

[WRITING STANDARDIZED EXAMINATIONS FOR YOUR APPLICATION TO GRADUATE SCHOOL OR PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION]

When you apply for graduate school or professional education, admission requirements may include standardized examinations.

Some examples are:

- GRE (Graduate Record Exam): for a variety of master's and PhD programs. Some GRE's are general and others are discipline-specific.
- GMAT (Graduate Management Admission Test): for Business
- MCAT (Medical College Admission Test): for Medicine
- LSAT (Law School Admissions Test): for Law
- DAT (Dental Aptitude Test): for Dentistry
- OAT (Optometry Admission Test): for Optometry

Register to write the examination in the spring or summer before you submit your application for the program you wish to enter.

You will have to pay a registration fee.

Read information on the exams and borrow or purchase practice tests.

As the format of these examinations is unlike other examinations, it is essential that you practice using sample questions before you write the tests. Practice. Practice. Practice.

Standardized tests have websites which include information on the content of the exam, practice questions, registration and locations for writing the examination in your region.

Results may be used for up to five years after you write the exam (check the examination websites to confirm how long the grades are valid).

- You may request to have the same results sent to any number of universities and departments that require them for admissions.
 - > Note that fees are charged each time you request that results be sent.
- As you request that results be sent to institutions, remember to check to see if they actually received them.
 - > If they did not receive them, contact the testing organization to confirm that the results are sent to the programs that you are applying to.
- You may re-write if you are not happy with the results.
 - > Most will ask you to commit to the results on the last exam you wrote.
 - > You may not be able to choose between original or re-write.

Most examinations can be written in Edmonton.

Resources on standardized examinations are available at the MacEwan Library: www.library.MacEwan.ca

- Use the library catalogue which can be accessed from anywhere (at home or on campus).
- Students may put a hold on books online, so that they will be collected and waiting for them near the front desk.
- Materials include information on how to register, how to prepare and sample standardized examinations.
- There are various methods to search the catalogue including entering the name of the test, study guides, preparation materials or the graduate school.



Following is a list of resources which may be helpful as you prepare to write standardized examinations:

DAT: www.cda-adc.ca/en/dental_profession/dat/index.asp

GMAT: www.mba.com (click on The GMAT)

GMAT Preparation Course (Faculty of Extension, University of Alberta) www.extension.ualberta.ca/business (search for GMAT)

GRE: www.ets.org (click on GRE, under the tests menu)

Kaplan: www.kaplan.com/testpreparation/graduate

LSAT: www.lsac.org/LSAT/TheLSAT-menu.asp

MCAT: www.aamc.org/students/mcat

OAT: www.opted.org (click on about optometric education; OAT)

Oxford Seminars: www.oxfordseminars.ca

Peterson's: www.petersons.com (click on prepare for tests)

Princeton Review: www.princetonreview.com

Test Prep Review: www.testprepreview.com

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