

Testing Activities Report

Number of Candidates Tested
In the 2004-2005 Year

- National Testing Program
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NATIONAL TESTING PROGRAM

The National Testing Program is a contractual agreement between the Office of Academic Assessment at USM with the national testing agencies; such as Educational Testing Service (ETS), Professional Examination Service (PES), American College Testing (ACT), and other agencies to administer a variety of standardized tests using national testing guidelines and regulations. The Office of Academic Assessment personnel and other trained professional staff administer these exams, by request from national testing agencies.

Overall, the number of exam sessions remained the same from the previous year, and there was a decrease in the number of candidates tested this past academic year (2004-2005). There were a total of 47 exam sessions offered at USM during this year, which is the same from last year's total, which was 47. There were slightly less examinee's tested in the past year (N=1306) than in the previous year (N=1428). Many exams that were administered in previous years have now been computerized which might account for the overall decrease in numbers. Additional national exams were scheduled at our testing site, but were cancelled by the national testing company due to low enrollment. See the table below of the listing of the national examinations administered and the number of examinees tested in each area. As shown on the table, the examinations with the largest number of examinees tested were the ASE (automotive exams) and the NBOME (medical exams).

National Examination Program for 2004-2005

EXAMINATION		No. of Exam Sessions	Examinees Tested
ABPANC	American Board of Post Anesthesia Nursing Cert	1	11
ASE	Automotive Service Excellence	6	214
CBDM	Certifying Board of Dietary Managers	1	15
CCS	Certification for Control Systems	1	5
CFA	Chartered Financial Analysts Examination	1	81
CFRE	Certified Fund Raising Executive	1	9
CHPN	Certification Exam for Hospice & Palliative Nurses	1	19
CPAE	Certified Para optometric Assistant Exam	1	8
CRC	Certification of Rehabilitation Counselors	2	35
FSWE	Foreign Service Officer Written Exam	1	21
GRE	Graduate Record Exam	3	29
LSAT	Law School Admission Test	4	140
MPRE	Multistate Professional Responsibility Exam	2	65
NBCC	National Board of Certified Counselors	3	51
NBOME	National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners	5	285
NBPTS	National Board for Professional Teaching Standards	1	1
NCRE	National Court Reports Exam	2	4
NIPA	National Institute of Pension Administrators	1	1
PRAXIS	Professional Assessment of Beginning Teachers	4	121
PTCB	Pharmacy Technician Certification Board	4	119
TOTALS		47 SESSIONS	1306 EXAMINEES

MILLER ANALOGIES TESTING PROGRAM

The Miller Analogies Test is administered primarily to those who are applying to a graduate program. During the past year (2004-05), the number of test sessions increased (N=20) compared to the previous year (N=17). This increase was due to three special test sessions for three students who requested special accommodations. These special accommodations included the use of a separate testing room. The number of candidates tested this year decreased slightly (N=237) compared to last year's figures (N=249).

MILLER ANALOGIES TEST (MAT) 2004-2005

*Number of Candidates Tested by Month

Month	No. of Sessions	No. of Special Sessions	No. Tested
July '04	2		19
August	2		29
September	1	1	14
October	1		13
November	2		42
December	2	1	34
January '05	1	1	22
February	1		13
March	1		19
April	1		10
May	1		12
June	2		10
Total	17	3	237

PLACEMENT EXAMINATION PROGRAM

The Placement Examination Program consists of USM's locally developed mathematics and writing placement tests. Test sessions are scheduled around New Student Orientation dates and during registration periods. This table states the number of entry-level students who took the placement examinations during the past academic year. For the 2004-05 year, there was a slight increase in the number of exam sessions (N=76) but the number of students tested remained the same (N=1117) compared to last years figures' (61 sessions, 1117 students tested). Of the 76 exam sessions, 15 of those dates required additional test time to accommodate students who have documented special accommodations. These exams are computer-based tests, which makes it possible for quicker test analysis and easier to make changes in the test when curriculum changes occur. As noted on the table, the largest number of students tested was during the summer months of June, July and August.

PLACEMENT EXAMINATION PROGRAM (PEP)

*Number of Students Tested by Month

Month	No. Of Sessions	No. Special Sessions	No. Tested
July '04	10	2	197
August	9	6	194
September	1	1	18
October	1		6
November	2	1	27
December	2		32
January '05	9		133
February	0		0
March	0		0
April	4	1	41
May	3		30
June	20	4	439
TOTAL	61	15	1117

PLACEMENT EXAM PROGRAM – OFF SITE

In the fall of 2004 placement exams were offered to students at two other locations, Lewiston-Auburn College and the Saco Center. These two locations were chosen to help accommodate students who lived/worked in these areas, and who needed to take the placement exams. Test sessions were scheduled around the time of course registration and enrollment periods. This table states the number of entry-level students who took the placement examinations during the past academic year. For the 2004-05 year, there were 16 test sessions and 20 students tested at the Saco Center.

PLACEMENT EXAMINATION PROGRAM (PEP)-Saco

***Number of Students Tested by Month**

Month	No. Of Sessions	No. Tested
November'04	1	0
December	3	1
January '05	2	2
April	2	2
May	5	8
June	3	7
TOTAL	16	20

PLACEMENT EXAMINATION PROGRAM (PEP)-Lewiston-Auburn

***Number of Students Tested by Month**

Month	No. Of Sessions	No. Tested
December'04	3	14
January '05	3	12
February	2	1
March	2	5
April	2	11
May	2	15
June	4	31
TOTAL	17	89

This table states the number of entry-level students who took the placement examinations during the past academic year at Lewiston-Auburn College. For the 2004-05 year, there were 17 test sessions and 89 students tested.

PROFICIENCY EXAMINATION PROGRAM

The Proficiency Examination Program consists of USM's locally developed proficiency exams in Math 108 and Chemistry 100. Test sessions are scheduled around open registration periods. The table below states the number of students who took the proficiency exam during the 2004-2005 fiscal year.

The Chemistry proficiency exam covers general chemistry topics and basic algebra. The purpose of this exam is to determine which chemistry course (CHY 100 or CHY 105) is a test for the student's knowledge of chemistry subjects. This test is a paper and pencil exam that is timed for 90 minutes. As noted on the table, the largest number of students tested was during the month of January. During the last fiscal year there were 13 test sessions and 25 students tested. In the previous year there were 11 test sessions with 38 students tested.

Chemistry Proficiency Exam

*Number of Students Tested by Month

Month	No. of Sessions	No. Tested
September '04	2	1
December	2	1
January '05	3	13
April	2	3
May	3	7
June	1	0
Total	13	25

PROFICIENCY EXAMINATION PROGRAM

The Math 108 Proficiency Exam covers the foundation of algebra skills such as polynomials, solving equations and inequalities. This exam is a paper and pencil exam that is timed for 50 minutes. The purpose of this exam is to determine if a student may waiver the Math 108 course. During the last fiscal year there were 7 test sessions with 11 students tested. In the previous year there were 8 sessions with 13 students tested.

Math 108 Proficiency Exam

*Number of Students Tested by Month

Month	No. of Sessions	No. Tested
August '04	1	6
December	2	0
January '05	1	2
April	1	1
May	1	2
June	1	0
Total	7	11

DISTANCE EDUCATION TESTING PROGRAM

The Distance Education Testing refers to requests from members of the community who are enrolled in a distance or correspondence course from other institution and need a proctor to monitor their course mid-term and final examinations as required by distance education programs. This table reflects the number of individual testing requests in the past year. During this last fiscal year (2004-2005) 54 students requested a proctor to administer their course examinations. This is an increase from the previous year, which were 40 requests (2003-2004). Of these 54 requests, 7 exams were computerized exams.

Distance Education Testing Requests 2004-2005

***Number of candidates tested during the year**

Institutions	No. of Exam Sessions/ Students Tested
World at Work	12
*St. Petersburg College	3
Louisiana State Univ.	14
Univ. of Kansas	3
Univ. of Colorado	1
Univ. of Maryland	7
Univ. of Georgia	4
Univ. of Arizona	1
*US Sports Academy	3
CSIA Technical Center	2
National Board for Radon	1
*Western Governors University	1
CSIA Technology Center	2
*Computerized Exam	
Total	54

SUMMARY OF TESTING ACTIVITIES

To summarize the testing activities during the 2004-2005 academic year, the Office of Academic Assessment administered a total of 235 test sessions and tested 2859 candidates. This is an increase in the amount of test sessions administered, but a slight decrease in the number of test candidates from the last fiscal year 2003-2004 of 181 test sessions and 2893 candidates. But for comparison purposes, this is an overall increase from the previous three years. In 2002-2003 there were 215 test sessions and 3082 test candidates tested. In 2001-2002 there were 153 test sessions and 2825 examinees, and in 2000-2001 there were 121 test sessions and 2626 examinees tested. See table below for a listing of the testing programs, number of test sessions, and the number of examinees in the last fiscal year.

Summary of Testing Activities (2004-05)

Testing Program	No. of Test Sessions	No. of Examinees
National Exams	47	1306
Miller Analogies Test	20	237
Placement Examinations	61	1117
Off Site Placement Exams	33	109
Proficiency Examinations	20	36
Distance Education Tests	54	54
Total Number of Sessions	235	-----
Total Number of Examinees Tested		2859