



Overview

The 2020-21 Texas College Bridge program is intended for students who have not demonstrated college readiness in ELAR and/or math on the ACT, SAT, or TSIA. The Class of 2021 seniors are eligible for the fall/spring courses and rising seniors (Class of 2022) are eligible for participation for the 2021 Texas College Bridge program.

The learning interventions being used for the Texas College Bridge program are provided by The NROC Project (NROC). NROC is an established, national, non-profit organization whose mission is focused on student success. For the last 17 years, NROC has been analyzing the challenges faced by students seeking post-secondary credentials and collaborating with educators to build better solutions. In particular, NROC has focused on the myriad problems with high-stakes testing and placement exams as measures of math and English readiness.

Placement tests inevitably mis-classify large numbers of students, resulting in qualified students being held back or excluded from higher education and unqualified students failing classes and dropping out. NROC built a solution that is different and superior: EdReady. This personalized learning platform takes an inventory of a student's knowledge and skills, and then offers a custom course of study to improve a student's readiness and put them on a path to college success. Since its release in 2014, EdReady has been adopted by schools, systems, and states nationwide, and has been used by hundreds of thousands of students. Dozens of case studies and research projects have verified dramatic improvement in student performance and college success using EdReady.

Faculty Curriculum Review

An important step for any successful EdReady implementation is to consider how the platform may need to be customized to reflect local conditions. Specifically, curricular experts are needed to align the coverage of EdReady materials to match the expectations in place for students attempting to matriculate to Texas post-secondary institutions. English and Math faculty from Texas higher education institutions have analyzed and validated the customized math and English learning scopes that will be used by students who complete Texas College Bridge.

Math Scope and Sequence

The [math scope spreadsheet](#) outlines the two study paths (listed on two tabs in the spreadsheet) for the EdReady Texas Math Bridge Course:

- TX Math Bridge - Stage 1
- TX Math Bridge - Stage 2

TX Math Bridge - Stage 1 is composed of 'Basic Academic Skills Math' and 'Beginning Algebra and Statistics'. Reaching the target score of 90 demonstrates mastery of stage 1 and also unlocks stage 2 for students.

TX Math Bridge - Stage 2 is composed of 'Intermediate Algebra' skills. A student who achieves a score of 90 on stage 2 is eligible for an exemption from math developmental education courses in accordance with Texas Education Code §51.338(e)(f) for freshman level mathematics courses at Texas Institutions of Higher Education who partnered with the school district or who signed the Texas College Bridge memorandum of understanding.

English Scope and Sequence

The [English scope spreadsheet](#) outlines the two study paths (listed on two tabs in the spreadsheet) for the EdReady Texas English Bridge Course:

- TX English Bridge - Stage 1
- TX English Bridge - Stage 2

TX English Bridge - Stage 1 is composed of the foundational material for success in entry-level English college courses. All students are required to reach the target score of 90 in stage 1, after which they will be asked to achieve a passing grade on [this required essay](#) (to be graded by a qualified instructor). Reaching the target score of 90 demonstrates mastery of stage 1 and also unlocks stage 2 for students

TX English Bridge - Stage 2 is composed of the remaining English skills that would put students on excellent footing for matriculation to TX post-secondary institutions. All students are required to reach the target score of 90 in stage 2.

Students who complete both Stages, and achieve a passing grade on the required essay, are eligible for an exemption from developmental education courses in accordance with Texas Education Code §51.338(e)(f) for freshman-level reading/writing met courses at Texas Institutions of Higher Education who partnered with the school district or who signed the Texas College Bridge memorandum of understanding.

Content Access

To view the math and English scopes, you can access the DEMO version of the EdReady Texas site here:

<https://tx.edready.org/home>

This site is still being refined and will be updated with Texas-specific logos and language throughout. At the site, choose “Enter as Guest,” enter your zip code or just click “Enter.” You will then see a box that says “Welcome to EdReady! ... Please enter a key to continue.”

You will enter this key for math:

tx_math_demo

Or this key for English:

tx_english_demo

You can choose to enter both goal keys by clicking “enter another goal”, or simply click “Get Started!” Now you should see your goal(s), and you can click “Go to Goal”. At that point you can “Start Diagnostic” for the first stage and move through the student experience. If you want to skip ahead to check out the next stage, click ‘Unlock’ and then type in ‘Unlock’ when prompted.

NOTE: Since you have entered with Guest access, no data will be saved from your session.

Ongoing Refinement

EdReady Texas and the Texas College Bridge program are intended to continue improving based on ongoing feedback and outcomes data. If you have any specific questions or comments, please submit them in an email to TexasCollegeBridge@tea.texas.org. Assuming continued support for the program, comments and suggestions will be evaluated on a regular basis, and many will be incorporated into a regular update schedule and shared publicly.