



UTPA Concurrent Enrollment Program Information Page

Eligibility Requirements for New Applicants

- Be classified as a high school junior or senior on target towards graduating under the Recommended or Distinguished High School Graduation Program.
- Submit official verification of having met the criteria for one of the programs below:
 - At least one of the following criteria must be met:
 - Rank in the top 10% of your graduating class
 - Have a 90 GPA or higher (on 100-pt scale)
 - Have a minimum composite score on ACT of 22 OR SAT of 1030 (using only CR+M)
 - Under the Independent Student Program, applicants must have a minimum ACT composite of 22 or SAT combined Math and Verbal/Critical Reading score of 1030 in addition to either of the following:
 - Rank in the top 10% of your graduating class (rank and class size will be used to determine)
 - Have a 90 GPA or higher

Application Process Requirements

- The application is available via the internet at www.applytexas.org.
 - Apply as a US Entering Freshman
 - Request for your application to be submitted to UTPA
 - Indicate interest in participating by answering **YES** to question at end of application: "are you currently a high school student planning to take college courses at UTPA prior to high school graduation?"
- Submit a completed **CE Authorization form**.
 - The Apply Texas application must be submitted prior to submitting the CE Authorization Form.
 - CE Authorization Forms are available through the high school counselor
 - Must be read and signed by Parent, Counselor, and Principal/Assistant Principal
- Submit High School Transcript.
 - Transcript must include class ranking, and GPA (on a 100-point scale)
 - Must also include graduation date and type of graduation plan (recommended or distinguished)
- Submit any test scores to determine TSI status (THEA, ACCUPLACER, TAKS, ACT, SAT).
- Submit proof of Bacterial Meningitis Vaccination (must be current 10 days prior to 1st day of class)

TSI and Placement Requirements

The **Texas Success Initiative (TSI)** law requires all entering college students to be assessed for college readiness in reading, writing, and math, unless the student qualifies for an exemption.

- Students can be exempt from TSI based on scores from one of the following exams (must meet all three scores in one exam; no "mixing")
 - Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (11th or 10th grade only)
 - 2200 Math (UTPA Math Department does not use TAKS-Math; student will be restricted)
 - 2200 English/Language Arts with
 - a 3 on the Writing section
 - ACT or ACT Residual
 - Composite of 23 with 19 English and 19 Math or higher
 - SAT
 - Composite of 1070 (Critical Reading plus Math) with 500 Critical Reading and 500 Math
- If not exempt, the student must take a TSI exam and receive a passing score (below):
 - THEA/Q-THEA: Reading- 230 Math-230 Writing- 220 (TSI passing scores)
 - THEA/Q-THEA: R- 230 M- 260 W- 240 **(UTPA required)**
 - ACCUPLACER: Reading- 78 Math-63 (EA) Writing- 80/5 OR essay of 6+ (TSI passing)
 - ACCUPACER: R- 78 M- 70 (CLM) W- 80/5 OR essay of 6+ **(UTPA required)**
 - PLAN or PSAT: same as ACT/SAT; only accepted when there is no other exam available.
- Submit records of other college level course work completed by submitting score report or college transcript (AP credits, CLEP, Dual Enrollment courses) prior to Advisement & Registration.