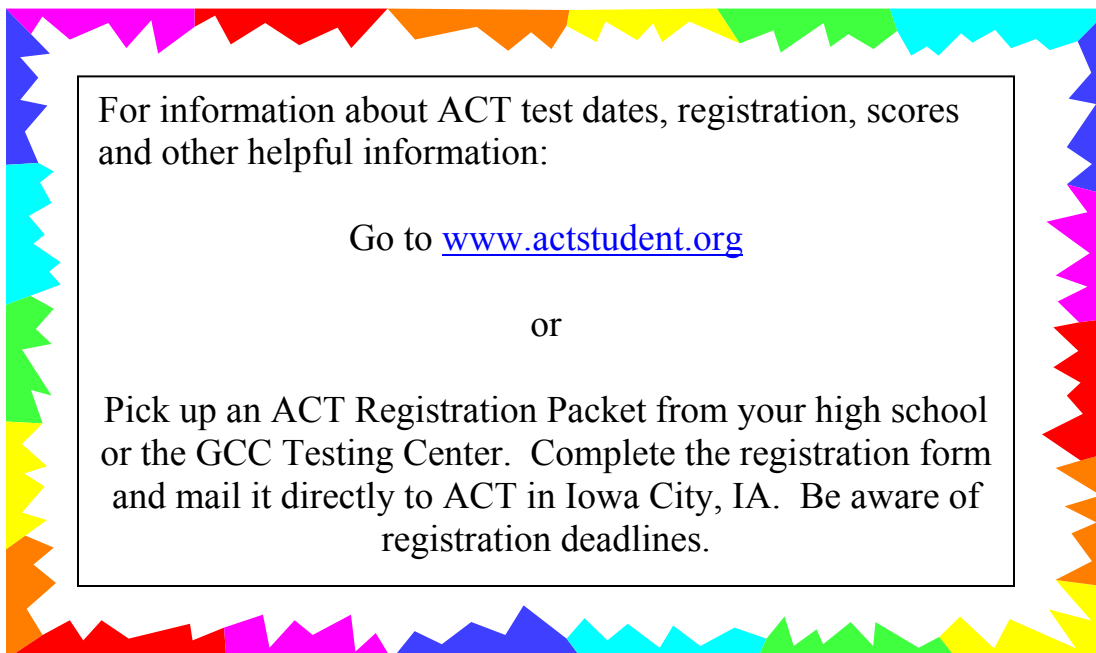


# ACT Assessment

Grayson County College does not require the ACT for admission to the college. However, the GCC Testing Center administers the ACT on all national test dates as a service to the community.



For information about ACT test dates, registration, scores and other helpful information:

Go to [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

or

Pick up an ACT Registration Packet from your high school or the GCC Testing Center. Complete the registration form and mail it directly to ACT in Iowa City, IA. Be aware of registration deadlines.

There are two test options available:

1. ACT – made up of multiple-choice tests in English, mathematics, reading, and science
2. ACT Plus Writing – includes the multiple-choice tests plus an optional 30-minute Writing Test and has a higher fee

Taking the Writing Test does not affect your subject area scores or your Composite score. To take the Writing Test, you must also take the multiple-choice tests in the same session.

You should decide whether to take the Writing Test based on the requirements of the institutions to which you are applying. Check directly with the institutions you are considering to find out their requirements, or ask your high school counselor which test option you should take.

# HELPFUL HINTS

Before the test date:

- ❑ Prepare for the test. Get a free copy of *Preparing for the ACT Assessment* from your high school or go to [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org); click on Test Prep.
- ❑ Read both sides of your Admission Ticket as soon as it arrives. Make sure your test option and test date are correct. Pay attention to the reporting location of the test center to which you are assigned.
- ❑ Make sure you have acceptable photo ID.

On test day:

- ❑ Only examinees and testing staff are allowed at the test center. Waiting areas are not provided.
- ❑ Report to your assigned test center by the time listed on your admission ticket. You will not be admitted if you are late. To find the GCC Testing Center on the Main Campus in Denison, drive through the parking lots to the back of the campus (north side); look for ACT sign near Testing Center sign.
- ❑ Bring the following items:
  1. Admission ticket from ACT
  2. Photo identification -- Acceptable forms of ID are listed on your admission ticket, on the back page of the registration booklet, and at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org). Acceptable identification must be presented at check-in or you will not be admitted to test.
  3. Sharpened soft-lead (No. 2) pencils with good erasers
  4. A watch to pace yourself. (Timers are not allowed).
  5. Optional: Calculator – You may use any four-function, scientific, or graphing calculator, unless it has features described on the Prohibited List. To be certain your calculator will be permitted, visit [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) or call 1-800-498-6481 for a recorded message.
- ❑ Do not bring:
  1. Any electronic device other than permitted calculators (examples include pager, beeper, cell phone, CD/tape player, PDA, camera)
  2. Books, dictionaries, notes, scratch paper, or other aids
  3. Highlighters, colored pencils or pens, correction fluid
  4. Reading material
  5. Food or drink (including water)
  6. Tobacco in any form

After the test date:

- ❑ Score reports are normally mailed about 4-7 weeks after the test date.
- ❑ Early scores by web – As soon as your scores are available, you may view them at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) for a fee of \$8.00 (VISA or MasterCard only).

### Testing for Students with Disabilities

If you currently receive accommodations in school due to a professionally diagnosed and documented disability, see page 6 of *Registering for the ACT Assessment or Students with Disabilities* at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org).

### Standby Testing

If you did not register for the ACT and suddenly need to take the test, you might be able to test on a STANDBY basis. Go to [www.actstudent.org/regist/standbytest.html](http://www.actstudent.org/regist/standbytest.html) or see page 3 of “Registering for the ACT” in the ACT Registration Packet.

### Weather Announcements

If a winter storm is predicted, listen to your local radio or television station for announcements concerning the status of the GCC Test Center. ACT will post rescheduling information at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org).