

GRE Requirements for Teacher Education and Educational Leadership Programs

New York State Education Law requires graduate-level *Teacher Education* and *Educational Leadership* programs to adopt rigorous admissions selection criteria that include a standardized admissions examination. Accordingly, individuals who apply to any graduate program leading to New York State certification in classroom teaching and/or in educational leadership must submit their Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores to Queens College as part of their admission application. The admission examination requirement does not apply to currently certified teachers or educational leaders who already hold a graduate degree.

We understand the timing, cost, and potential anxiety associated with taking such an examination. Please be assured that your test score will be but one element in the review of your overall application and will not be given greater importance than other factors.

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 that 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. Are all individuals affected?

A. The admission examination requirement for graduate programs that lead to New York State certification in classroom teaching and/or educational leadership does not apply to currently certified teachers or educational leaders who already hold a graduate degree.

Q. Which GRE test should I take?

A. You 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 and reportable for five years following your test date. You will need to take the test again if your scores are more than five years old. For further information on reportable history cutoff dates, please visit the Educational Testing Service website at http://www.ets.org/gre/revised_general/scores/?WT.ac=grehome_grescores_150213.

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. 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 or unless you are a currently certified teacher or educational leader who already holds a graduate degree. Documentation of current (or previous) examination scores *or* of current teacher/educational leader certification and graduate degree completion are required for admission, as applicable.

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. They can be reached by email at GraduateAdmissions@qc.cuny.edu and via telephone at (718) 997-5200.

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