

What to Expect on a Graduate School Application

- Demographical information
- List of undergraduate institutions attended, degrees earned, and undergraduate GPA
- Section to upload ALL undergraduate transcripts
 - Some schools require you to upload an unofficial copy **and** send an official copy of your transcripts
- Section to upload resume/CV or a section to enter in various experiences
- Section to enter the names of your recommenders and their information i.e. name, title, email, phone number, address
- Section to upload your personal statement, essay question prompts and/or writing sample
- Fee payment and signature

Terms to Know:

- GRE:** Graduate Record Exam
- LSAT:** Law School Admission Test
- GMAT:** Graduate Management Admission Test for business program admission
- MCAT:** Medical College Admission Test
- DAT:** Dental Admission Test
- OAT:** Optometry Admission Test
- PCAT:** Pharmacy College Admission Test
- VCAT:** Veterinary College Admission Test

- Admissions Essay:** Required component of most graduate school applications. Typically it is written in response to specific questions.
- Personal Statement:** A type of admissions essay discussing your personal goals and how/why graduate school (or professional school) will help you reach those goals, as well as previous experiences that have led you to pursue graduate study in this field.
- Assistantship:** A form of financial assistance provided to graduate students through part-time academic employment. Assistants are paid a salary/stipend in exchange for tasks they perform.
- Fellowship:** Financial award that is given to graduate students based on academic and personal achievements. May or may not include a tuition waiver.
- Thesis:** Culminating document of a master's degree on the thesis plan. Requires original research.
- Dissertation:** Culminating document of a doctoral degree. Requires original research.
- Research Paper:** Culminating document of many non-thesis master's degrees. Typically not as long as a thesis and requires original research.
- Award Letter:** A letter received by students who have applied for financial aid informing them of how much financial support they will receive.
- Tuition Assistance:** May be in the form of a tuition scholarship or tuition waiver.

Test	Testing Site Nearest to UNI	Website	Offered	Length of Test
DAT (Dental)	Coralville, IA West Des Moines, IA	ada.org/dat.aspx	Daily (computer-based)	5 hrs.
GMAT (Business)	Coralville, IA West Des Moines, IA	mba.com	Daily (computer-based)	3 hrs. 30 min.
GRE General (Grad Program)	UNI	gre.org	Daily (computer or paper-based)	3 hrs. 45 min.
GRE Subject (Grad Program)	UNI	gre.org	Sept., Oct., & April	2 hrs. 50 min.
LSAT (Law)	UNI	lsac.org	Sept., Nov., & Jan.	4-5 hrs.
MCAT (Medical)	Coralville, IA West Des Moines, IA	aamc.org/students/mcat	January-September	7 hrs. 30 min.
OAT (Optometry)	Coralville, IA West Des Moines, IA	ada.org/en/oat	Daily (computer-based)	5 hrs. and 5 min.
PCAT (Pharmacy)	Coralville, IA West Des Moines, IA	PCATweb.info	Oct. 22-31, 2018, Nov. 1-2, 2018, Jan. 3-4, 2019, Feb 1-14, 2019	3 hrs. 40 min.
Praxis I (Education)	UNI	ets.org/praxis	Daily (computer-based)	5 hrs.
Praxis II (Education Subject Tests)	UNI	ets.org/praxis	Dependent upon subject	1-4 hrs.

