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.

Official information can be found at www.aamc.org.
...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](http://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.

Official information can be found at [www.ada.org/oat](http://www.ada.org/oat).
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.
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, the 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](http://www.ets.org).