



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 the same as the regularly scheduled THEA Test and 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 www.thea.nesinc.com and select the THEA Quick Test link. Select the “QT Sites” tab to review a list of institutions by city. Based on the city you selected, 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 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 AND OTHER THEA TEST FORMATS

What materials can I use to prepare for the test?

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 or as your last step in preparing for the THEA Test.

In addition, *The Official THEA® Test Study Guide* can be an important part of your preparation for the THEA Test. The study guide 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.


You may purchase *The Official THEA® Test Study Guide* by using the order form available on the THEA Web site. *The Official THEA® Test Study Guide* is also available for purchase from college bookstores or other retailers, or you may review it at a college library or instructional resources center.

How else can I take the THEA Test?

The THEA Test is offered at large-scale test administrations five times a year. For more information about the THEA Test, including registration information, a list of test sites, passing standards, testing requirements, and how to obtain your test results, refer to the current THEA Test Registration Bulletin available on the THEA Web site at www.thea.nesinc.com.

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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 **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.