

GRADUATE/PROFESIONAL SCHOOL PREPARATION

The Office of Career Services is here to assist Utica College students and alumni with all aspects of the graduate/professional school application and decision making process. To meet with a staff member stop in the office, 206 Strebel Student Center or call (315) 792-3087 to schedule an appointment. Our services include:

- A **FREE** practice GRE, GMAT, LSAT, or MCAT test is available by attending the Kaplan Test Drive offered on-campus each semester and in the Office of Career Services by appointment throughout the year.
 - 4 Kaplan Prep course scholarships are available every calendar year through our [Kaplan scholarship program](#).
- [The Career Resource Library](#) filled with graduate/professional school resources.
- Review the [Graduate School Timeline](#) we put together to make sure you are on track.
- Have your graduate school essay(s) critiqued by a member of the Career Services staff.
- Attend the annual Graduate School Fair or Law School Day at Syracuse University held every October. (Transportation is provided if enough students express an interest)

GRADUATE/PROFESSIONAL ENTRANCE EXAMS

[Dental Admission Test \(DAT\)](#)

The DAT is designed to measure general academic ability, comprehension of scientific information, and perceptual ability. The DAT is required by all dental schools for admission.

[Graduate Management Admission Test \(GMAT\)](#)

The test for admission to MBA programs. The GMAT is a 4-hour computer-based standardized test designed to measure basic verbal, mathematical, and analytical writing skills that have been developed over a long period of time through education and work.

- Register online, or pick up a registration book in the Office of Career Services, 206 Strebel Student Center.

[Graduate Record Exam \(GRE\)](#)

Many graduate programs require the GRE for admission. The General Test is a 4-hour computer-based standardized test measuring verbal, quantitative, and analytical writing skills that have been acquired over a long period of time and that are not related to any specific field of study. (There is a subject test that may be required for certain programs, check with school to get this information).

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[Law School Admission Test \(LSAT\)](#)

The Law School Admission Test (LSAT) is a half-day standardized test required for admission to all ABA-approved law schools, most Canadian law schools, and many non-ABA-approved law schools. It provides a standard measure of acquired reading and verbal reasoning skills. The test is administered four times a year. Many law schools require that the LSAT be taken by December for admission the following fall.

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Medical College Admission Test (MCAT)

The MCAT is a standardized, multiple-choice examination designed to assess problem solving, critical thinking, and writing skills in addition to the examinee's knowledge of science concepts and principles prerequisite to the study of medicine. Scores are reported in each of the following areas: Verbal Reasoning, Physical Sciences, Writing Sample, and Biological Sciences. Almost all U.S. medical schools require applicants to submit MCAT scores during the application process. Many schools may not accept MCAT scores more than 3 years old.

Optometry Admission Test (OAT)

The Optometry Admission Test (OAT) is a standardized examination designed to measure general academic ability and comprehension of scientific information. The OAT is sponsored by the Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry (ASCO) for applicants seeking admission to an optometry program. All schools and colleges of optometry in the United States, and the University of Waterloo, Canada require the OAT.

Pharmacy College Admission Test (PCAT)

The PCAT measures general academic ability and scientific knowledge necessary for the commencement of pharmaceutical education. The PCAT consists of approximately 280 multiple-choice questions and an essay; candidates are given four and half hours to complete the exam.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges (AAVMC)

Currently there are 28 U.S. veterinary medical colleges and 4 Canadian colleges of veterinary medicine, all are members of the AAVMC. The VMCAS application consists of 20 sections with instructions and one set yearly deadline. Each of the participating VMCAS colleges and universities has its own requirements for application and standardized test requirements, typically the GRE or MCAT. Refer to the AAVMC website for additional information.

National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX)

The NCLEX tests are required to receive professional licensure in the field of nursing and are created by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN).

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