

**GRADUATE MANAGEMENT ADMISSION TEST (GMAT)  
PREPARATION AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

**Gardner-Webb**  
UNIVERSITY



**TEST FORMAT:**

The Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) is no longer a paper-based test. The GMAT is now a computer-adaptive test (CAT), formatted in a manner that allows the test to adjust to your level of ability. In a computer-adaptive test, the computer screen displays one question at a time, which is chosen from a very large pool of questions categorized by content and difficulty. The first question is always of medium difficulty. The selection of each question thereafter is determined by your responses to previous questions. For example, if you answer the first question incorrectly, the next question is slightly easier. If you answer the first question correctly, the next question is slightly more difficult. Once you have answered a question, you will be asked to confirm your answer before proceeding to the next question. You may not return to change any previous answers, and every question must be answered. *No points are deducted for giving an incorrect answer; however, the value of each correct answer is determined by the difficulty of the question.*

The questions on the new GMAT are similar in basic structure to those on the paper-based test. The GMAT CAT will include verbal, quantitative, and analytical writing questions that you will answer on computer. You are allotted 75 minutes for 37 quantitative questions, 75 minutes for 41 verbal questions, and 30 minutes each for the two analytical writing topics. The entire exam takes approximately 4 hours. Data Sufficiency and Problem Solving questions will be mingled within the quantitative section, and Sentence Correction, Reading Comprehension, and Critical Reasoning questions will be mingled within the verbal section.

**TEST PREPARATION:**

Two strategies have been used by our students to successfully prepare for the GMAT: 1) self-study using purchased materials and practice exams and 2) structured review courses combined with self study. The majority of students successfully choose the first option to prepare for taking the exam. There are a multitude of resources available to develop your preparation strategy. Check your local bookstore and the Graduate Management Admission Council (GMAC) website, MBA Explorer, at [www.gmat.org](http://www.gmat.org) for prices and availability. The following are just several examples of available materials:

*Powerprep Software*

*The Princeton Review: Cracking the GMAT*

*The Official Guide for GMAT Review*

*GMAT for Dummies*

**REGISTERING FOR THE GMAT:**

The GMAT is offered Monday through Saturday and is administered on computer at various locations throughout the world, with new test sites being added frequently. When registering for the GMAT, make sure to ask the attendant to give you a choice of locations closest to you. If you are registering in the United States, US Territories, Puerto Rico or Canada, you can register by phone if you have a credit card or by mail if paying by check or money order. The phone number to call is **1-800-GMAT-NOW (1-800-462-8669)**.

**REPORTING YOUR SCORE:**

When you arrive at the test site and log on to the computer, you will be asked to indicate any schools you want to receive your score. Gardner-Webb University's GMAT code is **5242**.