

BSEP and GT Prep Explained

Congratulations on wanting to raise your General Technical (GT) score. Your results on the Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE) have placed you in either the Basic Skills Education Program (BSEP) or GT Prep. The following two tables explain.

	BSEP	GT Prep
Why am I in my program?	Your TABE score in reading or math or both is below grade equivalent 10.2 (high school 10 th grade, 2 nd month). Your TABE scores are in the column labeled "GE" on the <i>Individual Report for [your name]</i> . Most Soldiers start in BSEP.	Your TABE score in both reading and math is at grade equivalent 10.2 or higher (high school 10 th grade, 2 nd month). Your TABE scores are in the column labeled "GE" on the <i>Individual Report for [your name]</i> .
Where do I go on day one?	Go to room 111 in the Education Center Annex, Building 1011. IMPORTANT: Arrive on time for a briefing.	Go to room 111 in the Education Center Annex, Building 1011. IMPORTANT: Arrive on time for a briefing.
What do I bring on day one?	Bring the forms you received after taking the TABE plus a spiral notebook and pencil with a good eraser.	Bring the forms you received after taking the TABE plus a spiral notebook and pencil with a good eraser.
How long is my program?	Six weeks. Check the "start date" and "end date" on your <i>Request to Attend On-Duty Training</i> .	Four weeks. Check the "start date" and "end date" on your <i>Request to Attend On-Duty Training</i> .
When do I finish?	You finish when you score 10.2 or higher on the TABE test(s) that placed you in BSEP.	You decide. What do your classroom quizzes and the "GT predictor" tell you? What do instructors recommend?
Then what?	You move next door to GT Prep.	You take the Armed Forces Classification Test (AFCT), explained on page 2.
What if I need more time?	You may have additional six-week enrollments if your command approves. If you test out of BSEP in fewer weeks, you move to GT Prep early. Additional enrollments are common.	You may have additional four-week enrollments if your command approves. If you take the test in fewer weeks, you return to your regular duties early. Additional enrollments are common.
What happens in class?	Depending on your TABE scores, you study reading or mathematics or both. The format is self-paced study, one-on-one instruction, and progress quizzes. Reading students also learn from classroom work and independent reading.	You study reading and mathematics. The format is self-paced study, one-on-one instruction, and progress quizzes. You take the "GT Predictor" in the test center (Bldg 1117, Room 217). This practice test predicts your GT score within + 6 points.
Who are the instructors?	Two experienced, state-certified teachers	Two experienced, state-certified teachers
How do I reach an instructor?	Call the BSEP classroom at (719) 526-8039.	Call the GT Prep classroom at (719) 526-3971.

Details about the Tests

	TABE	GT
What's on each test?	<p>Your two TABE scores come from these subtests:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading 100% of TABE reading score • Mathematics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Calculations 50% of TABE math score - Word Problems 50% of TABE math score 	<p>Your GT score is a composite of these subtests:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Arithmetic Reasoning" (AR) word problems 50% of GT score • "Word Knowledge" (WK) vocabulary 25% of GT score • "Paragraph Comprehension" (PC) reading 25% of GT score
Is there more to the test?	<p>No. The Army doesn't require the other parts of the TABE.</p>	<p>Yes. When you take the three subtests that make up the GT composite, you also must take the remaining six subtests that complete the Armed Forces Classification Test (AFCT): general science, mathematics knowledge (calculations, no word problems), electronics information, auto and shop information, mechanical comprehension, and assembling objects.</p> <p>GT Prep prepares you to raise your GT score. If you want to study for more than its three subtests, study guides are available for you to check out.</p>
How often may I take the test?	<p>You are allowed to take the TABE reading test or TABE math test (or both) any number of times. Only your latest score counts.</p>	<p>You are allowed to take the AFCT three times in your Army career. Your official record shows only your latest score. You must wait six months between tests.</p>
What else?		<p>"AFCT" is simply the inside label for the test you took to enter the Army--the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB). The ASVAB doesn't count toward your three opportunities to take the AFCT.</p>