



TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY CORPUS CHRISTI

COMPASS™ INFORMATION

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi offers an alternative test to the THEA and Quick THEA tests. This is the Computer-Adaptive Placement Assessment and Support System (COMPASS™) developed by ACT, Inc. that helps educators evaluate students' skill levels and place them in appropriate courses, and provide the support they will need to achieve academic success. The test consists of three sections: Math, Reading, and Writing/Essay. **This is a Texas Success Initiative (TSI) approved test.** Registration information and test fees are collected by the university. Appointments can be made in the Office of Academic Testing.

The test is offered Monday thru Friday by appointment only. A \$29 initial fee payable to TAMU-CC is required at the time of appointment.

Retest appointments can be made after a 24-hour period, upon availability and by appointment only.

On the day of the test, you should report 15 minutes early to the Student Services Center, Office of Academic Testing, Room 210. The test will begin promptly at the scheduled time. You must bring one form of current identification with a photograph.

The COMPASS™ eWrite (essay) portion is 75 minutes. The reading, math, and writing portions are untimed. However, please allow 3 hours to complete the test. Students will receive their test results immediately after completing the test; however, the essay portion may take up to two days to score. No extra reports will be generated or available to order from TAMUCC or ACT to send to another institution.

IMPORTANT: The following items are prohibited in the testing room: calculators, any communication device, backpacks, beverages, books, briefcases, calculator watches, cameras, cellular phones, dictionaries, electronic pagers, food, highlighters, notebooks, notes, packages, paper, slide rules, spell checkers, or study aids.

Sample questions and test taking tips for the COMPASS™ can be found on ACT's website: www.act.org/compass.

For questions regarding testing, please contact the Office of Academic Testing at (361) 825-2334 or visit with us in the Student Services Center Room 210.