



STUDENT AFFAIRS

# Connections

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## The FGCU Testing and Assessment Center

The FGCU Testing Center is a professional testing facility with five full-time University staff, representing over 75 years of State University System experience, available to provide examinees with year round testing services. The Center is an “open” facility in that we extend our services to the community and students from other institutions, in addition to FGCU students. We are funded primarily from test fees and partially by the University.

Our primary mission is to create a testing experience that is professional and comfortable by providing:

- friendly helpful staff
- secure environment
- convenient registration processes
- good lighting and temperature
- reasonable fees
- new computers
- available dates
- clean, quiet surroundings



*Kiersten Ludy, Beverly Brawley, Paolo Estrada, Janet Ullman, Jill Herold, all certified by Pearson Vue, ISO Quality, CASTLE Worldwide, and The College Board*

## Proud Members of NCTA, CCTC, and FACTA

The Testing Center is a member of the National College Testing Association (NCTA), an organization of 800 testing professionals in post-secondary institutions and testing companies. NCTA enhances professional testing practices, administration, test development, scoring and assessment. As a member of NCTA, our testing center abides by the NCTA professional standards and guidelines for testing centers and testing personnel nationwide.

The Testing Center is also a member of the Consortium of College Testing Centers (CCTC) which supports distance learning by providing proctoring services to students away from their home campuses. Last year, approximately 400 exams were delivered to non-FGCU students from countries as far away as Canada, Scotland, Australia, and South Africa.

The Florida Association of College Test Administrators (FACTA), with 150 member institutions, is one of our proudest affiliations. The Testing Center, a founding member, currently holds a seat on several committees and the FACTA Council. This group keeps us in close contact with all Florida State Colleges, State Universities, and Independent schools, as well as a voice in Tallahassee. This enables us to better serve the students and community with a higher level of consistency across institutions.

### A Message From:

**Janet Ullman**

*Director of Testing and Assessment*

Testing is an important part of evaluating a student's placement, performance, progress, and skill level. The Testing Center embraces the student's needs and supports them with the services necessary for their success. The Testing Center staff touched the lives of many students last year through the delivery of approximately 8000 exams. We also provided student support through workshops on graduate school test preparation and overcoming test anxiety, as well as programs that offer opportunities for students to accelerate their graduation.

Throughout the next year, the Testing Center will be working towards National Certification through the National College Testing Association, a process that will guarantee the success and excellence of services for our FGCU students and the FGCU community for years to come.

**For comments or suggestions regarding this issue, please contact:**

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*Connections may be obtained in an alternative format by contacting the Office of Institutional Equity & Compliance at 239-590-7405 or 800-590-3428, or the Office of Adaptive Services at 239-590-7956.*

## Service Highlights

**GRE AND GMAT REVIEW CLASSES** have been sponsored by the Testing Center for 11 years. On campus and very reasonably priced, our classes are offered every Fall and Spring term for 12 weeks (5 English and 7 math). A mini-5-week math course in April/May is also available for GRE and GMAT. Our instructors, Sue and Jim Propert, have been with us for all 11 years and receive consistently high reviews by the students. All FGCU Alumni receive a 10% discount.

**ORIENTATION** is always on the Testing Center calendar. We deliver approximately 1,500 math placement exams every summer through the Orientation leaders who are trained by our Computer Support Specialist for Testing. Also, the Testing Center staffs a table at all transfer orientations to introduce students to our services.

Our **TESTING LAB** boasts 28 newly purchased Dell Optiplex 960's with a 'quiet' feature and energy efficiency options, housed in state-of-the-art NOVA workstations with monitors recessed under glass. This creates optimum noise reduction, green features, and security. Additionally, the computers are secured with lockdown browsers that prevent access by the examinee to the internet.

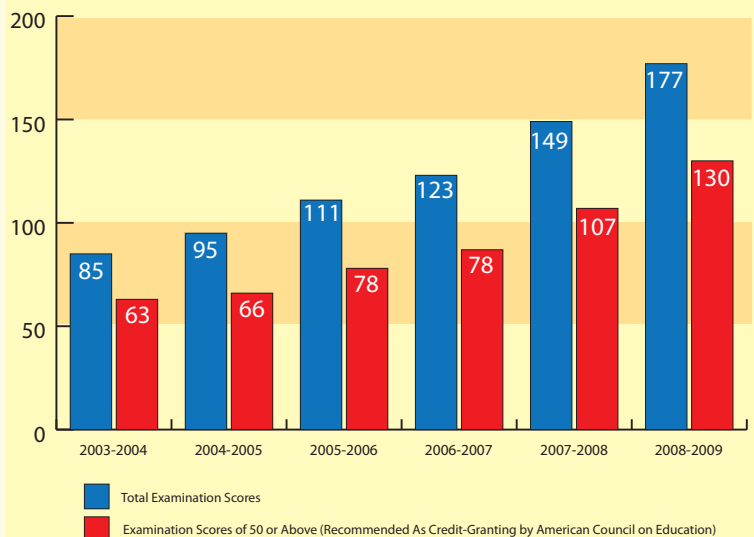
**COLLEGE LEVEL EXAMINATION PROGRAM (CLEP)** is popular with students as a way to earn college credit by passing an exam. This program is sponsored by The College Board and credits are accepted by FGCU.

**OTHER TESTS** offered are:

- ACT – American College Test
- FBAT – Florida Basic Abilities Test (Parole, Probations, & Corrections Officers) for the Florida Department of Law Enforcement
- LSAT – Law School Admissions Test
- MAT – Miller Analogies Test (graduate school admissions)
- PCAT – Pharmacy School Admissions Test
- TEAS – Test of Essential Academic Skills (Nursing Admission)



CLEP: Total Examinations & Number of Examinations with Scores of 50 or Above



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