New GRE Requirements for Teacher Education and Educational Leadership Programs

The New York State Education Transformation Act of 2015 requires graduate-level Teacher Education and Educational Leadership programs to establish rigorous admissions selection criteria geared to predicting applicants’ academic success in those programs. In accordance with these new regulations, Queens College has amended its admission requirements such that individuals who apply to any program leading to New York State certification in classroom teaching and/or in educational leadership will need to submit their Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores to Queens College as part of their application.

Q. When does the GRE requirement take effect?
A. The GRE is required for admission to all graduate Teacher Education and Educational Leadership programs. The start date for the regulations is July 1, 2016, and is based on when students start their program NOT the date that they are admitted. Therefore this will apply to Fall 2016 students regardless of the date they were admitted (deferrals, etc.).

Q. Are all programs affected?
A. The GRE requirement applies to all graduate programs that lead to New York State certification in classroom teaching and/or educational leadership. This includes initial certification, professional certification, and advanced certificate programs. The regulations do not affect admission requirements to graduate-level programs in disciplines other than teacher education or educational leadership nor do they affect graduate-level programs in education which do not lead to NYS certification.

For further program-specific information, please see the complete list of graduate program offerings on the Graduate Admissions Degree Programs page: http://www.qc.cuny.edu/admissions/graduate/degree/Pages/GradDegreeLanding.aspx. Each program has a link to its own page where program overview, advisement information, and program-specific admission requirements can be viewed.

Q. Which GRE test should I take?
A. Applicants should register for and take the GRE General Test. There are currently no Teacher Education or Educational Leadership programs that require a GRE Subject Test. Please refer to specific program pages for further details: http://www.qc.cuny.edu/admissions/graduate/degree/Pages/GradDegreeLanding.aspx.
Q. How do I register for the GRE?

A. For complete information on the GRE examination – including information on test centers and dates, test overviews, exam preparation, etc. – please visit the Educational Testing Service website at http://www.ets.org/gre.

Q. How can I prepare for the GRE?

A. ETS offers both free preparation materials and materials for purchase. Test preparation software, study guides, and courses are available for purchase from many other vendors as well.

Q. What is the minimum GRE score?

A. There are no minimum scores that guarantee admission. Each program takes into consideration all the elements of an application.

Q. I took the GRE more than five years ago. Will you accept it?

A. GRE test scores are valid for five years after the testing year in which you tested (July 1-June 30). You will need to take the test again if your scores are more than five years old.

Q. I am currently enrolled in (or have already completed) a graduate-level program in teacher education. Now I want to apply to another program. Do I still need to take the GRE?

A. Yes. You must take the GRE for admission to any graduate-level Teacher Education or Educational Leadership program that leads to New York State certification, unless you have already taken the GRE within the last five years.

Q. I took the GRE, but didn’t have the score reported to Queens College at the time. How do I have the score reported now?

A. There are several options available for score reporting which can be viewed on the following web page: http://www.ets.org/gre/revised_general/scores/send/asr.

Q. What is the Institutional Code for Queens College?

A. The institutional code number of Queens College is 2750.

Q. Who can I contact if I have further questions about the application process and the GRE that aren’t answered here?

A. The Office of Graduate Admissions can answer most questions over the phone. The office is open Monday through Thursday from 9:30-4:30, and on Friday from 9:30-12:00. They can be reached at (718) 997-5200 or by email at GraduateAdmissions@qc.cuny.edu.

For further information on the GRE examination itself, please visit the Educational Testing Service website at http://www.ets.org/gre.