

# Testing & Education Reference Center Search Tips

Testing & Education Reference Center provides in-depth information on colleges and universities, graduate and professional programs, distance learning, available scholarship awards, preparatory entrance tests and more to create a resource of unprecedented value for libraries and schools.

## HOW TO USE TESTING & EDUCATION REFERENCE CENTER

Go to the *Testing & Education Reference Center* URL via your Internet browser. On the home page, you will find the following four search options:

- **College Search** allows users to search for colleges, distance (online) learning opportunities, programs for international students and nursing schools
- **Graduate Search** offers information on thousands of graduate, law, M.B.A., nursing and distance learning (online) opportunities
- **Specialty & Career Program Search** helps users search among career colleges, vocational schools, Information Technology programs, Executive Education programs and private secondary schools
- **Test Preparation** practice for college/graduate school admissions, exams to help users earn college credit, civil service/licensing exams and military entrance exams, plus the G.E.D.

schools or specialty and career programs, the search tips and techniques required to gather this pertinent data are basically the same. We'll demonstrate the ease of searching using the **College Search** tab as an example.

To ascertain the latest information on colleges and universities, click on **College Search**, then choose **Looking for a College**. From here, you'll proceed to the **Basic College Search** link, where you can search for colleges by location or other criteria.

The screenshot shows the 'College Search' section of the website. On the left is a navigation menu with links for Home, College Search, Graduate Search, Specialty & Career Program Search, Test Preparation, and Personalized Toolbox. The main content area is titled 'College Search' and includes several links: 'Looking for a college?' (with a description of exploring comprehensive databases), 'Get recruited with CollegesWantYouSM' (with a description of why you should do all the work looking for a college), 'Get ready to score high!' (with a description of practicing for college entrance exams), 'College Success Tips' (with a description of a brand-new guide for choosing the right college), and 'Scholarship Search' (with a description of a large database of scholarships).

Choosing the school of interest will show detailed information for that particular school. The **Navigate** menu on the right helps you search available information quickly. On the right menu bar, find other similar colleges.

The screenshot shows the 'College Overview' page for Michigan State University. It includes the university's name, location (East Lansing, Michigan), and a 'VISIT SCHOOL SITE' button with the URL 'http://www.msu.edu/'. Below this is a search bar with the text 'Enter search terms here' and a 'Go' button. On the right side, there is a 'STUDENTS LIKE ME' section listing other universities: Boston University, Eastern Michigan University, Florida State University, The Ohio State University, and University of Michigan. At the bottom, there is a 'School Snapshot' section with details about the school type (State-supported, Coed), setting (Suburban 5192-acre campus), degrees offered (Certificates, Bachelor's, Master's, Doctoral, First Professional, and Post-Master's Certificates), and cost (Tuition state resident \$8400 full-time, \$280 per credit hour part-time; nonresident \$22,260 full-time, \$742 per credit hour part-time).

The screenshot shows the home page of the Testing & Education Reference Center. It features a navigation menu with links for Help, Search Tips, and Logout. Below the menu are four search options: College Search, Graduate Search, Specialty & Career Program Search, and Test Preparation. Each option has a brief description and a 'Click here' link. At the bottom, there are two sections: 'eBooks Quick Link' and 'Personalized Toolbox'. The 'eBooks Quick Link' section has a link to 'View eBooks' and a description of how to find eBooks. The 'Personalized Toolbox' section has a link to 'Login or Register now >' and a description of how to use the toolbox.

## SEARCHING SCHOOLS AND PROGRAMS

Whether you want information on colleges, graduate  
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## PERSONALIZED TOOLBOX

Registering with the **Personalized Toolbox** allows you to save the information you're working with, including practice tests in progress or financial aid options — so you can log off and

come back to your information later. Go to the **Personalized Toolbox**. After entering your user name and password click on **College Tools** for detailed information such as financial aid and scholarship opportunities based on your personal criteria.

Then, take the exam. Users may take exams as many times as they like. They may also start an exam and finish it later. If you require further assistance with *Testing & Education Reference Center*, please contact your librarian.

## TEST PREPARATION PRACTICE

To help prepare for entrance exams, return to the **Home** page, or click on **Test Preparation** in the left navigation bar. Then, click on the test of choice.

**Test Preparation**

No matter what your educational goal and which test you're studying for, nothing beats solid preparation and repeated practice. Whether you're headed for college, planning for graduate school, or starting a new career, you need supplemental resources to improve your scores. Click on a link below to improve your scores with the Internet's most effective online practice tests and books.

<p><b>High School</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Cooperative Entrance Exam (CQOP)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">General Educational Development (GED) battery</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">High School Placement Test (HSPT)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Independent School Entrance Examination (ISEE)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">New York City Specialized High School Admissions Test (SHSAT)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Secondary School Admission Test (SSAT)</a></li> </ul> <p><b>State Assessments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Florida's Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE)</a></li> </ul> <p><b>College Entrance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">ACT Assessment®</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">PSAT®</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">SAT®</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">SAT Subject Tests®</a></li> </ul> <p><b>College Credit</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Advanced Placement (AP)®</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">College Level Examination Program (CLEP)®</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Dantes Subject Standardized Test (DSST)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)®</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Test of English for International Communication (TOEIC)</a></li> </ul> <p><b>Graduate Entrance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Graduate Record Examination (GRE)®</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT)®</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Law School Admissions Test (LSAT)®</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT)®</a></li> </ul>	<p><b>Civil Service and Licensing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Accountant/Auditor Exams</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">American Foreign Service Officer Exam</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Case Worker Exam</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Civil Service Exams</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Clerical Exams</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Corrections Officer Exam</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Court Officer Exam</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">EMT Exams</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Firefighter Exams</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Law Enforcement Exams</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Parole Officer Exam</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Police Officer Exam</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Police Sgt. Lt. Capt. Promotion Exams</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Postal Exams</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Praxis Exams™</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Probation Officer Exam</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Real Estate Exams</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">State Trooper Exam</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Treasury Enforcement Agent Exam</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">U.S. Citizenship Test</a></li> </ul> <p><b>Military Entrance and Career Placement</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Air Force Officer Qualifying Test</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Military Flight Aptitude Tests</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Officer Candidate Tests</a></li> </ul> <p><b>Basic Skills</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Academic Skills Question Bank</a></li> </ul>
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Users will then be presented with the option of viewing an online book or taking an online practice test.

**Test Preparation**

**ACT Assessment®**

Each year, more than 2 million college-bound students like you take the 3-hour ACT to improve their chances of getting into the college of their choice. Whether you plan on setting aside months to get ready or you prefer last-minute studying, the best way to prepare is with plenty of practice tests, an understanding of how the test works, and insight into how the test makers think.

**Online ACT Practice Test**

You have 90 days of access to maximize your score with three full-length timed practice assessments.

**Estimated time to complete:**  
2 hours, 55 minutes  
4 sections

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**Online ACT Books**

**Ultimate ACT Tool Kit**

The ACT is an extremely important part of the college application—and now students don't have to leave their scores to chance. This is a complete test-prep regimen that takes ACT preparation down to an art. No other product on the market gives you the comprehensive instruction and training you need to prepare.

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**Master the ACT Assessment®**

Perfect for students, teachers, and parents looking for complete test preparation rather than a supplement to another guide. Filled with full-length practice exams, test-taking strategies, and skill-building exercises, the book helps students acquire a solid foundation of math and verbal skills and teaches them how to prepare to apply those skills in a timed test situation.