

### What is the Reading Proficiency Exam?

The Reading Proficiency Exam (RPE) is a pre-THEA exam, which covers the Reading section only. It is a one hour test with several reading selections and 24 multiple-choice questions. Receiving a passing score on this exam (17 correct out of 24) is one way to meet the graduation requirement for reading proficiency (see *HBU Catalog*, Undergraduate Degree Requirements, Proficiencies).

### Where will I be tested?

In Hinton Center, usually in Hinton 139, but another Hinton room may be scheduled.

### How can I prepare for the Reading Proficiency Test?

- A study guide and sample tests are available on-line at THEA web site: [WWW.THEA.NESINC.COM](http://WWW.THEA.NESINC.COM)
- A limited number of THEA Study Guides are available for check out from Testing Services, Hinton 101. Must be a currently enrolled HBU student to check out resources.

### Test day instructions

- Arrive at least 15 minutes early for check-in and instructions. Test starts before 2p.
- Bring 2 forms of Identification (one must be photo ID)
- Bring 2 sharpened pencils (No. 2)
- No cell phones, food or drink are allowed during the test session.
- **NO ONE WILL BE ADMITTED FOR TESTING ONCE THE INSTRUCTIONS HAVE BEGUN.**

### Receiving your score

The Reading Proficiency Exam is a pass/fail test. Test scores are automatically sent to the Office of the Registrar. Students may stop by Testing Services in Hinton 101 the day following the exam to find out their scores (photo ID required). Scores are not given out over the phone or e-mail.

### Can I Retest?

Retesting is allowed. A student who wishes to retest must complete the registration and payment again.

Both the Reading Proficiency Exam and the THEA Quick Test are offered about once a month. A passing score on either of these exams will satisfy the reading proficiency graduation requirement.

### Cost of the Exam

\$25.00

### How to I register for the test?

- Pay for this test in Financial Services.
- Attach the receipt to completed registration form and leave at front desk (to be sent to H101) or
- Deliver to Testing Office in Hinton 101.
- Registration is subject to space availability
- Registration must be completed 2 weeks in advance.

*Registration is not complete without the receipt showing payment.*

**\*NO REFUNDS WILL BE GRANTED FOR CANCELLATIONS OR NO SHOWS\***



### TEST Registration Form

Test: Reading Proficiency Exam (Pre-THEA)

Test Date \_\_\_\_\_

HBU Student (\$25 payment receipt attached) H# \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
 EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 DAY PHONE ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

**"I understand that the test fee is NON-REFUNDABLE."**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Students must arrive 15 minutes before the test.**

**Reading Proficiency Exam  
2009-2010 Schedule**

<b>Date Administered</b>	<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Room #</b>
November 23, 2009	November 9, 2009	H139
December 3, 2009	November 19, 2009	SCI101
January 12, 2010	December 29, 2009	H135
February 15, 2010	February 1, 2010	H125
March 10, 2010	February 24, 2010	H125
April 15, 2010	April 1, 2010	H139
May 10, 2010	April 26, 2010	H139
June 21, 2010	June 7, 2010	H139
July 27, 2010	July 13, 2010	H139
August 9, 2010	July 26, 2010	H139
August 23, 2010	August 9, 2010	H139

Time: 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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For schedules and information about other test administrations at HBU, stop by Testing Services in Hinton 101 or visit the HBU website, <http://www.hbu.edu/testing>