GED® Test: Science
Performance Level Descriptors
What Your Score Means: Level 4 —
GED® College Ready + Credit

Some institutions may confer three (3) semester hours, lower division credits in introductory physical science (survey, without laboratory) on students who score at this level. Test-takers who score at this level typically have an outstanding proficiency in demonstrating skills in the following categories: examining scientific text, understanding and applying scientific methods and concepts, and interpreting scientific data using numeric reasoning.

Test-takers are generally able to demonstrate knowledge of and ability with the skills identified in the previous levels, plus the following:

**Analyze Scientific and Technical Arguments, Evidence, and Text-Based Information**

- Reconcile multiple findings, conclusions, or theories at an outstanding level

**Applying Scientific Processes and Procedural Concepts**

- Design a scientific investigation at an outstanding level
- Evaluate whether a conclusion or theory is supported or challenged by particular data or evidence at an outstanding level
- Understand and apply scientific models, theories, and processes at an outstanding level

**Reasoning Quantitatively and Interpreting Data in Scientific Contexts**

- Determine probability of events at an outstanding level