

GRE PREPARATION

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Over 25 Years of One-on-One
Tutoring and Test Preparation





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Our Founder



Dear Student,

Applying to graduate school is a major endeavor. Between researching programs to find the best fit, writing a strong personal statement, tracking down references, and updating your CV, you have plenty on your plate. Then there's the GRE. To many students, this exam is an afterthought, a hoop to jump through in the admissions process. Although the weight of this exam varies from one university to another, it's important not to underestimate the GRE. Many students end up taking it multiple times, right up to the application deadline, which makes the entire process much more stressful. Luckily, the GRE is one part of your application that's straightforward and can be managed with some preparation and practice.

At Inspirica, we have 26 years of experience in tutoring and test preparation, and our team approach will help you make sure you have all of your bases covered. Our world-class tutors will work with you on strategies and content for the GRE in a program that is tailored to your individual needs. Working one-on-one will ensure the best use of your time—you can focus on areas of improvement instead of spending a significant amount of time reviewing material you've already mastered. Our tutors will also recommend a personalized set of strategies for you. Meanwhile, you'll have the support of your own educational consultant in our office, who will monitor your progress over the course of the program to make sure you meet your goals and answer any questions you may have along the way about the test preparation process.

I've devoted my life to helping students make wise educational choices with minimal worry. At Inspirica, we truly care about you and will offer you all the guidance and support possible. To that end, I've put together this brochure for you. After you've read it please give us a call. We would be happy to discuss how we can help you "breathe easy" through this process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Jacobson'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Lisa Jacobson
Founder and CEO
Inspirica

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Our job is to help you “breathe easy” throughout every step of this often stressful testing process.

The Inspirica Difference

For over 20 years, Inspirica has been exceptionally successful in preparing Graduate School candidates for the GRE. We customize our programs to suit your specific needs and goals. With warmth and expertise, an Inspirica tutor works one-on-one with you on content and strategies, and an educational consultant works with you on everything else. Our unique, collaborative approach means that all members of our team—from our superb tutors to our caring and knowledgeable office staff—make sure that you receive the best possible care to achieve great results with minimal stress.

EDUCATIONAL CONSULTANTS

The first time you contact Inspirica you will speak with an educational consultant who will be your personal guide to the entire test preparation process. Your educational consultant will get to know you and your goals, make a personalized program recommendation, and answer any questions you may have over the course of your program. Your educational consultant will oversee your program from beginning to end, making sure that the right tutor is matched to your program, checking in with you periodically, and recommending adjustments if needed.

TUTORS

Our tutors are, in a word, inspirational. They are highly educated and bright, with a wide range of academic and professional expertise, and they score exceptionally high on standardized tests. For us, this is just the beginning. To qualify as Inspirica tutors, they must also be personable, skilled motivators who communicate easily with students. After demonstrating proficiency in every subject that they teach, our tutors complete an extensive training program on various approaches of teaching strategies and content. Throughout their Inspirica careers, our tutors also participate in ongoing professional development workshops to continue to hone their teaching skills. Working with you one-on-one, our tutors are enthusiastic, patient, and eager to invest in you as an individual. They are true professionals who take deep pride in their work.

Our tutors understand that one size does not fit all and that every program will unfold in a unique way.

CURRICULUM

Inspirica devotes a group of staff members to the regular study and analysis of the GRE. We mainly use primary source materials in our programs to give our students experience with actual GREs. We supplement these texts as needed to work on specific areas of the test.

PROGRAMS

Our programs are individually designed based on an initial assessment and a conversation about your goals and timeline. Our tutors customize their approach, the strategies that they teach, and the content that they cover in session according to your needs and progress. They understand that one size does not fit all and that every program will unfold in a unique way. We also offer complimentary mock exams. Our tutors and educational consultants work together to ensure that your program progresses smoothly so that you can feel confident.

Local Tutoring

Our tutors will meet with you at a time and place of your convenience. We are based in New York, Boston, and Philadelphia and commute to surrounding areas.

Custom Trips

Inspirica's tutors are renowned for traveling year-round to help students who request them locally, nationally, and internationally. Our tutors have traveled to thirty-eight states and to four continents to work one-on-one with students.

“Inspirica Anywhere”

In order to support you wherever you may be, Inspirica offers one-on-one tutoring via the computer called “Inspirica Anywhere.” The technology is simple. With the basics of a computer, webcam, and Internet connection, you can meet with your tutor no matter the circumstances.

In-person tutoring is a wonderful way for students and tutors to work together, but it is not always possible. Travel or weather-related emergencies can interfere with a regular tutoring schedule. Many Inspirica students also live across the United States and internationally.

Through video conferencing and a shared work environment, you can meet with your Inspirica tutor anytime, anyplace. For more information about “Inspirica Anywhere,” call and speak with one of our educational consultants.



GRE

“Inspirica was a wise decision for me. Your program was exactly what I needed.”

—*satisfied student*

The Graduate Record Examinations (GRE) Test is required for admission into many Ph.D. programs as well as for some Masters programs. While some universities may request a GRE Subject Test in the applicant's field, most programs that ask for testing require GRE General Test scores.

What content does the GRE cover?

The GRE exam consists of three parts: the Analytical Writing Assessment, the Quantitative section, and the Verbal section. The Analytical Writing Assessment is not a part of the scaled Verbal/Quantitative score but is considered very important. This section consists of two essays. The Verbal section includes four types of questions that are intermixed throughout the section: antonyms, analogies, sentence completions, and reading comprehension. The Quantitative section has four common content areas that are mixed throughout the section: arithmetic, elementary algebra, geometry, and data analysis. Three question types appear: problem-solving, quantitative analysis, and data interpretation.

How is the GRE scored?

Scores range from 200 to 800, with separate Verbal and Quantitative scores. Each essay is given a score between 1 and 6. The overall writing score is the average of the two essay scores. All scores compiled within the previous 5 years are submitted to requested schools.

If I did well on my SAT, does that mean I'll do well on the GRE?

Of all of the graduate school entrance exams, the GRE is most similar to the SAT. Depending on your major in college, you may have spent more time studying the humanities or the sciences, which means you will probably have to do some additional work in the other subject area for your scores to be consistent with your SAT results. In general, math scores tend to be consistent across exams. The GRE verbal section is much more difficult than the SAT verbal section, however, so don't be surprised if you see a 100-point decrease in your verbal score from your SAT, even if this is your strength.

When are the GRE test dates, and how do I register?

The GRE is offered throughout the year by appointment. It is a computer-based test that is given at specific locations around the country. Go to www.gre.org and look for a test center near you. You can take the GRE once every 31 days but no more than five times per year.

Please see our website for more information: www.inspirica.com

Inspirica In The News

“There’s nothing like that feeling of watching the students get into the graduate school they’d been aiming for. I know I’ve made a mark on their lives, and they sure have on mine.”

—*Inspirica tutor*

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