

## Preparing for the MCAT

The Medical College Admission Test® (MCAT®) is a standardized, multiple-choice examination designed to assess the examinee's problem solving, critical thinking, writing skills, and knowledge of science concepts and principles prerequisite to the study of medicine. Scores are reported in Physical Sciences, Verbal Reasoning, Writing Sample, and Biological Sciences. Almost all U.S. medical schools require applicants to submit MCAT exam scores.

There are several ways in which students prepare for the MCAT. There are classroom preparation courses, online preparation courses, private tutoring and self-study methods available.

FAU Test Preparation, in conjunction with the Charles E. Schmidt College of Science has designed the *MCAT Classroom Course* to prepare students for the successful completion of the Medical College Admissions Test. The course offers 90 hours of classroom instruction and includes 5 full length computerized practice exams. The course's unique design includes comprehensive reviews of Biology, General Chemistry, Organic Chemistry, and Physics taught by prominent members of the College of Science faculty, while the Verbal Reasoning and Writing Sample sections and overall test taking strategies, are presented by FAU test preparation instructors.

Students can sign up for this preparation course through the Test Prep website ([www.fau.edu/testprep](http://www.fau.edu/testprep)).

The AAMC has a multitude of resources on their e-mcat website: [www.e-mcat.com](http://www.e-mcat.com).

1. Content Outlines
2. The Official Guide to the MCAT
3. Free practice Exam
4. Self-Assessment Packages (cost \$40.00 and up)
5. Additional Practice Exams available for purchase

### MCAT 2015

There are major changes taking place to the MCAT beginning January 2015. The Pre-Health Professions Office at Florida Atlantic University remains in contact with the AAMC and will post information pertaining to the revised exam as it is released.

The most current information can be found online at:

<https://www.aamc.org/students/applying/mcat/mcat2015/>

The preview guide for the MCAT 2015 can be found here:

<https://www.aamc.org/students/download/266006/data/2015previewguide.pdf>

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