

# 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 Verbal Reasoning, Physical Sciences, Writing Sample, and Biological Sciences.

Medical colleges consider MCAT scores as part of their admission process. Almost all U.S. medical schools require applicants to submit MCAT scores. Many schools do not accept MCAT scores that are more than three years old.

The breakdown of the MCAT is as follows

| <b>Section</b>      | <b>Questions</b> | <b>Time</b> |
|---------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Physical Sciences   | 52               | 70 minutes  |
| Verbal Reasoning    | 40               | 60 minutes  |
| Writing Sample      | 2                | 60 minutes  |
| Biological Sciences | 52               | 70 minutes  |

## For More Information

This information was taken directly from the Association of American Medical Colleges at:  
<http://www.aamc.org/students/mcat/>

Please visit the above webpage for more information on registering to take the MCAT, preparation tips, applicable fees and answers to frequently asked questions.