



# Testing & Education Reference Center (TERC)

*Enhanced with you in mind!*



## A New Experience For TERC

- Since its launch, TERC has become the starting point for millions of people looking for information and support materials needed to make informed, confident decisions to shape their life.
- TERC provides all the high school, college, career, graduate school, international and family planning tools necessary for success.
- TERC is brought to you by Gale in partnership with Peterson's and together we have garnered significant feedback from users and librarians to improve the product.
- The following changes - being revealed to all customers in November but taking effect in December - are reflective of enhancements made based on that feedback.

# Enhanced User Interface



Improved navigational efficiency.

Menu-like layout of the content to encourage exploration and increased usage.

Keyword searching across the entire database. To allow you to quickly locate relevant information according to your specifications.

Direct access to practice tests.

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Testing & Education Reference Center. At the top, there is a navigation menu with links for Home, High School, College, Career, and Grad School. A search bar is located in the top right corner. Below the navigation, there is a main heading and a brief description of the center's purpose. The page is organized into several columns of content, each with a title and a list of links to various resources. The columns are: High School Tools, College Prep Tools, Career Tools, Graduate School Tools, International, and Family College Planning Center. Each column contains a list of links to specific tests and preparation materials. The footer includes the GALE CENGAGE Learning logo, a copyright notice, and the Peterson's logo.

**Testing & Education Reference Center**

Home | High School | College | Career | Grad School

Testing & Education Reference Center is a start-to-finish resource for students and parents providing support materials needed to make informed, confident decisions.

**High School Tools**

- [GED prep](#) - including GED Spanish.
- [AP exams prep](#)
- [ASVAB prep](#) - prepare for the military.
- [Academic Skills Question Banks](#) - build your skills with practice tests for math, reading, science, and writing.
- [High School Placement Test \(HSPT\)](#)
- [California High School Exit Exam \(CAHSEE\)](#)
- [Specialized High Schools Admission Test \(SHSAT\)](#)
- [Independent School Entrance Exam \(ISEE\)](#)
- [Secondary School Admission Test \(SSAT\)](#)
- [Cooperative Entrance Examination \(COOP\)](#)

**Other**

- [Resume for college application](#)

**College Prep Tools**

- [CLEP prep](#) - earn college credit (includes 29 tests).
- [DSST prep](#) - get college credit for what you know!
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- [FCAT](#)
- [ACT](#)
- [SAT](#)
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- [PRAXIS](#) - your gateway to a career in teaching.
- [Civil service and licensure exams](#) - including the Postal, Firefighter, and Police Officer exams.
- [Air Force Officer Qualifying Test prep \(AFOQT\)](#)
- [Military Flight Aptitude prep](#)
- [Officer Candidate prep](#)

**Other**

- [Research careers](#)
- [Career colleges search](#)
- [Professional development programs search](#)

**Graduate School Tools**

- [GRE prep](#)
- [GMAT prep](#)
- [LSAT](#)
- [MCAT](#)
- [MAT](#)
- [Graduate school search](#)

**International**

- [TOEFL prep](#)
- [TOEIC prep](#)
- [U.S. Citizenship](#)

**Family College Planning Center**

The Family College Planning Center is your resource for test preparation, college search, financial aid, career planning and **scholarships**.

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# Home Page Configured to User Needs

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- Over 100 practice tests and courses
- Information on over 4,000 accredited schools

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- Home page divided into 6 primary content sections based on our user's needs.
- High School Tools
  - College Prep Tools
    - Career Tools
  - Graduate School Tools
    - International
    - Family College Planning Center



# Family College Planning Center

- New feature geared towards the needs of High School students and their parents
- Engages the entire family in planning for their student's future in college
- Offers a centralized resource for test preparation, college search, financial aid, scholarships, college planning timetable, parent checklists and career planning
- Provides advice on popular topics facing a family and students planning for a college experience, including:
  - ✓ How to find a college and pay for it?
  - ✓ How to master standardized tests?
  - ✓ When to retake tests?
  - ✓ How to prepare for that first job?
  - ✓ And much more...

# Family College Planning Center

The screenshot shows the 'Family College Planning Center' page on the 'Testing & Education Reference Center'. The page is organized into several columns and sections:

- Navigation:** Home, High School, College, Career, Grad School, International. A search bar is located at the top right.
- Popular Links:** CLEP, AP, TAKS, GED, ASVAB, CAHSEE.
- Your Planning Guide:** The Family College Planning Center is your online resource center for test preparation, college search, financial aid, and career planning.
- Student Checklist:** Get college planning advice for each year of high school. Includes links for Grade 9, Grade 10, Grade 11, and Grade 12.
- Parents' Checklist:** Not sure how to help your child through the college search process? Check out the planning timelines for parents. Includes links for Grade 9, Grade 10, Grade 11, and Grade 12.
- Advice Center Articles:** A list of articles with 'Show' links: General Advice, College Search, College Application, Test Preparation, Career Exploration, and Pay for College.
- Test Preparation:** A central column with sections for GED Prep, Academic Skills Question Banks, PSAT Prep, SAT Subject Test Prep, SAT Prep, ACT Prep, ACT WorkKeys Prep, and AP Prep. Each section includes a brief description and a 'Show' link.
- School Search:** Find a School. Search our comprehensive databases of undergraduate colleges and universities, career colleges, and vocational-technical schools. Includes links for Undergraduate School Search, Career Colleges Search, and Vocational-Technical School Search.
- Resume for College Application:** Create a resume for your college application. Includes a link for Resume Builder.
- Pay for College:** These tools will help you plan for and manage the paying for college process. Includes links for Scholarship Search, Tuition Cost Finder, Financial Aid Literacy Quiz, Award Analyzer, College Savings Calculator, and FAFSA.
- Career Exploration:** Find the right career for you. Includes links for Career Key Assessment, Career Profiles, Explore Nursing Careers, Explore Civil Service Careers, Occupational Outlook Handbook, and Resume Builder.

Links to the most relevant practice tests and test prep tools.

Locate undergrad, career colleges, and vocational technical schools using the *School Search*.

A new *Resume Builder for College Applications*, guides students in constructing resumes.

The *Pay for College* section offers important information on scholarships, financial aid and tuition.

Parent and student grade specific checklists offer insights and timelines for the college planning process.

*Advice Center Articles* offer insights to common issues faced by parents and students while planning for college or a career.

*Career Exploration* provides tools to explore careers, and to assist with forced or chosen career transitions.

# TERC with Careers - Career Exploration Page

The screenshot shows the 'Testing & Education Reference Center' website. The navigation bar includes 'Home', 'High School', 'College', 'Career', and 'Grad School'. A search bar is located in the top right. The main content area is titled 'Find and Prepare for a Career' and features several sections: 'Popular Links' (CLEP, AP, TAKS, GED, ASVAB, CAHSEE), 'Career Assessment', 'Resume Builder', 'Virtual Career Library', and 'Articles'. Callout boxes provide detailed descriptions of these features.

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**Find and Prepare for a Career**

**Popular Links**

- [CLEP](#)
- [AP](#)
- [TAKS](#)
- [GED](#)
- [ASVAB](#)
- [CAHSEE](#)

**Career Assessment**

Choosing a career path doesn't come easy. Whether you're heading straight into the workforce or you're entering college first, our career tools help you get a handle on what you're interested in, the skills and training you'll need, and what you can expect from your career path.

Discover which careers suit you best, research potential career options, and explore the requirements and outlooks for the occupations you're interested in.

**Career Assessment**

Complete a brief series of question about yourself to find out your personality type and learn what job categories, industries, and specific occupations are most suited to you.

You can also search hundreds of careers and occupations and find in-depth information about experience, knowledge, skills, abilities, interests, activities, and salary.

- [Career Assessment](#)

**Resume Builder**

Create a resume that gets results. With the Resume Builder, you can create a professional resume that outlines your qualifications and highlights your skills and accomplishments.

Enter your information (with over 1,000 brainstorming phrases to help you get started), choose a design, and let the Resume Builder expertly format your resume for you. When you're finished, you'll receive your resume as a word document, so you can print and mail it. You'll also be able to email copies of your resume directly to employers and schools.

- [Resume Builder](#)

**Virtual Career Library**

Looking for tips on how to make that transition to a career? The Virtual Career Library is full of useful information and advice on salary negotiation, interviewing, and the entire job search process.

- [Virtual Career Library](#)

**Articles**

- [Resumes, Interviews, and First Jobs](#)
- [The Intern's Perspective](#)
- [A Career in Graphic Design](#)
- [A Hot Career: Culinary Arts](#)

**Virtual Career Library** offers tips on career transition, salary negotiation, interviewing and the job search process.

**Career Assessment** offers access to:

- Careers module login
- Holland Types - Learn more about Holland types
- Career Assessments
- Information on hundreds of careers

**Resume Builder** provides users with customizable resume design templates, and thousands of brainstorming phrases in order to design a dynamic resume.

Popular articles about resumes, interviewing, career options, and "hot" careers of the moment.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** The Career Exploration Page is only available to subscribers of TERC with the Careers module. Interested in upgrading with the Careers module? Call your rep today at 1-800-877-4253.

# Recently Visited Feature

Log In only required to access your practice exams and the eBooks. Log off links are accessible throughout subsequent screens.

The screenshot shows the 'Testing & Education Reference Center' website. The main navigation bar includes links for Home, High School, College, Career, Grad School, and International. A search bar is located on the right. The 'You recently visited' section on the left lists several links, with a callout box explaining that these links are saved across sessions. The main content area features a 'Master TOEFL Reading Skills' section with a 'Read Book' button and a list of features. A callout box explains that 'Your Recently Visited' links are saved from session to session. The footer includes the Gale Cengage Learning logo and copyright information.

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**You recently visited**

- Master TOEFL Reading Skills
- Resume Builder
- Practice Tests for the MCAT
- Practice Tests for the DSST Drug and Alcohol Abuse Exam
- Practice Tests for the CLEP Analyzing and Interpreting Literature Exam

**Popular Links**

- CLEP
- AP
- TAKS
- GED
- ASVAB
- CAHSEE

**Master TOEFL Reading Skills**

Find out what you need to study before you take the real thing.

The Master TOEFL Reading Skills book will help you get ready for the TOEFL. You'll get an overview of the reading portion of the exam, subject reviews of key reading comprehension topics, and test-taking tips and strategies. You'll also have the chance to practice your skills and diagnose your strengths and weaknesses by taking three reading practice tests.

**Read Book**

**Features:**

- Find detailed answer explanations for every question.
- Review key subjects and test-taking strategies.
- Use what you learn to target your study time.

**Your Recently Visited links** appear when you have logged into the database, these links replace the Personalized Toolbox feature in the legacy interface. Only *Popular Links* will display when users have not logged into the database.

**Your Recently Visited links** will be saved from session to user session, meaning that each time a user logs in they will be presented with "Your Recently Visited" links from their previous session.

Each *Your Recently Visited* link refers the user directly to the product page saving time and reducing number of clicks - thus improving the user experience and their overall site satisfaction.

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# Rollout

## *Products Affected:*

- Testing & Education Reference Center
- Testing & Education Reference Center with Careers module

## *Timeframe:*

- The new user interface will be turned on for all current subscribers in December.
  - This change will be automatic, there is no work to be done on the customer's end in order to take advantage of these enhancements.
  - In order to continue to provide customers with a high quality TERC experience, this UI change will be a hard cutover for all customers.
- Online training sessions for current subscribers begin in December and run through April.



# Questions?

Gale Technical Support is available 24 hours/7 days a week to assist you.

