When should I take the MCAT exam?

In most cases, you should take the exam in the calendar year prior to the year in which you plan to enter medical school. That means students applying to enter medical school directly after undergraduate studies will take the exam during or after their junior year.

Which exam will I take?

Ask yourself two key questions before making your decision: 1) When do you want to start medical school, and 2) When will you be ready to take the exam. If you want to start medical school in 2014 or 2015, you will take the current MCAT exam. If you want to start school in 2016 or 2017, you will probably take the new MCAT 2015 exam. To learn more visit: www.aamc.org/mcat/whichexam.

Please note that current MCAT scores will continue to be reported through the 2019 application cycle. However, please review MSAR Online for information about individual medical school’s admission requirements.

How do I prepare?

The knowledge and skills you will be responsible for knowing on the MCAT 2015 exam are outlined in the Preview Guide for the MCAT 2015 Exam (Second Edition). Since course content differs between schools, and some colleges have innovative, interdisciplinary courses, it is a good idea to compare the content of the courses you plan to take with the content lists in the Preview Guide for the MCAT 2015 Exam (Second Edition). This guide also indicates the courses in which content is typically taught according to survey data. These courses include: introductory courses in biology, general chemistry, organic chemistry, and physics, and in first-semester biochemistry, psychology, and sociology. Pre-health advisors and other faculty at your

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- MSAR Online: www.aamc.org/MSAR
- Fee Assistance Program: www.aamc.org/fap
school are also great resources for helping you plan which courses will best prepare you to do well on the exam.

To help you prepare for the content on the new exam, AAMC joined with The Khan Academy and Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Khan Academy to create original video tutorials in the areas of biochemistry, and the social and behavioral sciences.

Are practice materials available?

There are sample questions in the Preview Guide for the MCAT 2015 Exam (Second Edition) for each section of the exam. In 2014, the Official Guide to the MCAT 2015 Exam and a sample test will be released. In 2015, a second practice test will be released.