

GRADUATE RECORD EXAM (GRE) FACT SHEET

<http://www.gre.org>

The Master of Science Degree in Human Development and Family Studies with a concentration in Family Life & Parent Education requires applicants to submit scores from the general test of the GRE.

What is the GRE and how is it graded?

The GRE is a standardized exam required by most graduate schools. The GRE has three scores – verbal, quantitative, and analytical writing. Three scores will be reported on the General Test: (1) a verbal score reported on a 200-800 score scale, (2) a quantitative score reported on a 200-800 score scale, and (3) an analytical writing score reported on a 0-6 score scale, with half-point increments.

Where is the GRE given?

The Raleigh/Durham/Fayetteville and Greensboro locations for the GRE are as follows:

Durham -- NC Central University Testing Center: (919) 530-7490

Fayetteville – Fayetteville State University Testing Center: (910) 672-1299

Greensboro – Prometric Testing Center: (336) 854-4230

Raleigh -- Prometric Testing Center: (919) 846-1933A complete list of test centers is available on locator section of the GRE web site:

http://etsis4.ets.org/tcenter/cbt_dm.cfm

What is the cost?

The General Test costs US \$115 for individuals testing in the United States, U. S. Territories, and Puerto Rico.

What is the analytical writing section like?

The assessment consists of two analytical writing tasks: a 45-minute "Present Your Perspective on an Issue" task and a 30-minute "Analyze an Argument" task. The "Issue" task states an opinion on an issue of general interest and asks test takers to address the issue from any perspective(s) they wish, as long as they provide relevant reasons and examples to explain and support their views. The "Argument" task presents a different challenge—it requires test takers to critique an argument by discussing how well--reasoned they find it. Test takers are asked to consider the logical soundness of the argument rather than to agree or disagree with the position it presents. These two tasks are complementary in that the first requires the writer to construct a personal argument about an issue, and the second requires a critique of someone else's argument by assessing its claims.

When will scores be reported?

Test takers who take the computer-based General Test will receive their unofficial verbal and quantitative scores at the test center; however, because of the essay scoring process, they will not receive their analytical writing scores at that time. Verbal, quantitative, and analytical writing scores for the computer-based General Test will be sent to institutions and test takers within 10 to 15 days of the test administration. For test takers who choose

to handwrite their essay responses, verbal, quantitative, and analytical writing scores will be sent within 6 weeks of the test administration.

Should I study for the GRE?

The best source of information on preparing for the GRE is found on the GRE web site. GRE test preparation workshops are offered at NC State University (919-515-2661) and UNCG (336-256-2255)<http://www.dcs.ncsu.edu/opd/list2.cfm?pagetype=short&ctype=31>
http://web.uncg.edu/dcl/web/testprep/personal_prep.asp

When should I take the test?

We advise applicants to take the GRE early. Delays in receiving the GRE scores are the major source of delaying admissions decisions. In addition, taking the test early allows the applicant to re-take the test if there were difficulties.

Does admission to the program require a specific minimum score on the GRE?

No. The admissions committee considers other factors besides GRE scores in its attempt to build a diverse class that represents many types of talent. Lower scores can be compensated for by such factors as an outstanding undergraduate grade point average, strong PBS work, overcoming a disadvantaged background, or outstanding career accomplishments. The admissions committee views the GRE as just one component of the applicant's credentials. The GRE does not overshadow undergraduate grades, PBS course work, and other achievements.

How are scores submitted with the online application?

Students should request that the Education Testing Service send GRE scores to the university to which the graduate application is being submitted. Raw electronic scores are automatically matched with applications in the university admissions database.