DULUTH -- UMD and junior college students interested in the UMD Air Force ROTC two-year program will have five opportunities to take the Air Force Officers Qualification Test (AFOQT) during January.

The first test date is January 11 at Itasca Junior College in Coleraine. The others are: January 12 and 13, UMD Education building, Room 116; UMD ROTC building, January 15; and Eveleth Junior College, January 21.

Testing on all dates begins at 9 a.m.

Until the past fall quarter ROTC was strictly a four-year course. But passage of the ROTC Vitalization Act of 1964 (Public Law 88-647) established an accelerated two-year program without disturbing the four-year program.

The Act, passed late in the 88th session of the U.S. Congress, provides a program designed for junior college transfers and other students who decided on ROTC too late to qualify for the four-year program.

Prospective cadets who pass the AFOQT and a physical examination are sworn into the Air Force Reserve and cannot be drafted during their last two years of college while in ROTC.

Students in the two-year program attend class three hours per week and receive a monthly retainer of \$40 plus necessary textbooks and uniforms.

Interested students should apply to the UMD Department of Aerospace Studies prior to taking the AFOQT.