

Pre Admission Test:

Depending on the degree sought and the area of specialization, graduate programs require different tests. The most widely used test is the Graduate Record Exam (**GRE**), a comprehensive test that measures verbal reasoning, quantitative reasoning, critical thinking and analytical writing skills. It is scored the same as the SAT and some programs may require a minimum score for acceptance. Application and test date information is available online at <http://www.ets.org>

Many colleges and universities will accept the Miller Analogies Test (MAT) in place of the GRE. Check information on the colleges and universities you are interested in to be sure.

A graduate program in Law would require you to take the LSAT. Information on this test can be obtained from Dr. Robert Gill, the pre-Law advisor in the Radford University Political Science Department.

Most MBA programs require the **GMAT**, Graduate Management Admissions test; medical programs normally require the **MCAT**. Other tests may also be required. Be sure to find out from the institutions to which you are applying about the tests you will need to take.

When you apply for a test, be sure that the test results will be received before the application packet deadline and indicate to which institutions they are to be sent. Test results usually take about six weeks. Be sure to include testing fees, if applicable. Some tests (e.g., GRE) will allow late entry on testing day if spaces are available. Take fees with you.

Graduate Record Exam (GRE)

Schedule the computer-based general test at Sylvan Learning Centers in Roanoke (540-344-3688). Subject tests are given at Virginia Tech; call the counseling office at Virginia Tech (231-6557) for more information. Do an on-line sample test and get test preparation information at www.kaptest.com. For more information pick up the *Information and Registration Bulletin* at the Graduate College (Preston Hall) or visit GRE Online at <http://www.gre.org>.

Miller Analogies Test (MAT)

The MAT is administered at Radford University by Dr. Fran Steigerwald. She can be contacted at 831-6479 or at fjsteiger@radford.edu. Visit MAT online at <http://www.hbtpc.com/mat/index.htm>.

The Miller's Analogy Test (MAT) This test can be taken in place of the GRE for the following programs: Counseling and Human Development, Educational Leadership, Nursing, Reading, and Special Education.

Students must indicate the desired date that they wish to take the test. Upon receipt of this, a Miller Analogy Test Information Booklet and letter confirming the test date and building and room number at Radford University will be sent to the student.

Law School Admission Test (LSAT)

In order to pursue Pre-Law, most colleges and universities require the LSAT. Visit LSAT online at <http://www.lsat.org>. Go to the LSAT Practice Lab and get other test preparation information at www.kaptest.com and/or prepare for the test at www.prepmaster.com. Dr. Robert Gill is the pre-law adviser. You can reach him at (831-5534) or (rgill@radford.edu) for questions. The LSAT is given at Virginia Tech. Call the counseling office at Virginia Tech (231-6557) for questions. Registration booklets are available in the Graduate College (Preston 213)

Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT)

In order to pursue an MBA, most colleges and universities require the GMAT. Visit GMAT online at <http://www.mba.com>. The GMAT is in Roanoke, Virginia at the Prometric Testing Center. Do an on-line GMAT sample test and get test preparation information at www.kaptest.com. GMAT Information booklets are available in the Graduate College (Preston 213) or stop by the MBA office (Whitt 004). Dr. Duncan Herrington is the MBA Director at RU. He can be reached at (540) 831-5258 or rumba@radford.edu.

Medical College Admission Test (MCAT)

In order to pursue Pre-Medicine, most colleges and universities require the MCAT. RU Chemistry majors should contact Dr. Rhett Herman (831-5441) or (rherman@radford.edu). RU Biology majors should contact Dr. Mary Roberts (831-5639) or (mdrobert@radford.edu). The MCAT is given at Virginia Tech. Do an on-line sample test and get test preparation information at www.kaptest.com. For more information, call the counseling office at Virginia Tech (231-6557). Visit MCAT online at <http://www.aamc.org/stuapps/admiss/mcat/start.htm>.

After four (or more) years of study at the undergraduate level, college students must choose between the job market or additional academic training. While a Bachelor's degree will qualify you for many jobs, a graduate degree may open up new doors. If graduate (or professional) school is in your plans, begin the process of obtaining information and choosing a school at least one year prior to graduation.