



MCAT – Medical College Admission Test

This guide is intended to summarize key information about the test. Students MUST consult the website provided for more detailed instructions and information.

Section	Questions	# Minutes	Score	Topics Covered
Physical Sciences	52	70	1-15	General chemistry, physics
Verbal Reasoning	40	60	1-15	See Below
Writing Sample	2 essays	60	J-T	See Below
Biological Sciences	52	70	1-15	Biology, organic chemistry

- Required by most allopathic and osteopathic medical schools as well as all podiatry schools
- Computerized exam offered throughout the United States, Canada, and 15 other countries – test dates typically available between January and September every year. *Students are encouraged to sign-up early to have the best chances at their preferred test date and test site location.*
- \$225 fee covers the cost of sending scores to AMCAS and all other application services and health professional schools
- Physical Sciences, Verbal Reasoning, and Biological Sciences all have 7 reading passages followed by 4-7 multiple choice questions per passage.
- Verbal Reasoning passages are taken from the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences. This section assesses your ability to understand, evaluate, and apply information and arguments.
- Writing Sample addresses topics that require an expository response and assesses skills in: developing a central idea, synthesizing concepts and ideas, presenting ideas cohesively and logically, and writing clearly. Sample essay topics are listed at the URL below.
- NO penalty for guessing
- Test score average of accepted students = 9-10
- See www.aamc.org/students/mcat/start.htm for more detailed information. Practice tests are also available for purchase and/or free download at this site.

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