

# **ONRAMP** TEXAS COLLEGE READINESS

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# ONRAMPS

## TEXAS COLLEGE READINESS

Increasing the number and diversity  
of academically prepared students  
through expertly-designed **dual  
enrollment courses.**

OnRamps courses address 3 college readiness problems:

- College Access vs. Success
  - Students are prepared to be admitted to college but not to meet college level expectations or excel in college coursework
- Misalignment
  - Between what students know and can do in high school vs. what they need to know and be able to do to excel in college
- Cross-disciplinary preparation
  - Students lack the cross disciplinary skills that correlate with college-level success

## 3 courses

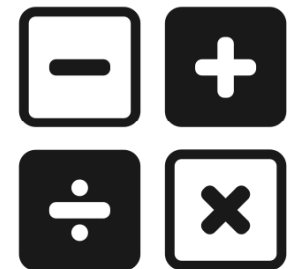
Developed by faculty at UT Austin in collaboration with multiple [partners](#) to explicitly align content with university expectations and integrate cross-disciplinary skills, piloted in Fall of 2013.



Computer  
Science



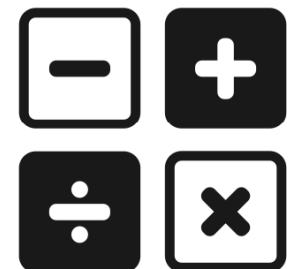
English  
Language Arts



Math

## Key features

- Dual Credit or Dual Enrollment
- Personalized Learning
- Hybrid, blended featuring state of the art educational technologies
- Authoring tools
- Summer 2013 professional development institute



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## Close Reading

### 1.1 Introduction



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### 1.2 Examples



Zora Neale Hurston

Excerpt from *Their Eyes Were Watching God* (1937)

**Background:** Zora Neale Hurston (1891–1960) was an American author, anthropologist, and folklorist. She was an important figure in the Harlem Renaissance of the 1920s when many African-American artists explored their own cultural histories and narrative traditions. She is credited with influencing later African-American writers like Ralph Ellison, Toni Morrison, and Alice Walker.

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Locate Minima and Maxima Values

1.1 Introduction



Introduction to Minima and Maxima

Maxima and minima are special points that represent extreme values of a function.

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OnRamps employs a 6-part, strategic partnership model to leverage expertise and scale nationwide







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**Partnership Model**



## State Leadership

Texas State Legislature, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, Texas Education Agency, TASA, TASB, Educate Texas, Regional Service Centers



## Texas Higher Education Leaders Consortium

Leaders from **12 institutions** of higher education  
from across the state



## Critical friends

Engaging leading national experts in content, college readiness, cognitive sciences, assessment, instructional design, and teacher professional development



## In-house experts

Faculty content experts, instructional designers, instructional technologists, assessment specialists, program managers, policy experts



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**Partnership Model**



## CRAFT, College Readiness Assignment Field Test

51 expertly designed college readiness assignments piloted with over **2,900 Texas students** in 18 sites



Leading technology partners

Enspire Learning, Learning Dashboard,  
Instructure, Learning Catalytics



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What part of this graph of  $f(x)$  would you look at to figure out the value of

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x)$$

Round 1  
93 responses, 72% correct

11 get it now  
1 still doesn't get it





State Leadership



Texas Higher Education  
Leaders Consortium



Critical Friends



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Technology Partners



CRAFT: College Readiness  
Assignment Field Test

- Expanding OnRamps' partnership model
- OnRamps Statewide Dissemination
  - Courses
  - Professional development institutes
- Funding for additional courses
- Other readiness initiatives
  - Early Readiness High School Graduation Option

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