

What should I know about the...

...Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT)?

The MCAT consists of 4 sections:

- Biological and Biochemical Foundations of Living Systems
- Chemical and Physical Foundations of Biological Systems
- Psychological, Social, and Biological Foundations of Behavior
- Critical Analysis and Reasoning Skills

Cost:

- Three zones range from \$310 - \$365
- Other fees may apply for rescheduling or canceling testing appointments.
- Fee waivers available for eligible testers.

Additional Info:

- The first 3 sections are organized around 10 foundational concepts or “big ideas” in the sciences and draw from the following disciplines in year-long, introductory courses in: biology, organic chemistry, general chemistry, and physics, and from first semester introductory courses in biochemistry, psychology, and sociology.
- The last section includes questions that test your ability to comprehend and analyze what you read and requires no specific outside knowledge.
- Total “seated” time for the MCAT is approximately 7 hours, 33 minutes
- Ability to read, analyze and understand text is crucial, so **READ A LOT ON YOUR OWN!!**
- You may need to dedicate about 300-400 hours of test preparation **AFTER** completing prerequisite course work to score well! That’s about 37.5 8-hour study sessions, or 75 4-hour study sessions (about 10 weeks).
- Take as many full-length practice tests as possible under simulated test-day conditions.

Testing Limits:

- May only hold one MCAT exam reservation at a time
- May attempt the exam up to 3 times in a testing year
- May attempt the exam up to 4 times over two consecutive testing years
- May attempt the exam up to 7 times in your lifetime.

...Dental Admissions Test (DAT)?

The DAT consists of 6 sections:

- Biology
- General Chemistry
- Organic Chemistry
- Reading Comprehension
- Perceptual Ability
- Quantitative Reasoning

Cost:

- DAT fee is \$445
- Other fees may apply for rescheduling or canceling testing appointments.
- Limited fee waivers are available for testers who qualify and apply. Covers 50% of DAT fee.

Additional Info:

- Your DENTPIN is a unique personal identifier for students planning to take the DAT and apply to dental schools. Register for your DENTPIN at www.ada.org/en/education-careers/dentpin.
- Total test time is 5 hours, 15 minutes.
- You may need to dedicate about 300-400 hours of test preparation AFTER completing prerequisite course work to score well! That's about 37.5 8-hour study sessions, or 75 4-hour study sessions (about 10 weeks).
- Take as many full-length practice tests as possible under simulated test-day conditions.
- Ability to read, analyze and understand text is crucial, so READ A LOT ON YOUR OWN!!

Testing Limits:

- After 3 attempts, you must apply for permission to test again. From that point forward, you may only retest once per 12-month period.

Official information can be found at www.ada.org.

...Optometry Admissions Test (OAT)?

The OAT consists of 4 sections:

- Survey of Natural Sciences: Biology, General Chemistry & Organic Chemistry
- Reading Comprehension
- Physics
- Quantitative Reasoning

Cost:

- OAT fee is \$450
- Other fees may apply for rescheduling or canceling testing appointments.
- Limited fee waivers are available for testers who qualify and apply. Covers 50% of OAT fee.

Additional Info:

- You must obtain a PIN by registering for one at www.ada.org/oat. This is needed to apply to take the test and to apply for admission through OptomCAS.
- Total test time is 4 hours, 50 minutes.
- You may need to dedicate about 300-400 hours of test preparation AFTER completing prerequisite course work to score well! That's about 37.5 8-hour study sessions, or 75 4-hour study sessions (about 10 weeks).
- Take as many full-length practice tests as possible under simulated test-day conditions.
- Ability to read, analyze and understand text is crucial, so READ A LOT ON YOUR OWN!!

Testing Limits:

- After 3 attempts, you must apply for permission to test again. From that point forward, you may only retest once per 12-month period.

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...Pharmacy College Admissions Test (PCAT)?

The PCAT consists of 5 sections:

- Writing
- Biological Processes: General Biology, Microbiology, Human Anatomy & Physiology
- Chemical Processes: General Chemistry, Organic Chemistry, Basic Biochemistry processes
- Critical Reading
- Quantitative Reasoning

Cost:

- PCAT fee is \$210
- Other fees may apply for rescheduling or canceling testing appointments.

Additional Info:

- You will need to provide your Candidate Information Number (CID), which can be accessed when you register for the PCAT.
- Total test time is 205 minutes, or approximately 3 hours, 25 minutes.
- You may need to dedicate about 300-400 hours of test preparation AFTER completing prerequisite course work to score well! That's about 37.5 8-hour study sessions, or 75 4-hour study sessions (about 10 weeks).
- Take as many full-length practice tests as possible under simulated test-day conditions.
- Ability to read, analyze and understand text is crucial, so **READ A LOT ON YOUR OWN!!**

Testing Limits:

- After 5 attempts, restrictions may be placed on any subsequent registration, and you may be required to submit documentation.

Official information can be found at www.pcatweb.info/About-the-PCAT.php.

...GRE General Test?

The GRE consists of 3 sections:

- Verbal Reasoning
- Quantitative Reasoning
- Analytical Writing

Cost:

- GRE fee is \$205
- Other fees may apply for rescheduling or canceling testing appointments.
- Limited number of Fee Reduction Certificates. Must meet eligibility requirements.

Additional Info:

- Two forms: Computer-delivered GRE and Paper-delivered
- Total test time is approximately 3 hours, 45 minutes.
- Some students view the GRE's structure and content to be similar to the ACT and SAT.
- You may need to dedicate about 150 hours of test preparation **AFTER** completing prerequisite course work to score well!
- Questions require test takers to utilize reasoning skills to determine the **BEST** answer. This means that your first answer choice may *technically* be correct, there may be an answer choice that is **BETTER**.
- Take as many full-length practice tests as possible under simulated test-day conditions.
- Ability to read, analyze and understand text is crucial, so **READ A LOT ON YOUR OWN!!**

Testing Limits:

- You can take the test once every 21 days, up to five times within any continuous rolling 12-month period (365 days). This applies even if you canceled your scores on a test taken previously. You may take the paper-delivered test as often as it is offered.

Official information can be found at www.ets.org.