



Financial Aid Office

**ABILITY TO BENEFIT
GENERAL INFORMATION**

Under current federal law, all students who do not have a high school diploma or equivalent (i.e. California Certificate of Proficiency or GED Certificate), must show they have the ability to benefit from the training offered at Grossmont College in order to be eligible for Title IV Financial Aid funds. To meet this requirement, you must either, A) take and pass one of the tests approved by the U.S. Department of Education or B) you must complete and pass a *minimum of 6 degree applicable units* of college coursework.

To schedule an appointment for an exam, please call the Assessment Center at (619) 644-7200. The Grossmont College Assessment Center administers the following approved tests:

1. ASSET - the minimum passing scores are as follows:

	<u>Number Correct</u>	<u>Scaled Scores</u>
<u>Form D2</u>		
Writing Skills	19	35
Reading Skills	10	35
Numeric Skills	11	33

If you do not receive the minimum passing score or higher on Form D2, then you must take and pass Form E2 within two weeks of taking Form D2.

<u>Form E2</u>		
Writing Skills	20	35
Reading Skills	10	35
Numeric Skills	11	33

2. If English is not your primary language **and** you are or will be enrolled in ESL courses, then you may take the Combined English Language Skills Assessment Test (CELSA). The passing score for Form 1 is 37. If you do not receive a passing score on Form 1, then you must take Form 2. The passing score for Form 2 is 34.

If you do not pass an ATB exam the second time around, you **MUST** wait 3 months before you can take the test again – per test publishers guidelines. **If within this time period you complete and pass a *minimum of 6 degree applicable units of college coursework*, then please contact your Financial Aid Advisor so they can review your coursework.**

You also have the option of taking and passing the GED examination or the California High School Proficiency Examination (CHSPE). If you are interested in the GED exam, please contact:

Foothills Adult Education
1550 Melody Lane
El Cajon, CA 92019
(619) 401-4126

For information regarding the CHSPE, contact:

Grossmont High School
1100 Murray Drive
La Mesa, CA 91941

or CHSPE Registration
PO Box 23490
Oakland, CA 94623-0490