GRE Waiver Criteria

This document is a reference for applicants to the M. Ed. in Education “Concentration in Educational Technology” and “Concentration in Educational Technology for PK-12” programs.

If you have significant work experience in an educational setting (refers to educational work in PK-12, higher education, business, industry, government, consulting, etc.) you may choose to apply for a waiver of the GRE (Graduate Record Exam) score on your application. To be successful in the waiver process you must upload to your application, strong evidence of meeting at least 4 of the 9 following criteria in lieu of GRE scores:

1. Shows that the applicant holds a Continuing Contract in a school division or private school OR is vested with at least five years’ continuous employment in an educational setting.
2. Demonstrates that the applicant has successfully served in a variety of leadership roles (department head, instructional coach, technology resource teacher, program or committee chairman, coordinator, manager, mentor, initiative leader, etc.) in an educational setting.
3. Provides two letters of recommendation from current or past supervisors that support the applicant’s aptitude to successfully use, and help others use, educational technologies. (Note: Applicants must also obtain 2 recommendations for the application process itself. The 2 individuals writing recommendation letters for the GRE Waiver process may be the same 2 people who write application recommendations for the prospective student.)
4. Provides PRAXIS II or other standardized test scores that demonstrate effective quantitative, verbal, and writing skills OR provides evidence of advanced certification or degree completion in a related field.
5. Demonstrates satisfactory academic progress in two or more JMU educational technology graduate certificate courses (Grades must be a B or better).
6. Demonstrates personal qualities and professional dispositions reflective of an effective educator or technologist as evaluated by a building principal OR organization supervisor (ex. annual evaluation results, teacher evaluations, observation feedback results)
7. Submits an ePortfolio of 5-10 original educational technology work samples created.
8. Submits at least one original article published in a scholarly journal.
9. Provides evidence of active involvement in one or more professional organizations in the field of educational technology.

You will have the option to apply for the GRE waiver by submitting relevant evidence on your electronic application. Click the “Prospective Student Information” button on the http://www.jmu.edu/coe/ltle/edtech.shtml website to get started!