

## Health Occupations Aptitude Exam (HOAE) for Medical Assisting Applicants – VHCC

The HOAE is a mandatory part of your application to the Medical Assisting program and must be submitted with your application when you apply online. (For the application go to [www.vhcc.edu/medapp](http://www.vhcc.edu/medapp) and click on the link for Medical Assisting.)

The HOAE covers academic aptitude, spelling, reading comprehension, natural science and vocational aptitude and is divided up into 5 sections:

- Academic Aptitude - 75 questions /40 minutes
- Spelling - 45 questions/15 minutes
- Reading Comprehension - 35 questions/35 minutes
- Information in the Natural Sciences - 60 questions/25 minutes
- Vocational Adjustment Index - 90 questions/15 minutes
- Total Time: 2 hours 15 minutes

**Preparing for the test:** Free resources for exam preparation may be found at the <https://psbtests.com> website. It may be helpful for you to first review the descriptions and contents of exams found under the 'Available Tests' tab on the website. There, locate the name of the test you will be taking among those listed, select that, and read through the information. Then, return to the home page and select 'Test Resources' located at the top right. On the next page find and download sample questions for the appropriate exam and the answer key, if desired. Other materials that may be helpful are also found through this page.

If you feel you still need more assistance with preparation, there are a variety of GED study guides to be found at any library or bookstore. Select the one that best addresses your areas of weakness. These study guides will cover far more material than is on the test, but will have many sample questions, answers and explanations. Use caution with any study guides available that state they offer preparation for PSB exams, as PSB has no knowledge of the content or publisher and therefore cannot make a recommendation to utilize any of those.

**Location of test:** Students will test at the VHCC Testing Center is located in the VHCC Library within the Learning Resource Center (LRC), 110 Opportunity Lane, Abingdon, VA.

**Registering for test:** Please contact Reva Russell, VHCC Testing Center Specialist, at [rrussell@vhcc.edu](mailto:rrussell@vhcc.edu) to schedule a test.

### **Cost of test:**

The cost of the test is \$60.00, payable before the test date. You will be emailed instructions.