# Schulich Graduate Admissions Application Tips: TEST PREP

Due to the time and effort it takes to succeed, the GMAT/GRE is typically the biggest challenge in your graduate program application.

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### Tip #1: CHOOSE YOUR METHOD OF STUDY

There are many different ways to approach exam preparation, including self-study, online and in-person courses and tutoring.

- Self-study can work well if you are disciplined and don't feel the need to have an instructor.
- Courses ensure you are covering all the material and can give you great tips and personal attention but generally have a significant cost. Practice the exam under timed conditions.
- Once you are comfortable with the material, practice writing the exam under the same timed conditions you will encounter during the actual test.



#### Tip #2: PLAN YOUR STUDY TIME

There is no particular amount of study time that is going to be right for at least 100 hours over two to three months.

- Put together a study plan where you schedule your study time right into your calendar at the outset.
- There will be other tempting things to do besides study but sticking to your plan will help ensure your success!

#### Tip #3: BOOK YOUR TEST DATE

Some people like to book their test date well in advance, while others prefer to wait until they feel they have the material under control before choosing the date.

- Are you a procrastinator? Booking your test in advance is great motivation!
- Are you self-motivated? You can wait to book your test until you feel ready, however there are a limited number of GMAT/GRE test centres in any one city, which are often fully booked for several weeks.
- NOTE: sometimes people choose to take the test more than once to improve their score. You can only take the test once every 16 days, so don't leave the exam to the last minute!
- To book your GMAT, visit <u>www.mba.com</u>
- To book your GRE, visit <u>www.ets.org</u>

