

THEA Quick Test - January – May 2008

The THEA Quick Test is a version of THEA (Texas Higher Education Assessment) that GCC can schedule on our campus to better fit our students' testing needs. It is the same length as the regular THEA, and GCC will receive the scores quickly (about one week). Most GCC students take the THEA Quick Test.

REGISTRATION Pre-registration is required. Reservations may be made starting one month before the test.

*******THERE ARE TWO WAYS TO RESERVE A SEAT FOR THE TEST*******

Register online – Pay \$13 (\$10 registration fee + \$3 transaction fee) by Visa/MasterCard/e-check. Go to www.registerblast.com/grayson; follow the instructions for online registration. Be sure to print the Online Admission Ticket and receipt from Register Blast. On reserved test date, you will bring registration forms, \$29 test fee (for Evaluation Systems), photo identification, pencils and four-function calculator.

Register in person at a GCC Testing Center – Bring registration fee of \$10 exact cash, check with driver's license number on it or money order (payable to GCC) to a GCC Testing Center. On reserved test date, you will bring \$29 test fee (for Evaluation Systems), photo identification, pencils and four-function calculator.

Test Location: Main Campus – Denison, Pre-register in Room T-324

<u>Date</u>	<u>Start Time</u>	<u>Seating</u>	<u>Pre-registration begins ...</u>
Saturday, January 12	8:00 a.m.	20	December 12
Wednesday, January 23	2:00 p.m.	10	January 7
Wednesday, February 13	2:00 p.m.	10	January 14
Wednesday, February 20	2:00 p.m.	10	January 22
Wednesday, March 5	2:00 p.m.	10	February 5
Wednesday, March 26	2:00 p.m.	10	February 26
Saturday, March 29	8:00 a.m.	50	February 29
Wednesday, April 9	2:00 p.m.	10	March 10
Wednesday, April 23	2:00 p.m.	10	March 24
Friday, May 2	1:00 p.m.	110	April 2
Friday, May 9	2:00 p.m.	110	April 9
Wednesday, May 28	9:00 a.m.	20	April 28

Test Location: South Campus – Van Alstyne, Pre-register in Room B-121

<u>Date</u>	<u>Start Time</u>	<u>Seating</u>	<u>Pre-registration begins...</u>
Friday, April 25	1:00 p.m.	50	March 25

TIME The entire test session will last about six hours. You will have up to five hours of actual testing time to take the THEA Quick Test; if you finish early, you may leave. Short restroom breaks are allowed (no food or smoking breaks).

NO ELECTRONIC DEVICES Cell phones, pagers, watch alarms, and any other electronic devices are not allowed in the testing room.

SCORE REPORTS Your scores will be available to college personnel electronically **after one week**. You will receive a score report by mail from National Evaluation Systems shortly thereafter.

RETESTS You may retake the THEA Quick Test after **30 days**. You may take other Texas Success Initiative tests during the 30 day period, such as Compass or the regular or computer-administered THEA.

COMPASS Placement Test

COMPASS is a computer adaptive test which may be taken instead of THEA or the THEA Quick Test. COMPASS may be used for initial tests and retests. Scores on the Reading and Mathematics sections will be available immediately; scores on the Writing section are usually available within two days. Test fee is \$40, payable by exact cash, money order, or check with driver's license number on it. Photo ID is required. Students must wait 30 days before retesting on COMPASS.

Location: Testing Center, Room T-324, Main Campus - Denison		
Monday, January 7	9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	First come, first served; lines may be long.
Tuesday, January 8	9:00 a.m. – noon	Bring \$40 and photo ID.

Location: Testing Center, Room SB-121, South Campus – Van Alstyne		
Monday, January 7	9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	First come, first served. Seating is limited.
Tuesday, January 8	9:00 a.m. – noon	Bring \$40 and photo ID.

THEA (Texas Higher Education Assessment) Test

Since Grayson County College administers the THEA Quick Test so often, we have chosen to administer the regular THEA only once each summer. The next THEA at GCC is scheduled for **Saturday, June 21, 2008**. Registration is directly through Evaluation Systems, and scores are received about two or three weeks after testing. Students must pre-register, either online at www.thea.nesinc.com or by mailing a completed registration form available from the Testing Center. Students will be assigned a reserved seat and should report to the Testing Center at the appropriate time with admission ticket, photo identification, pencils, and approved calculator. Regular test fee is \$29.

USE OF CALCULATORS Only four-function (+, -, x, /) non-programmable calculators (with square root, percent, +/-, and memory keys) are allowed on the THEA, THEA Quick Test, and COMPASS. No scientific, graphing, or business calculators are allowed.

Disabilities: Students with disabilities may request the same types of accommodations as those provided for the regularly scheduled THEA Test. They must submit appropriate documentation to the GCC Testing Center at least two weeks prior to the desired THEA Quick Test date.

Passing Scores for Texas Success Initiative Purposes:

Test	Reading	Math	Writing
THEA/THEA Quick Test Scale 100-300, 2-8 essay	230	230	6 on essay 5 on essay & 220 on obj.
COMPASS Scale 0-99, 2-8 essay	81	39 (Algebra domain)	6 on essay 5 on essay & 59 on obj.

Want to prepare for the test?

1. Buy the Official THEA Test Study Guide, available in GCC Bookstore.
2. Take a free practice test on the internet (www.thea.nesinc.com).
3. Try sample questions at www.act.org (Assessments, COMPASS, Sample Questions).