

TCC South/ FWISD Collegiate High School

Resources

Free TSI Resource Materials

Free resources may be found on college websites such as:

- Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
<http://www.thecb.state.tx.us/index.cfm?objectid=C92F1DAA-D49E-03F0-0750060AA756E807>
- Austin Community College <http://www.austincc.edu/support-and-services/tutoring-and-academic-help/assessment-study-materials/tsi-sample-questions>
- Houston Community College <http://ctle.hccs.edu/gcpass/TSIInformation/tsiindex.html>
- College Board <http://media.collegeboard.com/digitalServices/pdf/accuplacer/accuplacer-texas-success-initiative-assessment-sample-questions.pdf>

College Readiness Resources

www.craftx.org is a resource for College Readiness



College Readiness Assignments (CRA):

- Stand alone lessons designed by high school and college faculty to prepare students for college and career success.
- Making explicit expectations for success in entry-level college courses for students, parents, and teachers.
- Will build key cognitive skills, foundational skills, and content knowledge that the state has identified as leverage points for college and career success.

What is in a CRA?

- Instructor Task Information
 - Overview of the assignment
 - Instructional Plan
 - Scaffolding/ Instructional support
 - Solutions
 - TEKS and CCRS
- Student Notes- with an introduction to the assignment and directions
- Student Handouts- including worksheets, activities, and reading passages
- Scoring Guide- a scoring rubric aligned to the CCRS and accompanied by college ready descriptions for each skill assessed in the CRA

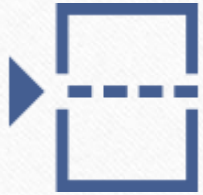
Who can use CRA's?

- High school instructors and students
- Community college instructors and students
- 4-year college/university instructors and students

Buzz about CRA's

- “The CRA’s are fantastic...I saw very positive results from the CRA I did, and the students learned a lot.”– Community College Mathematics Instructor
- “This is a fantastic lesson! Students will be highly engaged and challenged at the same time.”– High School Social Studies Instructor
- “[I had] a young lady who started this assignment with poor attitude: ‘Its just the same ole’ same ole’. ‘Later on, I overheard her remark to her group that she didn’t know that there was so much ‘other stuff’ in a textbook. As she got in to the assignment, her interest took a major turn for the better.” – 4-year University English Language Arts Instructor

Classroom Use Examples



Areas Exploration

Subject: Mathematics, Pre-Calculus

CRA Description:

In this activity, students will explore the computation of area by calculating the cost of pools per square foot. They will start by looking at simple designs that incorporate shapes for which they can easily calculate the area. Next, they will calculate the area of more complicated pool shapes. Students are expected to struggle with finding the area of these shapes.



Exploring a College Textbook

Subjects: Cross-disciplinary, English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies

CRA Description:

This assignment asks students to navigate and use textbooks at a college level. Final Product: Students will write a 2-page analysis of the textbook used in the exercise. They will analyze the textbook's organization and its methods of presenting information, as well as discuss strategies a reader might use to comprehend and remember material from this text.

Additional Resources

- Texas College and Career Readiness Support Center -
<http://www.txccrsc.org/>
- Texas College and Career Readiness Network –
<http://www.txccrn.uh.edu/>