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| **Study In The United States** |

**Structure of the U.S. Education System: Standardized Tests**

Standardized tests are machine graded instruments administered to students and adults under controlled conditions to assess capabilities, including knowledge, cognitive skills and abilities, and aptitude. They are used in the U.S. education system at all levels to assist with admissions, placement, and counseling decisions. Some tests include a written portion that is hand graded.

Law School Admission Test (LSAT) is an aptitude test administered to students seeking to enter accredited first professional degree programs in law. The LSAT measures reading and verbal reasoning skills.

Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) is a knowledge and aptitude test administered to students seeking to enter accredited first professional degree programs in allopathic medicine, osteopathic medicine, and podiatric medicine.

Pharmacy College Admission Test (PCAT) is a knowledge and aptitude test administered to students seeking to enter accredited first professional degree programs in pharmacy.

**GRADUATE STUDIES APTITUDE TESTS**

Graduate Record Examination (GRE) is an aptitude test administered to holders of the bachelor’s degree to help determine capability for advanced study and research. It is divided into two parts, the GRE General Test measuring verbal and quantitative reasoning, critical thinking and analytical writing skills.

Miller Analogies Test (MAT) is an aptitude test consisting of a series of partial analogies that must be completed in a set time frame.

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY TESTS**

Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) is a proficiency test designed to measure knowledge and skill in understanding and using written English. It is required of international students whose native language or previous language was not English. Some U.S. institutions will accept TOEFL scores in lieu of other test scores.

**FIRST PROFESSIONAL DEGREE APTITUDE TESTS**

Dental Admission Test (DAT) is a knowledge and aptitude test administered to students seeking to enter accredited professional degree programs in dentistry. The DAT measures knowledge and skills in biology, general and organic chemistry, and quantitative methods.

Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) is an aptitude test administered to holders of a bachelor’s degree seeking to enroll in accredited first graduate programs in business administration and management. The GMAT measures analytical writing, verbal reasoning, and quantitative reasoning skills.

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