

Graduate School Admissions Tests

Graduate Record Exams (GRES) or Other Standardized Tests

Most graduate programs require standardized exams, such as the GREs, for admission; however, law, medical, and business schools usually require different exams (the LSAT, MCAT, and GMAT, respectively). Each of these exams is standardized, meaning that they are normed, permitting students from different colleges to be compared meaningfully. The GRE is similar in structure to the SAT but taps your potential for graduate level work. Some, but not all, schools reveal their average GRE scores in their admissions material and in graduate school admissions books, such as the Petersen's Guides. Take standardized tests early (typically, the spring or summer before you apply) to guide your selection of programs as well as ensure that your scores arrive to the programs early, before the application deadline.

Information for Test-Takers

Registration and information booklets are available in the Career Center or online at the Web sites listed in the chart below. For more information about the graduate or professional school application process, please call 410.704.2233 to schedule an appointment with an advisor.

Test Preparation

Score higher on entrance exams for graduate and professional schools with comprehensive test preparation such as attending prep courses, purchasing study books, taking practice exams etc.

Test	Website	Offered	Length of Test
DAT (dental)	http://www.ada.org/dat.aspx	Daily (computer - based)	4 hrs. 15 min.
GMAT (business)	www.mba.com/mba/TaketheGMAT	Daily (computer - based)	3 hrs. 20 min.
GRE general (grad program)	www.gre.org	Daily (computer - based)	4 hours
GRE subject (grad program)	www.gre.org	Nov., Dec., April	2 hrs. 50 min.
LSAT (law)	www.lsac.org	Feb., June, Oct. & Dec.	3 hours
MCAT (medical)	www.aamc.org/students/mcat/start.htm	22 times/year (computer - based)	4 hrs. 30 min.
OAT (optometry)	https://www.ada.org/oat/index.html	Daily (computer - based)	4hrs. 45 min.
PCAT (pharmacy)	www.PCATweb.info	June, Oct. & Jan.	4hrs. 30 min.
Praxis I ® (education)	www.ets.org/praxis/	Daily (computer - based)	4hrs. 30 min.
Praxis II ® (education subject tests)	www.ets.org/praxis/	Sept., Nov., Jan., Mar., Apr., June & July	1-4 hours