

## STANDARDIZED TESTS AND EXAMINATIONS

Acronym	Name of Exam	Description	Websites
<b><u>Elementary &amp; Secondary Education Assessment and Achievement</u></b>			
TCAP	Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program	Achievement test for grades 3-8 For grades 9-12; required by the Dept. of Education to receive diploma	<a href="http://www.internet4classrooms.com/TCAP.htm">www.internet4classrooms.com/TCAP.htm</a> <a href="http://www.internet4classrooms.com/TCAP.htm">www.internet4classrooms.com/TCAP.htm</a>
	TCAP Gateway	(1) Exit exam for high school students on vocational path; (2) Skills assessment for workers, e.g. teacher assistant	<a href="http://www.act.org">www.act.org</a>
	WorkKeys (ACT)	measures vocational performance indicators	
<b><u>Higher Education Assessment and Admission</u></b>			
ACT	American College Test	College entrance exam	<a href="http://www.act.org">www.act.org</a>
DAT	Dental Admissions Test	Required for dental school admission	<a href="http://www.ada.org">www.ada.org</a>
GRE	Graduate Record Examination	Gauges undergraduate achievement; required by many graduate programs	<a href="http://www.gre.org/">www.gre.org/</a>
GMAT	Graduate Management Admission Test	Used by many business/management schools for admission.	<a href="http://www.mba.com/mba/TakeTheGMAT">www.mba.com/mba/TakeTheGMAT</a>
HOBET	Health Occupations Basic Entrance Test	Measures ability and compares to college level ability.	<a href="http://www.testprepview.com">www.testprepview.com</a>
ISEE	Independent School Entrance Exam	Achievement test for independent grades 5-12 admission	<a href="http://www.ets.org/portal/site/ets">www.ets.org/portal/site/ets</a>
LSAT	Law School Admission Test	Required for admission to many law schools	<a href="http://www.lsac.org">www.lsac.org</a>
MCAT	Medical College Admission Test	Required for medical college admission	<a href="http://www.aamc.org/students/mcat">www.aamc.org/students/mcat</a>
Nursing Exam	RN and LPN Pre-Entrance Exam, PSB-RN Test, PSB-PN Test, PSB Health Occupations Test	Nursing schools use different exams for admission. Must know correct acronym of exam.	<a href="http://www.testprepview.com/nursing_practice.htm">www.testprepview.com/nursing_practice.htm</a>
OAT	Optometry Admission Test	Measures academic ability; sponsored by the Assoc. of Schools & Colleges of Optometry	<a href="http://www.opted.org">www.opted.org</a>
PCAT	Pharmacy College Admission Test	Measures academic and scientific knowledge for pharmacy education.	<a href="http://www.harcourtaassessment.com">www.harcourtaassessment.com</a>
PSAT/NMSQT	Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test	Practice for SAT; quality for National Merit Scholarship	<a href="http://www.collegeboard.com">www.collegeboard.com</a>
SAT	Scholastic Achievement Test	For college admission	<a href="http://www.collegeboard.com">www.collegeboard.com</a>
SSAT	Secondary School Admission Test	Often required by independent schools	<a href="http://www.ssat.org">www.ssat.org</a>
TEAS	Test of Essential Academic Skills	Assesses reading, English, math, science skills for admission	<a href="http://www.atitesting.com/productinfo/TEAS.aspx">www.atitesting.com/productinfo/TEAS.aspx</a>
TOEFL	Test of English as Foreign Language	Measures ability to use & understand English in college settings	<a href="http://www.toefl.org">www.toefl.org</a>
<b><u>Higher Education Placement</u></b>			
Accuplacer	a computerized placement test	Provides college placement/advising info.	<a href="http://www.wccc.me.edu/accuplacerinfo.html">www.wccc.me.edu/accuplacerinfo.html</a>

ASSET	Advising, Placement and Retention System	A testing/advising program for placement into postsecondary institutions; developed by ACT.	<a href="http://www.act.org/asset/index.html">www.act.org/asset/index.html</a>
CAAP	Collegiate Assessment of Academic Proficiency	Standardized assessment developed by ACT	<a href="http://www.act.org/caap/index.html">www.act.org/caap/index.html</a>
CLEP	College-Level Examination Program	College Board's credit-by-examination measures achievement in subject areas for college credit.	<a href="http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/clep/about.html">www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/clep/about.html</a>
COMPASS	Computer adaptive Placement Assessment and Support System	Developed by the American College Test Program (ACT) for postsecondary institutions	<a href="http://www.act.org/compass/index.html">www.act.org/compass/index.html</a>
CPAT	Career Programs Assessment Test	Evaluates students' readiness for career schools & colleges	<a href="http://www.act.org/cpat/index.html">www.act.org/cpat/index.html</a>
MAT	Math Advisory Test	Determines the level of math placement at some colleges	
MAT	Miller Analogies Test	Measures analytical ability, often to qualify for graduate school	<a href="http://www.milleranalogies.com">www.milleranalogies.com</a>
TABE	Test of Adult Basic Education	A placement test for adult education programs	<a href="http://www.testprepreview.com/tabe_practice.htm">www.testprepreview.com/tabe_practice.htm</a>

### Professional Development, Licensure & Certification

ASVAB	Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery test	Evaluates aptitude of high school students & individuals for enlistment in the Armed Forces	<a href="http://www.hrc.army.mil/site/Education/APT.html">www.hrc.army.mil/site/Education/APT.html</a>
CDL	Commercial Driver's License	Tennessee requirement for commercial vehicles	<a href="http://www.tennessee.gov/safety/publications.htm">www.tennessee.gov/safety/publications.htm</a>
CGFNS	Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools	Qualifying exam for foreign nurse graduate to practice nursing in U.S.A.	<a href="http://www.cgfns.org">www.cgfns.org</a>
COMLEX	Comprehensive Medical Licensing Exam	Certification by National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners	<a href="http://www.nbome.org">www.nbome.org</a>
CPAT	Candidate Physical Ability Test.	Evaluates physical ability to assist in the selection of fire fighters,	<a href="http://www.iaff.org/safe/content/wellness/index.htm">www.iaff.org/safe/content/wellness/index.htm</a>
CSCS	Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist	Certification program for the fitness industry	<a href="http://www.nscac.org/cscs">www.nscac.org/cscs</a>
FPGEE	Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Examination Committee	National Association of Boards of Pharmacy certification	<a href="http://www.nabp.net">http://www.nabp.net</a>
Pre-NAPLEX	Pre-North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination	Familiarizes students with NAPLEX license exam	<a href="http://www.nabp.net/fag/fagprenaplex.asp">www.nabp.net/fag/fagprenaplex.asp</a>
NAPLEX	North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination	Developed by the National Assoc. of Boards of Pharmacy	<a href="http://www.nabp.net/fag/fagprenaplex.asp">www.nabp.net/fag/fagprenaplex.asp</a>
NBPTS	National Board for Professional Teaching Standards	Performance assessments for Pre-K through 12th grade teachers	<a href="http://www.ets.org/portal/site/ets">www.ets.org/portal/site/ets</a>
NBRC	National Board for Respiratory Care exams	Certified Respiratory Therapist (CRT); Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT); Registered Pulmonary Function Technologist (RPFT); Certified Pulmonary Function Technologist (CPFT); Neonatal/Pediatric Respiratory Care Specialist	<a href="http://www.nbrc.org">http://www.nbrc.org</a>
NCBTMB	National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork	Certification	<a href="http://www.ncbtmb.com">www.ncbtmb.com</a>
NCLEX	National Council Licensure Examination	Measures critical thinking skills to be used in Nursing	<a href="http://www.ncsbn.org/testing/index.asp">www.ncsbn.org/testing/index.asp</a>
NREMT	National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians	Certification	<a href="http://www.nremt.org">www.nremt.org</a>
PANCE	Physician Assistant National Certifying Exam	Certification of Physician Assistant competency	<a href="http://www.nccpa.net">www.nccpa.net</a>

ParaPro	ParaPro Assessment	Measures competency of teaching assistants	<a href="http://www.ets.org">www.ets.org</a>
Phlebotomy	ASCP, NCA, ASPT, NPA, AMT, NHA	Certification of venipuncture training/experience	<a href="http://www.phlebotomypages.com/phleb_certification.htm">www.phlebotomypages.com/phleb_certification.htm</a>
PHR/SPHR	(Senior) Professional in Human Resources	Certification	<a href="http://www.hrci.org">www.hrci.org</a>
PMP	Project Management Professional	Certification	<a href="http://www.pmi.org/info/PDC_PMP.asp">www.pmi.org/info/PDC_PMP.asp</a>
Postal Exam	U.S. Postal Service	Required for many postal employment positions	<a href="http://www.usps.com/employment">www.usps.com/employment</a>
Praxis I	Measures basic academic skills	Many states use as part of teachers' licensing certification	<a href="http://www.ets.org">www.ets.org</a>
Praxis II	Measures general and subject-specific knowledge and teaching skills	Many states use as part of teachers' licensing certification	<a href="http://www.ets.org">www.ets.org</a>
PTCB	Pharmacy Technician Certification Board	Certification of pharmacy technicians	<a href="http://www.ptcb.org">www.ptcb.org</a>
USMLE	U.S. Medical Licensing Examination	Physicians' licensure exam	<a href="http://www.usmle.org">www.usmle.org</a>
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### Computer Hardware and Software Certification

Network+	Computer networking	Evaluates experience or training in network support/administration
Sun	For Solaris server operating system	For system administrators & technical support staff
Oracle	Computer software/hardware	
A+ / Network+	Computer networking	