Annual MCAT Webinar for Prehealth Advisors

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Today's Agenda

- Welcome
- 2023 Testing Year and Registration
- Test Day Policies and Important Information
- AAMC MCAT Official Prep Products and Resources
- AAMC Resources for Advisors
- Q&A

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2023 Testing Year

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The 2023 testing year will go from January through September

- 30 exam dates
- One administration per day (8:00 a.m. start time)
- 30-35 day score reporting
- Health and Safety Protocols established by Pearson VUE
  - May vary by location

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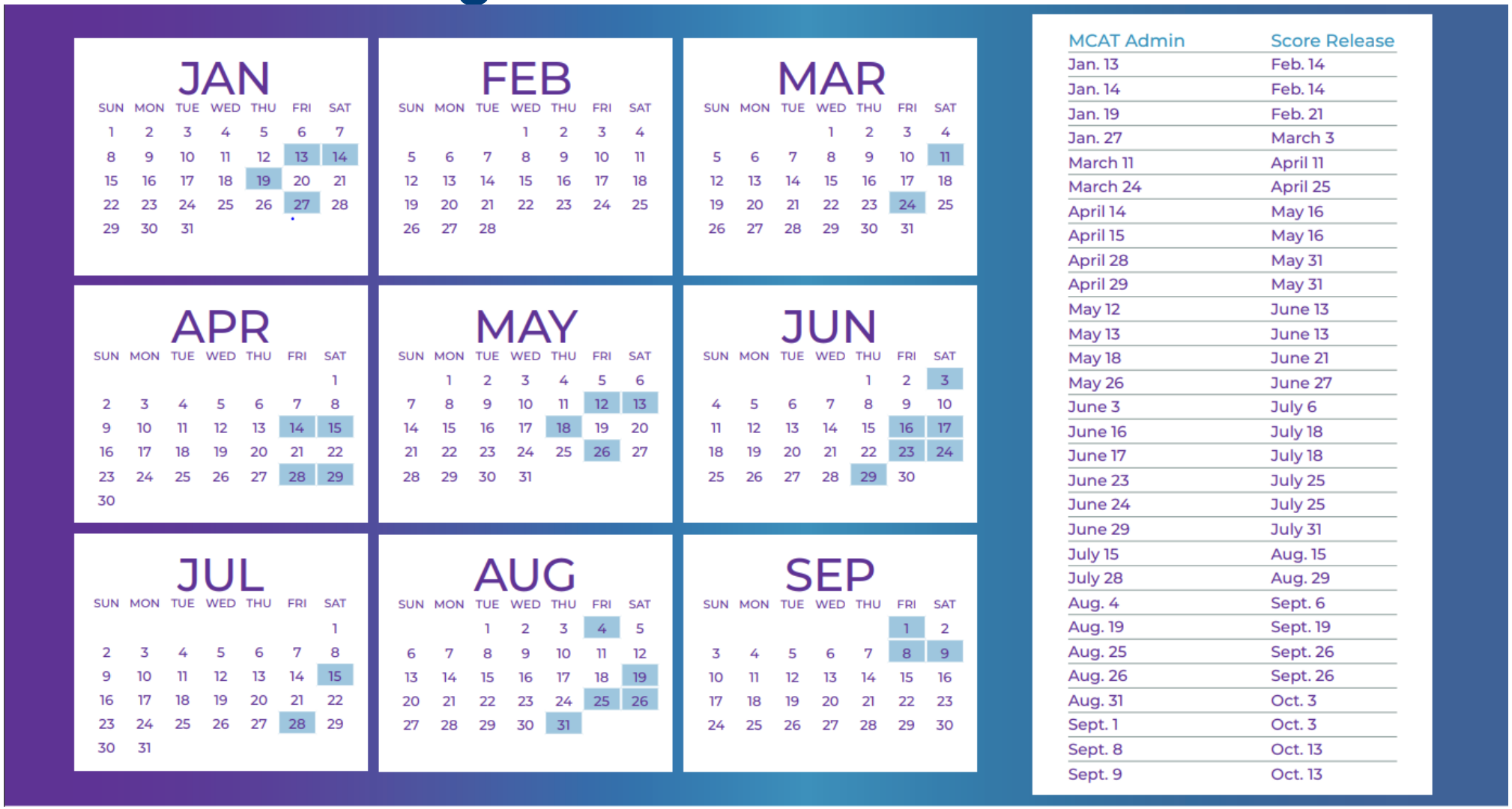
2023 U.S. Testing Calendar and Score Release Dates



MCAT Admin	Score Release
Jan. 13	Feb. 14
Jan. 14	Feb. 14
Jan. 19	Feb. 21
Jan. 27	March 3
March 11	April 11
March 24	April 25
April 14	May 16
April 15	May 16
April 28	May 31
April 29	May 31
May 12	June 13
May 13	June 13
May 18	June 21
May 26	June 27
June 3	July 6
June 16	July 18
June 17	July 18
June 23	July 25
June 24	July 25
June 29	July 31
July 15	Aug. 15
July 28	Aug. 29
Aug. 4	Sept. 6
Aug. 19	Sept. 19
Aug. 25	Sept. 26
Aug. 26	Sept. 26
Aug. 31	Oct. 3
Sept. 1	Oct. 3
Sept. 8	Oct. 13
Sept. 9	Oct. 13

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AAMC Fee Assistance Program

The AAMC's Fee Assistance Program helps those with financial need. It defrays the cost of preparing for and taking the MCAT exam and applying to medical school

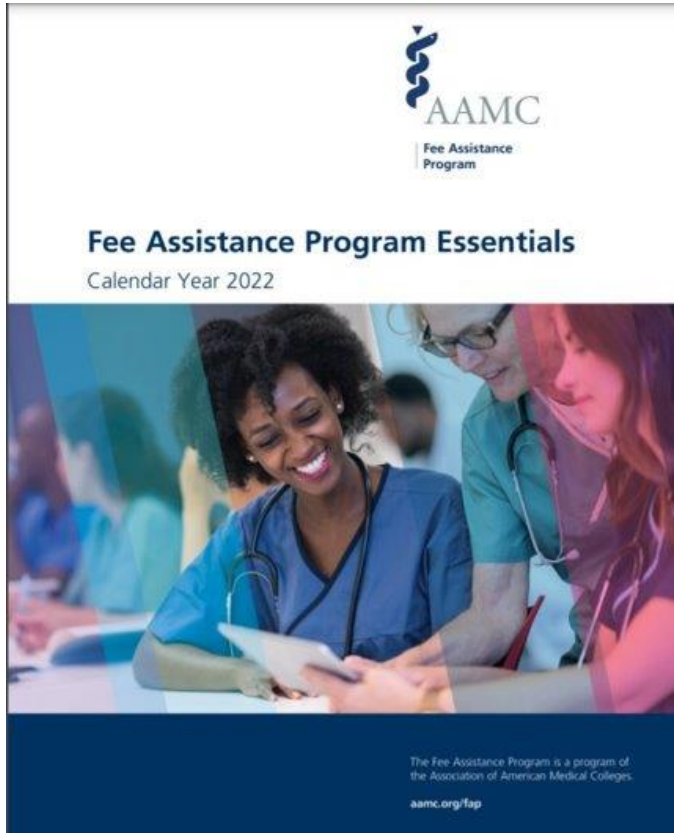
Deadlines: Application is open now. Apply 10 days in advance of when you plan to use the benefits.

Eligibility

•The Fee Assistance Program is open to everyone with a U.S.-based address.

•Approval tied to U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' poverty level guidelines. In 2022, you will be granted fee assistance if each household reported on your application has a 2021 total family income that is 400 percent or less than the 2021 national poverty level for that family size.

•Parental information required for students under age 26



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AAMC Fee Assistance Program

MCAT Benefits

- Reduced scheduling fees
- Access to all 15 online AAMC MCAT Official Prep Products
- Stipend for updated evaluation for accommodations

Additional Benefits

- AMCAS application submission fee waiver (up to 20 schools)
- Complimentary access to the Medical School Admission Requirements (MSAR) website
- Waiver for AAMC PREview™ professional readiness exam registration fees

Canadian Fee Assistance Program

- Reduced registration fees
- Access to all 15 online AAMC MCAT Official Prep Products
- Apply through Association of Faculties of Medicine of Canada

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Testing with Accommodations

The AAMC is committed to providing all individuals with an opportunity to demonstrate their proficiency on the MCAT exam, including ensuring access to persons with disabilities

- **About 1.5%** test with accommodations

- **Commonly provided** accommodations include:
  - Extra testing time
  - Extra break time
  - Separate testing rooms

- **MCAT Accommodations Online System (MAO)**
  - Allows examinees to submit applications and documentation online for secure and efficient processing
  - Stores all decision letters for easy access in the future

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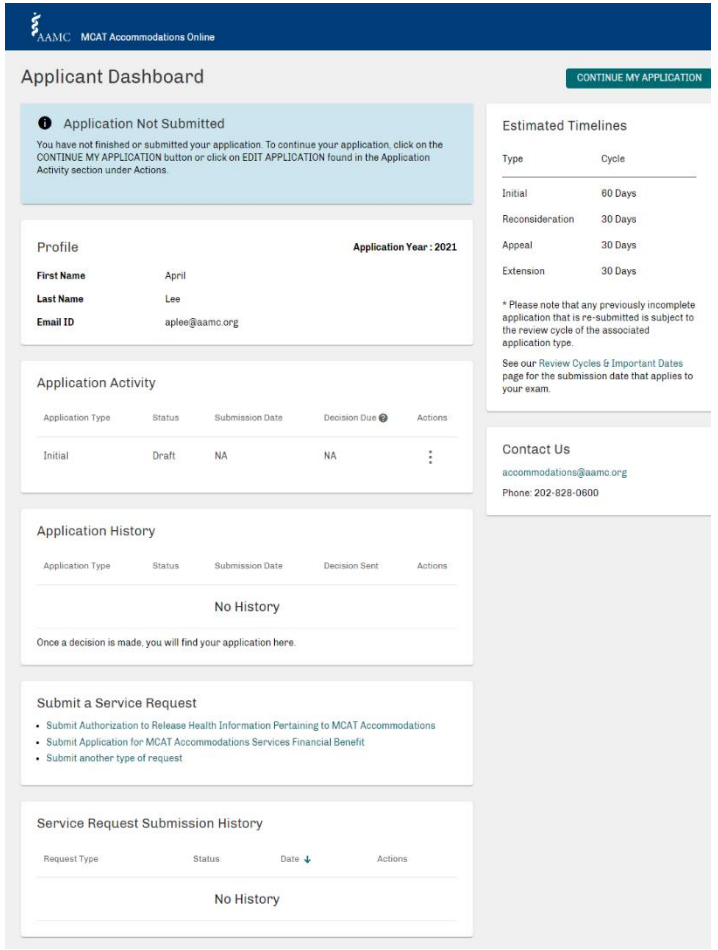
Enhancements to the Online application system

- Easier navigation and new features
- Submit extensions, reconsiderations, and appeals online
- Withdraw application and submit service requests



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MCAT Registration

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Registration Dates: 2023 Testing Year

October 25-26, 2022

- January and March - June test dates

February 2023

(Date TBD)

- July - September test dates

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2022 Fall Registration

OCTOBER 7 - Students can begin filling out profile information in the MCAT Registration System

- Contact and background information; review terms
- Look up locations of test centers
- Prescheduling for students testing with accommodations
- System closes **at 10:00 a.m. ET on October 24**

OCTOBER 25 and 26, NOON (ET) – Registration Opens!

- Waiting room feature activated

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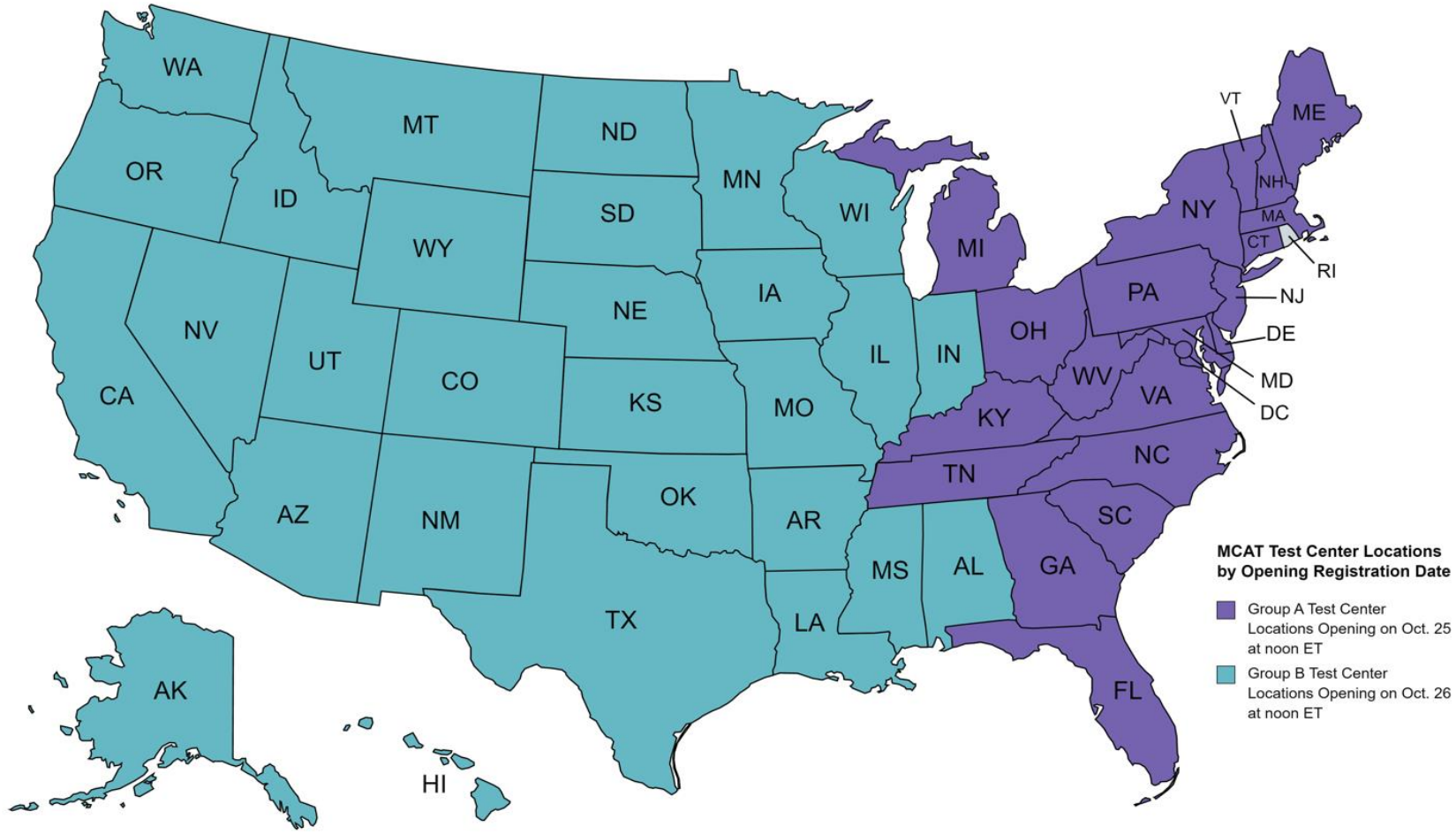
October 25 and 26 at noon ET



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Test Day Policies and Important Information

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MCAT Essentials: More than Required Reading

Registration Essentials

- How to register, reschedule, cancel
- Policies for deadlines, fees, and refunds
- Test attempt limits

Test Day Essentials

- Defining an MCAT-Accepted ID and instructions on providing it properly on test day
- Test day procedures and rules
- Violations and investigations

Post Exam Essentials

- Sending and receiving scores
- Reporting test day anomalies

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2023 MCAT Scheduling Fees

- Registration Fee - $330 ($135 for Fee Assistance – chart on right)
- International Fee - $120

Days before exam	Rescheduling Fee	Cancellation Refund
60 or more days	$50	$165
30-59 days	$100	$165
10-29 days	$200	$0

Days before exam	Rescheduling Fee	Cancellation Refund
60 or more days	$20	$70
30-59 days	$40	$70
10-29 days	$80	$0

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"Notify Me" Feature

If examinees are unable to find a seat at their preferred location and date, they can sign up to be notified via email if a seat becomes available.

- Available appointments are scheduled on a first come, first notified basis.
- Examinees may have up to five active notifications.

In 2022, over 20% of appointments were made through the "Notify Me" feature.

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MCAT Registration

- The names on your ID must match the first and last names on your MCAT exam registration EXACTLY. (Middle names or initials are not required on the MCAT registration, even if they appear on your ID.)
- Enter your name as your first name and then your last name (surname), even if your ID lists your last name before your first name. If they don't match exactly, you must update your name through the MCAT Registration System at least 10 days before your exam.
- If your ID has your initials in place of your first and/or last name, or if your initials are on the same line as your first or last name, you must contact AAMC Services (202-828-0600) for instructions at least 30 days before your exam.

IDENTIFICATION (ID) REQUIREMENTS

You must meet all the following requirements for your ID to be accepted on test day.

1. The ID was issued by a government agency.
2. The ID's expiration date is *printed* on the ID and is not extended by a sticker or similar mechanism.
3. Your ID must not be expired.
   - » If your ID will expire before your scheduled test date, you are responsible for obtaining an updated ID prior to your exam. Account for the processing time of government agencies when selecting an exam date.
4. The ID contains a photo that can be used to positively identify you.
5. The ID is tangible and whole, with no evidence of tampering (clipped corners, holes, etc.).
6. The ID is in English.

RECOMMENDED

The most common forms of ID are:

- ✓ State driver's license (with all above requirements).
- ✓ Passport (with all above requirements).
- ✓ Passport card.
- ✓ Permanent resident card (green card).
- ✓ Employment Authorization Document.
- ✓ Canada health card (Ontario and British Columbia ONLY).
- ✓ Consular ID card.
- ✓ Canadian aviation card.

NOT ACCEPTED

Any single ID that does not fulfill the above requirements, even if issued by a government agency. This includes:

- ✗ Paper ID or ID application receipt of any kind.
- ✗ Credit card.
- ✗ Veterans ID (VIC).
- ✗ Birth certificate.
- ✗ Social security card.
- ✗ Virtual or digital ID.
- ✗ School ID.
- ✗ Employee ID.
  - » Even if issued by a government agency, it will not be accepted.
- ✗ Library card (including those issued by government agencies).
- ✗ IDs with extension stickers or renewal paperwork, or ID application receipt of any kind, as we are unable to validate authenticity.
  - » *Exception:* Military personnel and dependents stationed outside their home state may present a state-issued driver's license with extension stickers or paperwork that meets all other MCAT-accepted ID conditions **along with their unexpired Uniformed Services ID card**.

What is an MCAT-Accepted ID?

- Examinees whose IDs do not meet requirements will need to request an ID Exception no less than 3 days before
- Paper renewals and/or receipts will not be accepted for admission without an approved ID Exception

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How Often Can Students Test?

1 YEAR	• Up to 3 attempts in a testing year
2 YEARS	• Up to 4 attempts over 2 consecutive years
LIFETIME	• Up to 7 attempts in a lifetime

Voids and No-Shows count towards attempts

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Test Day

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Test Day: 7 ½ Hours, 8:00 a.m. start

Exam Overview		
Section	**Number of Questions**	**Time Allotted**
Test-day certification		4 minutes
Tutorial (optional)		10 minutes
Chemical and Physical Foundations of Biological Systems	59	95 minutes
Break (optional)		10 minutes
Critical Analysis and Reasoning Skills	53	90 minutes
Mid-exam break (optional)		30 minutes
Biological and Biochemical Foundations of Living Systems	59	95 minutes
Break (optional)		10 minutes
Psychological, Social, and Biological Foundations of Behavior	59	95 minutes
Void question		3 minutes
End-of-day survey (optional)		5 minutes
Total content time		6 hours and 15 minutes
Total "seated" time*		**About 7 hours and 30 minutes**

*Total seated time does not include check-in time upon arrival at the test center.

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Health & Safety

Health and Safety Protocols

- Continue to monitor conditions as we've done since the start of the pandemic
- Watching the course of the pandemic through the fall and local health and safety guidance.
- Will continue to encourage best practices

Knowing What to Expect

- Test center protocols are established by Pearson VUE and subject to change.
- Pearson VUE lookup tool on their website

https://home.pearsonvue.com/coronavirus-update

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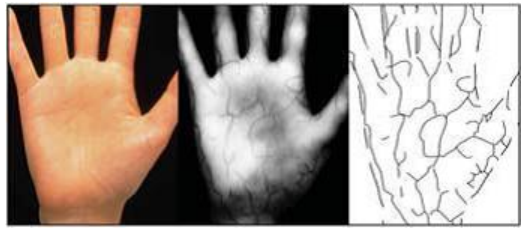
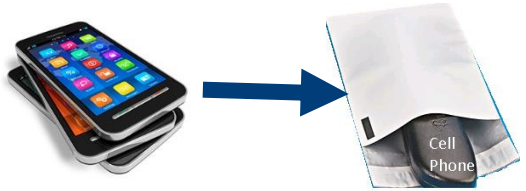
Check-In Policies





- Government issued ID
- Test Day Photo
- Electronic signatures
- Palm vein scan
- Digital device bag
- Food and drink

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Examinee Agreement

Why it's important?

- Protects integrity of the Exam
- Ensures MCAT scores are reliable and valid, and ensures a fair registration process

Examples of previous violations?

- Using unauthorized materials (notes or devices)
- Proxy testing
- Posting test content online

What can happen?

- Canceled scores
- Report sent to schools
- Registration privileges suspended

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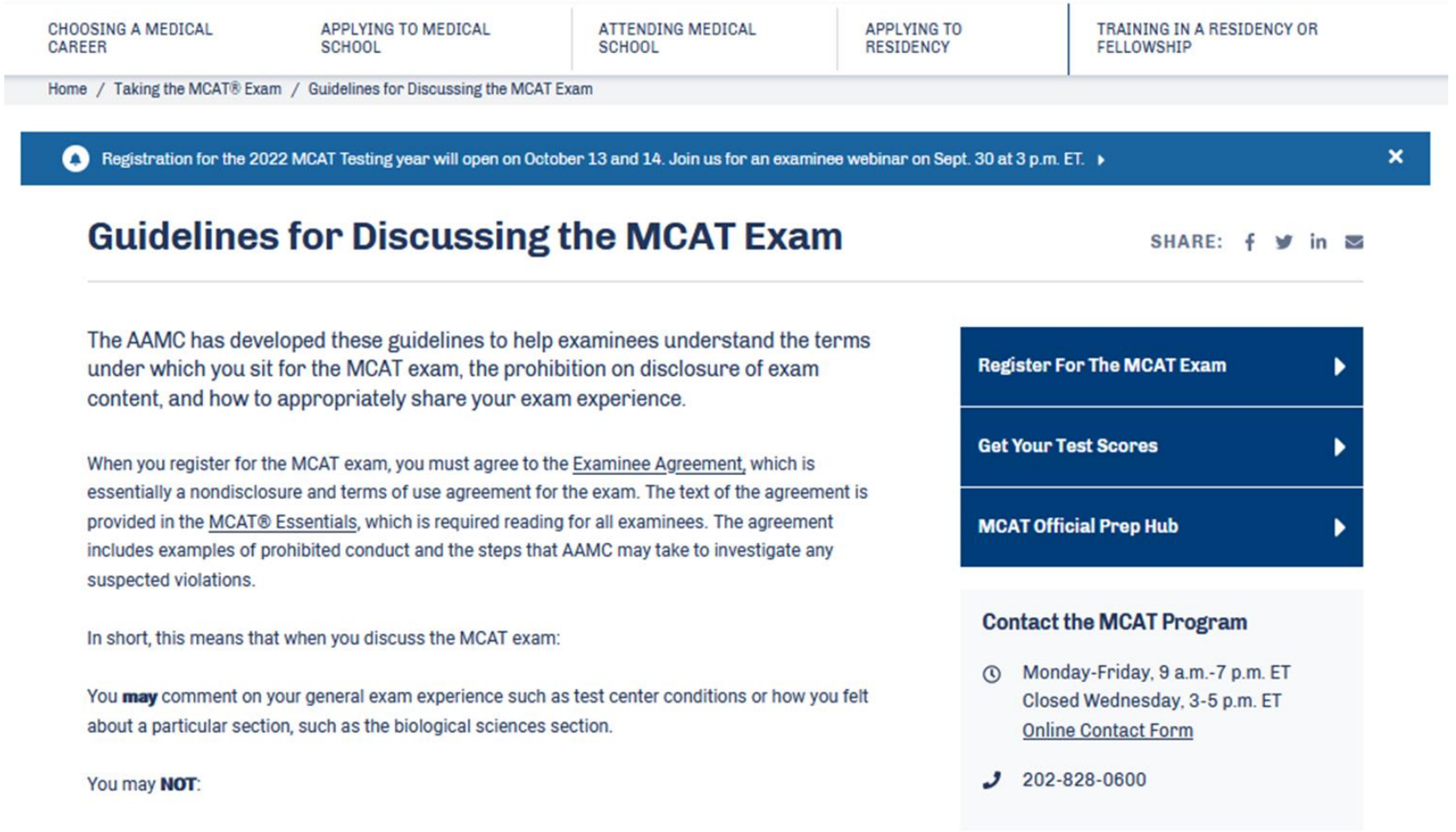
Discussing the MCAT exam



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Home / Taking the MCAT® Exam / Guidelines for Discussing the MCAT Exam

Registration for the 2022 MCAT Testing year will open on October 13 and 14. Join us for an examinee webinar on Sept. 30 at 3 p.m. ET.

Guidelines for Discussing the MCAT Exam

SHARE:

The AAMC has developed these guidelines to help examinees understand the terms under which you sit for the MCAT exam, the prohibition on disclosure of exam content, and how to appropriately share your exam experience.

When you register for the MCAT exam, you must agree to the Examinee Agreement, which is essentially a nondisclosure and terms of use agreement for the exam. The text of the agreement is provided in the MCAT® Essentials, which is required reading for all examinees. The agreement includes examples of prohibited conduct and the steps that AAMC may take to investigate any suspected violations.

In short, this means that when you discuss the MCAT exam:

You **may** comment on your general exam experience such as test center conditions or how you felt about a particular section, such as the biological sciences section.

You may **NOT**:

Register For The MCAT Exam

Get Your Test Scores

MCAT Official Prep Hub

Contact the MCAT Program

Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. ET
Closed Wednesday, 3-5 p.m. ET
Online Contact Form

202-828-0600

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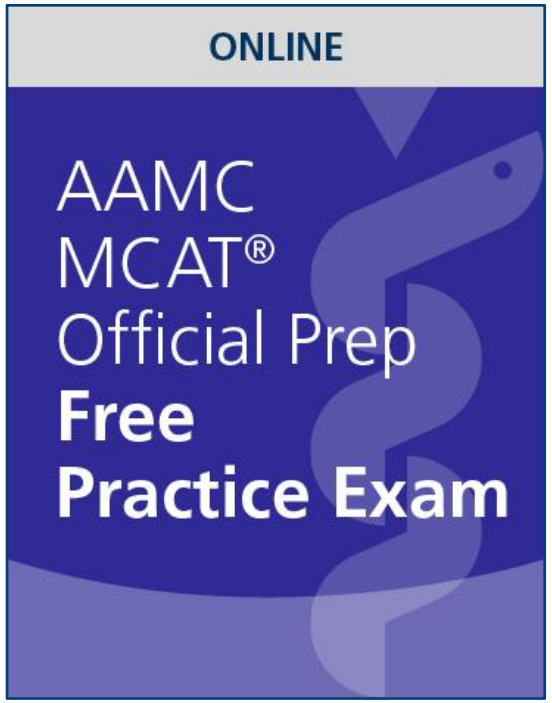
Coming Soon: A *New, Free* Full-Length Scored Practice Exam



- All new practice exam with 230 questions from previously administered MCAT exams
- Same look, feel, and functionality of the actual exam
- Provides scaled scores and percentile ranks
- Includes rationales for all four answer options in every section
- Links to Khan Academy MCAT Collection content from questions

Free in the Official MCAT Prep Hub

Note: This new full-length test is in addition to the existing free Sample Test (that is unscored). Students now have access to two free full-length testing experiences.

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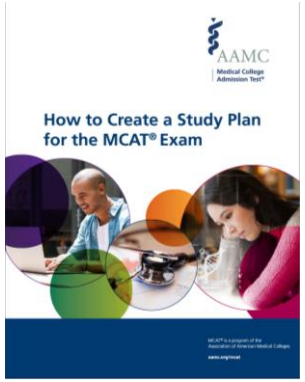
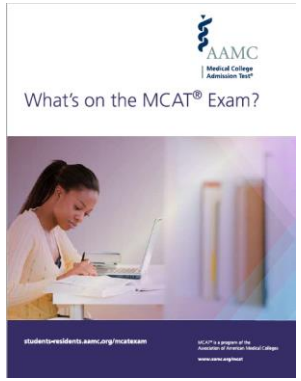
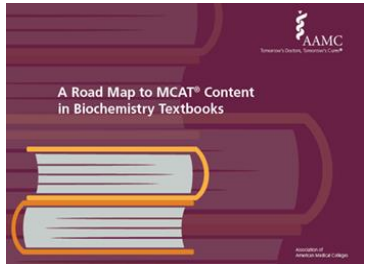
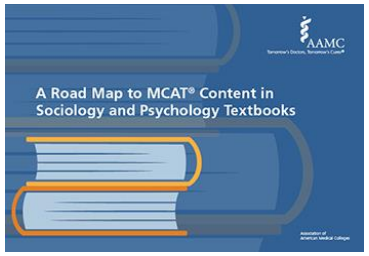
Free Study Resources

Planning









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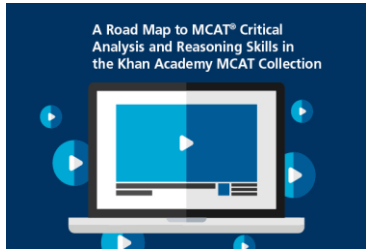

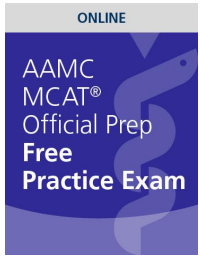

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- Study Plan Guide, Content Outline, Road Maps
- **>1000 videos** and **3000 questions** in the Khan Academy's MCAT collection

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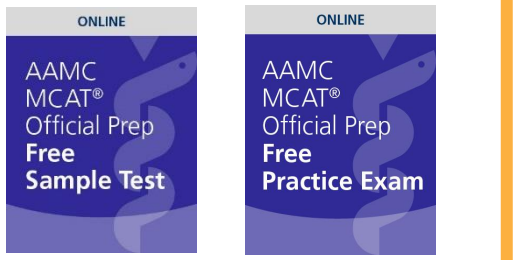

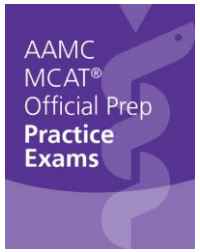

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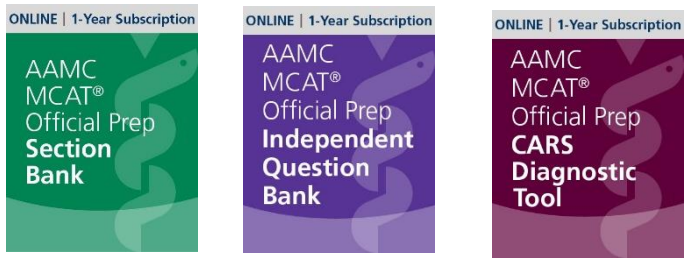
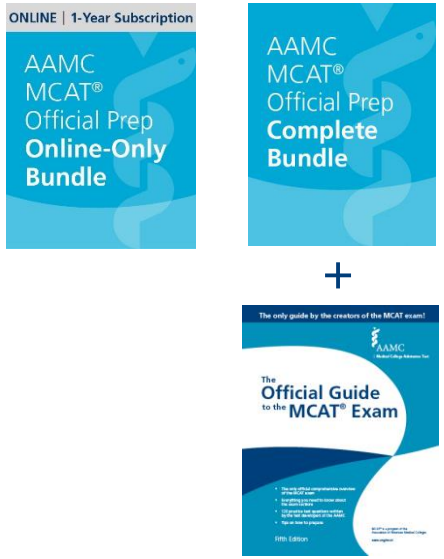


Practice Questions

Bundles



- 6 full-length practice exams—including the scored Free Practice Exam (new) and Sample Test
- Subject-specific question sets
- Online Bundle with all 14 online products or Complete Bundle

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Highlighting student experiences preparing for the MCAT exam

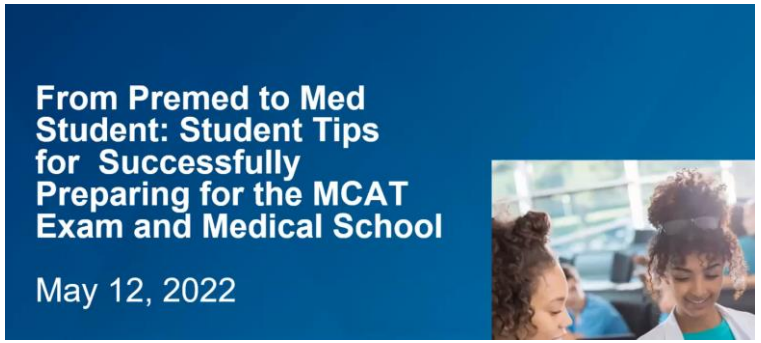
Testimonials

Taylor Sanders

Have fun while you're studying. Make it interesting to you.

New in 2022

From Premed to Med Student (recorded webinar)



Student Tips to Prepare with the Khan Academy (videos)

Know a student who would be interested in sharing their story? MCATadvisors@aamc.org

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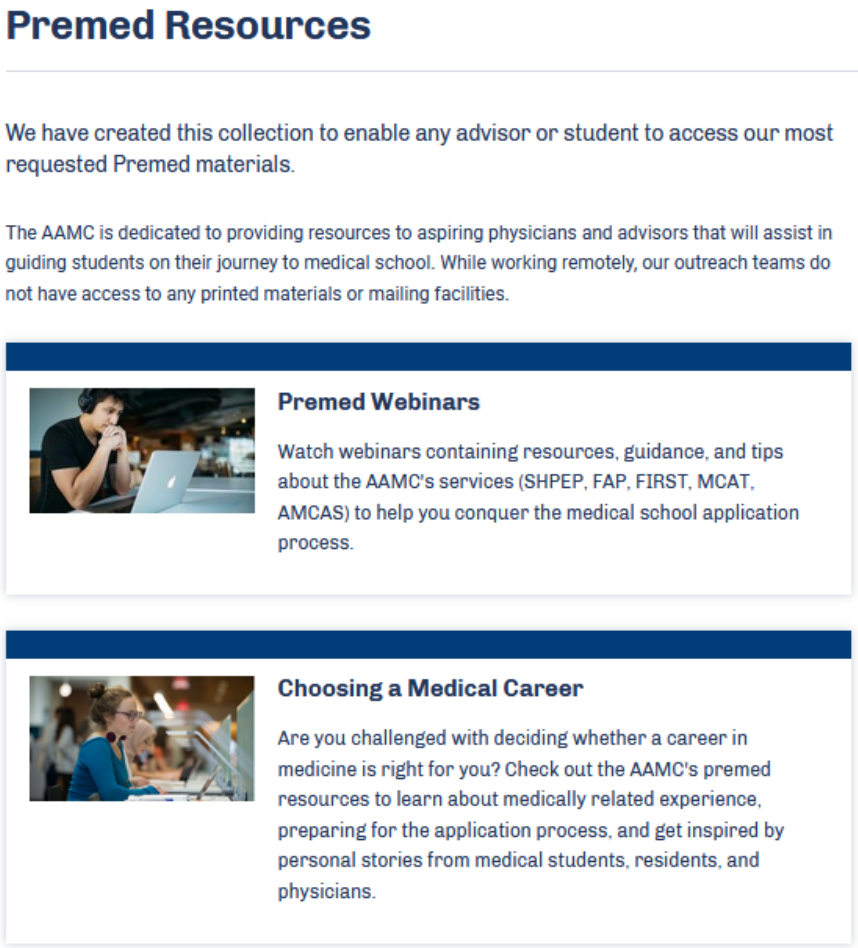
Premed Resources



Premed Resources

We have created this collection to enable any advisor or student to access our most requested Premed materials.

The AAMC is dedicated to providing resources to aspiring physicians and advisors that will assist in guiding students on their journey to medical school. While working remotely, our outreach teams do not have access to any printed materials or mailing facilities.

Premed Webinars

Watch webinars containing resources, guidance, and tips about the AAMC's services (SHPEP, FAP, FIRST, MCAT, AMCAS) to help you conquer the medical school application process.

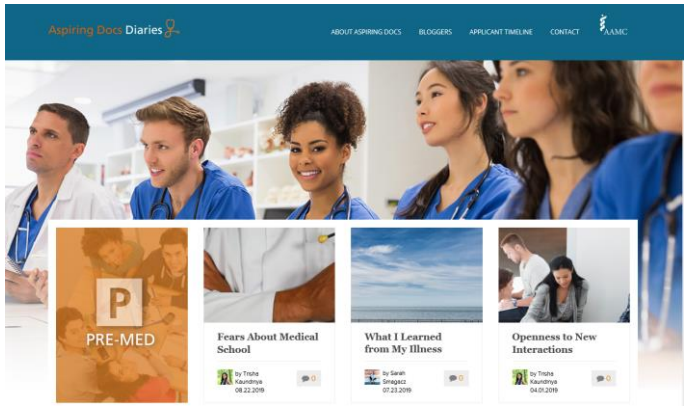
Choosing a Medical Career

Are you challenged with deciding whether a career in medicine is right for you? Check out the AAMC's premed resources to learn about medically related experience, preparing for the application process, and get inspired by personal stories from medical students, residents, and physicians.

- Webinars
- Careers
- Financing
- Application
- Premed Events Calendar

Aspiring Docs

Find resources and inspiration to help you get started on your path to medicine.



Premed Navigator

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2023 MCAT Testing Year Update for Examinees

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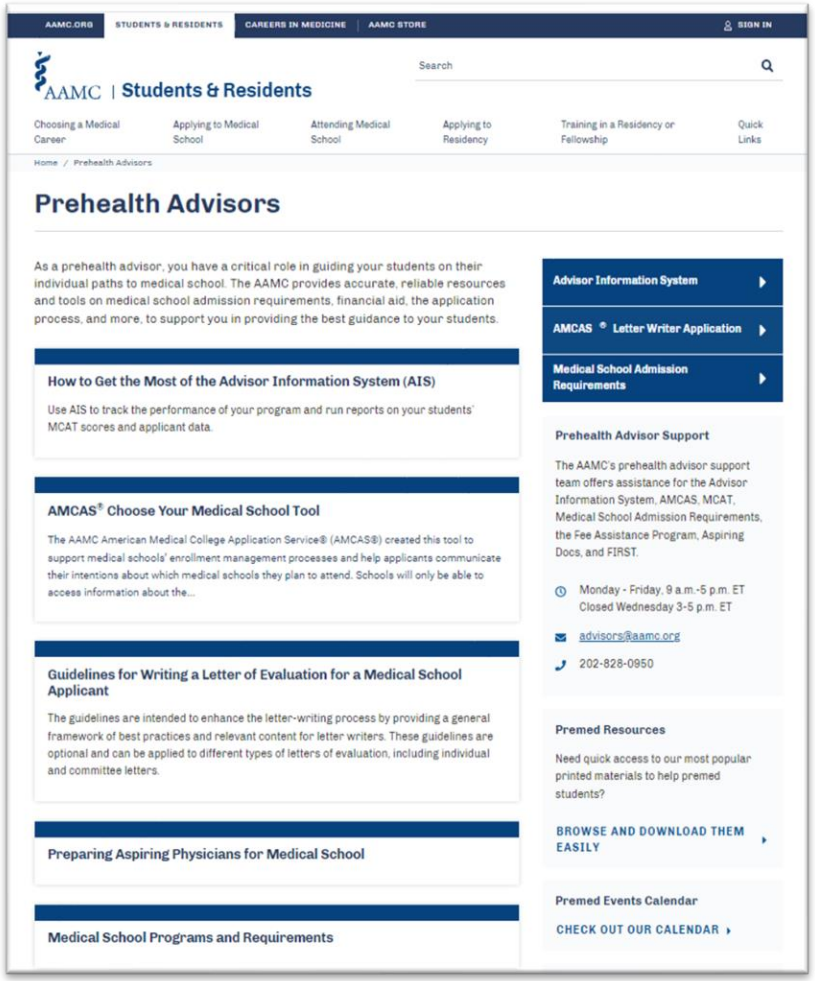
Advisor Hub



- MCAT Prep resources
- Test day resources
- MCAT percentiles
- MCAT data and research
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Question and Answer Session

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