

Testing Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

If you need an accommodation in order to take the admission test for your graduate program, **START EARLY!** Many tests require extensive documentation for approval of an accommodation and it often takes a very long time to go through the approval process. Do not assume that the documentation you provided to the Academic Resource Center at Muhlenberg will be enough. You may be asked for updated information, or perhaps even a new battery of tests, to "prove" your disability. The most important part of this is showing that your disability substantially impacts your ability to take the test and the accommodation is directly related to the disability.

The web page for each test provides information about the process for requesting accommodations, but some are easier to find than others. We have summarized the information for you below and provided the direct web addresses. Be sure to check the details for yourself, and talk with someone in Academic Resources or the Career Center if you have any questions.

GRE, GMAT, Praxis

All three of these tests are administered by ETS (Educational Testing Service) and have similar requirements for accommodated testing. Go to the ETS Office of Disability web site for details on how to apply and what to submit: <http://www.ets.org/disability/index.html>

LSAT

The Law School Admission Test is administered through the Law School Admission Council (LSAC) and is offered 4 times per year. According to their web site, "accommodations may be available if you have a documented disability and are registered to take the LSAT." The process that the LSAC uses to determine if they will permit an accommodation is especially long and complex. Allow yourself many months to get it sorted out before the exam date. For all the details, go to: <http://www.lsac.org/LSAC.asp?url=lsac/accommodated-testing.asp>.

MCAT

The American Association of Medical Colleges coordinates the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT), required by almost all US medical schools. An extensive guide to the accommodation process can be found at <http://www.aamc.org/students/mcat/about/ada2003.pdf>. Allow a considerable amount of time to gather the significant amount of information that is required and submit it all together to avoid any delays in processing.

DAT

Information on special testing arrangements for the Dental Admission Test (DAT) can be found via the American Dental Association web site at: <http://www.ada.org/prof/ed/testing/dat/special.asp>

MAT, PCAT, VCAT, AHPAT

The Miller Analogies Test (MAT), as well as others such as the Pharmacy College Admission Test (PCAT), Veterinary College Admission Test (VCAT), and Allied Health Professions Admission Test (AHPAT), is published by The Psychological Corporation, a subsidiary of Harcourt Books. Information regarding special testing accommodations for the MAT can be found at: www.milleranalogies.com.

**Remember ... if you wait until the last minute to request an accommodation,
it is unlikely that it will be approved.**

Begin the process as early as possible, and be sure that your information is complete!