



University of Texas at San Antonio  
College of Education & Human Development  
**Teacher Academy Learning  
Communities (TALC) presents**  
**2008 Summer Bridging Institute**

College Preparation Institute  
May 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>  
8:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.  
at UTSA **1604** Campus

THEA Preparation Institute  
May 12<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>  
THEA Writing 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.  
THEA Math 3:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.  
at UTSA **Downtown** Campus

**Attend one session or all**

THEA Preparation Institute

- THEA MATH
- THEA WRITING

College Preparation Institute

- STUDY SKILLS
- TIME MANAGEMENT
- ACADEMIC ADVISING
- STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS
- SCHOLARSHIPS
- HOUSING

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- High School Seniors
- Transfer Students
- Current UTSA Students

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# College Preparation Institute

## May 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>, 2008

### Student Services & More!



#### **What is the purpose of the College Preparation Institute?**

The College Preparation Institute seeks to give incoming UTSA College of Education and Human Development students an edge as they begin their academic experience at UTSA.

#### **What will the College Preparation Institute cover?**

The College Preparation Institute brings together the various resources available to students from the UTSA community and specifically, those entities that work with the Academy for Teacher Excellence office and its Teacher Academy Learning Community. The Institute will feature representatives from Tomas Rivera Center, Career Services, and Advising to name a few and covers strategies for success such as: study tips, note-taking skills development, testing strategies, time management and organizational skills. Last but not least, the Institute will also cover how to write an effective scholarship essay.

#### **What are the advantages to attending the College Preparation Institute?**

The advantages are numerous. Students who engage and participate in the College Preparation Institute will have the opportunity to become familiar with the campus and students services prior to actual enrollment and meet fellow COEHD students undergoing the same transition. Most importantly however, participants will get an edge over other incoming students by gaining the necessary knowledge to become a successful college student here at UTSA. Students who attend love the Summer Bridging Institute.

#### **Do I have to pay to participate in the College Preparation Institute?**

There is no cost associated with attending the College Preparation Institute **upon selection**. Therefore, the selection committee asks that participants commit to attend all scheduled Institute sessions for maximum effect. A detailed schedule with the class times and location will be sent to those participants selected on or by May 6, 2008.

**The application deadline is May 2, 2008.**



# THEA Preparation Institute

May 12<sup>th</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup>, 2008

**THEA Math**  
**THEA Writing**



## **What is the purpose of the THEA Institute?**

The Summer Bridging Institute seeks to help UTSA COEHD and incoming San Antonio College Education transfers comply with one of the **Teacher Certification** requirements, which is to meet the THEA Compliance. This Institute targets the [July 21, 2008 exam](#). Regular registration deadline for the THEA exam is [May 23, 2008](#).

## **Why do I need to prepare for the THEA placement exam?**

The THEA exam (formerly known as TASP) is a requirement for students entering **educator preparation programs** in public and private institutions. Some students seeking certification must fulfill the THEA requirement **prior to** completing 60 degree hours. Without it, you may not be able to register for higher level course work for certification. Consult with your COEHD Advisor **as soon as possible** to find out if you need to take the THEA!

## **What areas does the THEA exam cover?**

The THEA Test is designed to assess your knowledge in the areas of mathematics, reading, and writing.

## **Common THEA misconception:**

### **Can the Accuplacer Placement exam fulfill this requirement?**

No, only the THEA is 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 for students entering educator preparation programs in public and private institutions.

## **General THEA information:**

Students interested in taking the July 21<sup>st</sup> exam must register by the registration deadline. The cost of the exam is \$29. You can obtain more information or register for the exam at [www.thea.nesinc.com](http://www.thea.nesinc.com). **Please note that this exam is also available as the THEA CAT (Computer Administered Test).** THEA CAT exam dates differ. Check out the website for all testing options.

## **Do I have to pay to participate in the THEA Institute?**

Upon competitive selection, there is no cost associated with attending the THEA institute. Therefore, the selection committee asks that participants commit to attend all scheduled Institute sessions for maximum impact. Specific schedule and time/location information will be sent to those participants selected on or by [May 6, 2007](#).



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