

## Preparing for the MCAT® Exam

Tips	Additional Information
<p>Read your MCAT® Essentials</p>	<p>The MCAT Essentials is the official policy and procedure guide to everything you need to know about the MCAT exam. It includes important information about registration, scheduling, test day policies and procedures, scoring, and much more.</p> <p>Visit <a href="https://studentsresidents.aamc.org/mcatessentials">studentsresidents.aamc.org/mcatessentials</a> for this required reading and be sure to bookmark it for easy reference.</p>
<p>Submit your Fee Assistance Program application before scheduling your MCAT exam (if applicable)</p>	<p>The AAMC Fee Assistance Program assists those who, without financial assistance, would be unable to prepare for and take the MCAT exam, apply to medical schools that use the AMCAS® application, and more. If you are eligible for the Fee Assistance Program, you must receive approval <i>before</i> you need to buy MCAT Prep products and schedule your exam, or you will be charged the full MCAT Official Prep Products and MCAT exam fees. No refunds are given if you receive an approval after you schedule an exam. Fee Assistance Program approval is awarded for up to two calendar years. For more information, visit <a href="https://aamc.org/fap">aamc.org/fap</a>.</p>
<p>Schedule Early</p>	<p>Secure your appointment at least 60 days in advance of the exam date for your best chance at scheduling your preferred test date and location. Register online before you schedule an appointment; walk-in testing is not available. If your preferred MCAT test date or location is listed as “None Available” in the MCAT Registration System, sign up to be notified by email should that test date and location become available. Check back often; seats may become available as other examinees reschedule.</p>

<p>Enter your name in the MCAT Registration System exactly as it appears on your MCAT-Accepted ID.</p>	<p>Enter the spelling of your FIRST and LAST names in the MCAT Registration System exactly the way they appear on the MCAT-Accepted ID you will use on test day. Common mistakes include misspellings, using nicknames and partial names, or omitting initials that appear on your ID. If you do not provide an MCAT-Accepted ID that matches your registered first and last names, you will not be permitted to take the test. See the MCAT Essentials for more information.</p>
<p>Ensure your contact information is accurate and up to date.</p>	<p>We must be able to contact you if we have to reschedule an exam due to inclement weather, server outages, or facilities issues. You are responsible for ensuring that your contact information is correct and current at all times. You can log in to the MCAT Registration System at any time to double-check or update your information.</p>
<p>Update your email settings.</p>	<p>To ensure that you receive all important information regarding your MCAT exam, add <a href="mailto:mcataamc@aamc.org">mcataamc@aamc.org</a> and <a href="mailto:PearsonVUEConfirmation@pearson.com">PearsonVUEConfirmation@pearson.com</a> to your email contacts. This will help prevent our emails from going to your spam folder.</p>
<p>Check your appointment the day before test day.</p>	<p>Log in to the MCAT Registration System to ensure that you have the current address of your test center. As noted above, a change could have occurred. Make sure you have the current address.</p>
<p>On test day, bring as few personal items as possible</p>	<p>You will be given a locker for your personal items during the test. Once the check-in process begins, you are not allowed to possess or access any notes, written material, or electronic devices — including cell phones — at any point during your exam day, even on breaks. Be sure to bring any food or drinks with you because you cannot leave the testing center until you have finished.</p>
<p>Review your credit card statement for charges.</p>	<p>The fees charged for the MCAT exam will be listed on your credit card billing statement as “AAMC MCAT Exam.” If you experience problems with your transaction, please contact Pearson VUE at <b>952-905-7398</b> or toll-free at <b>866-281-7532</b>. Please note that all fees for MCAT exam appointments must be paid in full before you will be allowed to test.</p>

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