



HEALTH OCCUPATIONS APTITUDE EXAMINATION (HOAE)

What are the testing dates / times for writing at Ridgetown Campus?

There will be FOUR dates to choose from for writing the HOAE at Ridgetown Campus:

Friday, February 10th

Saturday, February 11th

Friday, February 24th

Saturday, February 25th

Sign-in on each of these testing dates will take place between 12:00 – 12:30 p.m.

How do I sign up for testing at Ridgetown?

You will find a link to “Veterinary Technology applicant pre-admission testing” on the home page of our website at www.ridgetownc.uoguelph.ca Complete the HOAE registration form and submit.

What is the cost of the test?

There is a fee of \$50.00 for administration of the test, payable prior to testing.

What are the options for payment?

You may pay online using VISA or Master Card. Or you may wish to print off the completed registration form on our website and mail it in along with a cheque or money order (made payable to ‘University of Guelph’) for the appropriate fee.

How do I forward my HOAE test results to your college if I have written it elsewhere; or how to I forward the results to another Ontario college if I write the testing at Ridgetown?

The college where you write your HOAE testing will forward your HOAE test results to OntarioColleges.ca for distribution to the other colleges that you have applied to. You will not need to request to have this done on your behalf.

HOAE test results are being accepted by Ridgetown Campus until March 1st .

Why test?

Testing in the selection process for career education programs is proven to be constructive and beneficial to both the applicant and the institution to which admission is sought. Results of standardized tests provide an unbiased mechanism for assessing applicants. This, combined with grades from previous education, will help the college to select those applicants that are most likely to be successful in their chosen program.

What does the test cover?

The HOAE covers spelling, reading comprehension, natural sciences such as chemistry, biology and physics, arithmetic, perceptual and word problems. Sample questions for the Health Occupations Aptitude Examination are provided to familiarize you with the format of the examination, the directions for completing each examination part, the types of questions contained in the examination, and the content areas measured by the test questions. These questions will not be found in the examination, nor are answers provided. Sample questions for the PSB-Health Occupations Aptitude Examination can be found at <http://www.psbtests.com/index.html> “Student Applicant: Resources for Test Taking”

Can I study for the test?

Various resources can be used to prepare for the test, such as a dictionary, 8th grade arithmetic textbook, high school science textbooks, a GED study guide, SAT study guide or the ARCO Nursing School and Allied Health Entrance Exams study guide.

How long is the test?

The total time for the test is 3 hours; the testing takes 2 ½ hours but you need to arrive 30 minutes early to register. Make sure you record the time and date you selected when you reserved your seat.

What do I need to do/submit if I require special consideration for testing?

Applicants who have an Individual Education Plan (I.E.P.) or other special needs are to contact Judy O'Brien at 519-674-1500 ext.63670 prior to testing and will be required to submit proper documentation.

Can I use a calculator?

Calculators and other aids are not allowed.

What happens if I don't write?

If you do not write the HOAE your application will be incomplete and you will not be considered for acceptance.

Can I use my test results from a HOAE test completed last year?

Each application cycle is a new process. Test results from a previous year cannot be used for current year admission consideration.

How soon will I learn if I passed?

There is no pass mark. Ridgetown Campus uses the test results as part (approximately 30 per cent) of the overall applicant assessment used for ranking. Ridgetown Campus does not make HOAE results available to applicants.

If I don't do well on the test, can I re-write?

Re-writes of the HOAE are not allowed. You are eligible to write the HOAE on scheduled test dates once per calendar year for Ridgetown entrance consideration. If you have written the HOAE at another facility, you are not to register to write the exam at Ridgetown Campus.

Ridgetown Campus is too far away. Can I have the test administered elsewhere?

Any applicant within a 3 hour drive of Ridgetown Campus is expected to test at the college, unless you have written the examination elsewhere. If you are further than 3 hours, your situation will be assessed on an individual basis. Be sure to read the applicant instructions found at the top of the 'OFF SITE Request Form', found on the Ridgetown website. If your request is approved, complete the form and submit as indicated. Contact Judy O'Brien at jobrien@ridgetownc.uoguelph.ca or phone 519-674-1500 ext.63670 for more information.

I can't get to any of the test dates. What do I do?

It is in your best interest to complete the test on one of the scheduled dates. The college will only consider alternate test dates under the most extreme circumstances. Approval would need to be granted by the campus HOAE co-ordinator or the college's Registrar. Contact Judy O'Brien at jobrien@ridgetownc.uoguelph.ca or phone 519-674-1500 ext.63670 for more information.

Why do I have to do this test when other colleges don't expect me to?

Every college has the right to set their own admission/selection process. There is a high demand for the Veterinary Technology program at Ridgetown Campus and testing assists us in selecting the applicants who are best prepared for the academics involved in our programs.

I was accepted into Ridgetown's Veterinary Technology diploma program last year but did not come to the college. Why do I have to test again?

Unfortunately when you made the choice to not attend Ridgetown Campus the year you were accepted means you forfeited your acceptance. You must complete the process again if you wish to be considered for the current intake. Each year our applicant pool changes and there is no guarantee that the ranking you obtained previously will be sufficient to be accepted this year.

I need directions to Ridgetown Campus.

To find directions to Ridgetown Campus log on to our website at <http://www.ridgetownc.uoguelph.ca/contactus/maps.cfm> or refer to the reverse side of the letter from the Registrar, sent in this mailing.

Who do I contact if I have questions concerning the Veterinary Technology admissions requirements?

Direct questions to Barb O'Neill, Ridgetown Campus Registrar
519-674-1500 ext. 63610
registrar@ridgetownc.uoguelph.ca