

The test fee is \$29.00. Check with your institution to determine if any additional fees apply. Fees may be paid by personal check or money order made payable to Evaluation Systems, or by credit card (VISA or MasterCard only) or a debit or check card that carries the VISA or MasterCard logo and that can be used without the entry of a personal identification number (PIN). Bank cards without a VISA or MasterCard logo cannot be accepted.

What is covered on the test?

The THEA Test consists of three sections: Reading, Mathematics, and Writing. Each section of the THEA Test is designed to measure a student’s academic skill against an established standard of competence. A student’s scores are based on his or her performance in relation to the skills being tested. For a complete list of THEA Test skills, you may view or print the **THEA Test Preparation Quick Reference Guide** from www.thea.nesinc.com at no charge.

What should I bring on the day of the test?

You should bring your admission information, several sharpened No. 2 pencils with erasers (no pens), and two pieces of identification, one with a recent photograph. You may bring a four-function (+, −, ×, ÷) nonprogrammable calculator (with square root [$\sqrt{\quad}$] and percent [%] keys).

Has the THEA Quick Test been approved as an assessment instrument for the Texas Success Initiative?

The THEA Quick Test has been approved by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, under Senate Bill 286, Texas Education Code, Section 51.3062: Texas Success Initiative, for use by Texas institutions of higher education as an assessment instrument to evaluate incoming students.

SCORES AND SCORE REPORTING

When will I receive my score report?

An official score report for all sections will be mailed to you within one week after your answer document is received by Evaluation Systems.

What will my score report tell me?

Your score report shows your score on each section of the THEA Quick Test and indicates how you performed on the skills in each section. This will provide information for you to use in identifying your areas of strength and weakness. If you do not pass the Writing Section, the features of your writing that need improvement will be noted on your score report in the space below your Writing Section score.

When will my institution receive my score report?

Score reports will be sent to institutions through the electronic THEA Test Score Distribution System. *Unofficial* scores for the Reading and Mathematics sections will be posted 24 hours after receipt of your answer document. *Official* scores for all three sections of the test will be posted within one week after your answer document is received by Evaluation Systems. A report of your scores will be sent to each of the institutions you indicated on your THEA Quick Test registration form.

Will my institution be able to see how I performed in each skill area?

Yes. Score information sent to the institutions through the THEA Test Score Distribution System contains scaled scores and skill area performances for each section taken.

If I transfer to another institution, will my scores be available on the THEA Test Score Distribution System?

Yes. The THEA Test Score Distribution System allows institutions to search the THEA History Database for an examinee's scores. You will be required to sign the Authorization for Release of THEA Test Scores before an institution can use this service.

PREPARATION MATERIALS

What materials can I use to prepare for the test?

The following THEA Test preparation materials are available for purchase:


- **THEA Interactive Practice Test.** The online THEA Interactive Practice Test includes sample test questions and a sample writing prompt and provides immediate feedback on your performance. Feedback includes detailed explanations for each correct response to the multiple-choice questions, plus an analysis of your writing sample. You may purchase the THEA Interactive Practice Test for \$19.95 at www.thea.starttest.com.
- **THEA Online Study Guide.** This online study guide contains instructional content and sample test questions. You may purchase a study guide that focuses on one section of the THEA, or a guide to help you prepare for all three sections of the THEA. Single-section study guides for Reading, Mathematics, or Writing are available for \$8.00, or all three fields may be purchased together for \$20.00. Visit www.theastudyguide.com to purchase.
- **The Official THEA® Test Study Guide.** The study guide, available for purchase using the order form on the THEA Web site (www.thea.nesinc.com) or at college bookstores and other retailers, contains a detailed instructional chapter on each of the skills eligible for testing. Each chapter includes numerous examples and exercises. A full-length practice test is included, complete with an answer key and detailed answer explanations. Each section of the study guide (Reading, Mathematics, and Writing) has a list of resources and strategies for studying. To order the study guide for \$20.00, visit www.thea.nesinc.com and click on "Prepare."

You may view or print the following materials from the THEA Web site at www.thea.nesinc.com at no charge:

- **THEA Test Preparation Quick Reference Guide.** This guide describes the THEA Test; explains how to develop an effective study plan; and provides general test-taking strategies, sample test items, and a complete list of THEA test skills.
- **THEA® Practice Test.** This practice test is a valuable tool for you to use as one of your first steps in assessing your skills in reading, mathematics, and writing.

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have questions regarding the THEA Quick Test, including where the test is offered or how scores are reported, please contact:

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Austin, TX 78714-0347

 **Telephone:** (866) 565-4879
9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. central time, Monday–Friday, excluding holidays
 **Web site:** www.thea.nesinc.com

If you have questions regarding who must take the THEA Test, when the THEA Test must be taken, or who is exempt from testing, contact the testing office or the advising office at the college or university to which you have been admitted and/or that you plan to attend. If you are seeking admission to an educator preparation program, contact the program directly for information or admission requirements, including testing requirements.