



## Welcome to the 2008 Pre-MCAT Questionnaire (PMQ)

**The Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) strongly encourages you to complete this survey.** Your responses will help the AAMC, its member institutions, and affiliated organizations better understand the characteristics of those interested in medicine and other health professions.

**The data you provide will help inform those responsible for developing medical and health education policy.** The survey consists of 10 to 15 questions. If you need to stop mid-survey, you may save your responses and return later by pressing the "Stop & Return Later" button on any page.

At all times the **confidentiality of your responses will be ensured.** Access to your personally identified information is limited to operational staff who are responsible for processing and storing the data. When researchers request data files, the AAMC strips all identifying information to protect your responses. In particular, be assured that your responses are never forwarded to medical school admission committees and are not compared with information contained in fee-waiver applications or financial aid requests.

Because **your responses are protected**, you may answer questions fully and honestly.

Your responses to the questionnaire are voluntary. Choosing not to respond will not affect your registration for the MCAT examination in any way. The AAMC has reviewed this questionnaire according to procedures governing and protecting your rights as a participant in the research. If you have questions or comments regarding your rights as a participant in the research, please contact the AAMC's Human Subjects Research Protection Program at [hsrppadministrator@aamc.org](mailto:hsrppadministrator@aamc.org).

**If you understand the above and agree to participate, please select "Yes" below:**

- Yes, I understand the above and agree to participate in the PMQ
- I do not wish to participate in the survey

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## Your Preparation for the MCAT

### What resources will you use to prepare for the MCAT?

List the names of the courses, tutorials, books, web sites, or other resources you are currently using or plan to use before you take the MCAT:

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## Your Educational and Career Aspirations

Your answers to the following set of questions are vital for helping the AAMC and other educational institutions understand and prepare for the future of education in medicine and other health professions.

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**Which of these degree programs are you seriously considering?**

Check all that apply:

- D.D.S./D.M.D - Dentistry
- D.O. - Osteopathic Medicine (including D.O.-M.P.H, D.O.-Ph.D. or other dual D.O. degree program)
- D.P.M. - Podiatric Medicine
- D.V.M. - Veterinary Medicine
- M.D. - Medicine
- M.D.-Ph.D. combined degree program
- M.D.-M.P.H. combined degree program
- M.D.-J.D, M.D.-M.B.A., or other dual M.D. degree program
- M.P.H. - Public Health
- M.S. or Ph.D. in science or technology (e.g., Biology, Engineering)
- P.A./M.P.A. - Physician Assistant
- R.N./L.P.N./N.P. - Nursing
- Other (please specify):

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Please indicate your preference for each program you selected:

	Your preference			
	Highest preference	High preference	Moderate preference	Low preference
D.D.S./D.M.D - Dentistry	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
D.O. - Osteopathic Medicine (including D.O.-M.P.H, D.O.-Ph.D. or other dual D.O. degree program)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
D.P.M. - Podiatric Medicine	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
D.V.M. - Veterinary Medicine	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
M.D. - Medicine	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
M.D.-Ph.D. combined degree program	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
M.D.-M.P.H. combined degree program	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
M.D.-J.D, M.D.-M.B.A., or other dual M.D. degree program	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
M.P.H. - Public Health	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
M.S. or Ph.D. in science or technology (e.g., Biology, Engineering)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
P.A./M.P.A. - Physician Assistant	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
R.N./L.P.N./N.P. - Nursing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
SpecifiedProgram	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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The program(s) you selected include the M.D. degree or the D.O. degree. After earning a medical degree and completing your medical training, where would you expect to focus your professional activities?

- Primarily patient care
- Primarily research
- Mix of both patient care and research
- Primarily something else (please specify):
- Not sure / undecided

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**What field of medicine would you expect to pursue?**

- General medicine (e.g., family practice, internal medicine, pediatrics)
- Medical specialty (e.g., allergy/immunology, cardiology, dermatology, etc.)
- Surgical specialty (e.g., general surgery, obstetrics/gynecology, neurology, orthopedics, etc.)
- Other (please specify):
- Not sure / undecided

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When did you definitely decide you wanted to study medicine?

- Before high school
- During high school
- During my first two years in college
- During my junior year in college
- During my senior year in college
- After receiving a bachelor's degree (B.A., B.S.)
- After receiving an postgraduate degree (Master's, Ph.D.)
- I have not definitely decided I want to study medicine

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**If you attend medical school, how do you expect to pay for your medical education?**

Please enter a percentage for each applicable category so the total equals 100%. Enter 0 (zero) in non-applicable categories.

Scholarships or awards:	<input type="text"/>	%
Loans:	<input type="text"/>	%
Work-study program:	<input type="text"/>	%
Personal income and savings:	<input type="text"/>	%
Money from parents or other relatives:	<input type="text"/>	%
Money from spouse or partner:	<input type="text"/>	%
Other:	<input type="text"/>	%
Total		%

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**What is on your "Plan B" list?**

If you apply to medical school but are not accepted on your first attempt, which option(s) will you most likely consider? Select no more than three (3):

- Re-applying to medical school
- Business school / M.B.A.
- Getting a job
- Graduate program in science, technology, engineering, or math
- Graduate program in the social sciences
- Graduate program in the humanities
- Law school / J.D.
- Other kind of medical training or health profession
- Post-baccalaureate, internship, or research program
- Other (please specify):

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**Where do you expect to work after you complete your education and training?**

Check all that apply:

- Rural area
- Suburban area
- Urban area
- No preference
- Not sure

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**After you complete your education and training, do you expect that you will primarily serve an underserved area?**

An underserved area is an one in which there is a shortage of health professionals to serve the needs of the population in that area. Examples of underserved areas include inner-city and rural communities. Do you expect to primarily serve such an area?

- Yes
- No
- Undecided

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Please indicate your level of fluency in English and your dominant language. Select one:

- English is the only language I learned in infancy, and it is my dominant language.
- English is one of 2 or more languages I learned in infancy; my dominant language is
- I became fluent in English after infancy but before age 18; my dominant language is
- I became fluent in English after age 18; my dominant language is
- I am not fully fluent in English; my dominant language is

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## Addressing the Rising Cost of Education

As the cost of education rises, it is important that the AAMC and others involved in creating and promoting educational policy understand the real impact it has on people like you who may be considering further education and, with it, further debt.

Your answers will be kept confidential. No financial aid or school personnel will have access to the information you provide, so we thank you for the consideration you put into your answers.

### How are (or were) your college/pre-medical education costs being paid?

Please enter a percentage for each category below so the total equals 100%. Enter 0 (zero) in categories that do not apply.

Loans:	<input type="text"/>	%
Money from parents or other relatives:	<input type="text"/>	%
Money from spouse or partner:	<input type="text"/>	%
Personal income and savings:	<input type="text"/>	%
Scholarships or awards:	<input type="text"/>	%
Work-study program:	<input type="text"/>	%
Other:	<input type="text"/>	%
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**What is, or will be, the total amount of your unrepaid educational loans for your college/pre-medical education?**

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**What is your current marital status?**

- Never married and not currently engaged
- Engaged to be married
- Married/Civil Union/Domestic Partner
- Separated
- Divorced
- Widowed

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### Please Accept Our Appreciation - and Our Invitation

The Association of American Medical Colleges thanks you for completing the Pre-MCAT Questionnaire.

If you have any questions regarding the survey or changes to your responses, please contact us at [pmq@aamc.org](mailto:pmq@aamc.org).

In order to make better policy about medical and health education and careers, the AAMC would periodically like to ask you a few brief questions--at most, once or twice a year. Your de-identified responses will be kept secure and used only by AAMC and affiliated researchers.

### May we invite you to participate in future surveys?

Even if you indicate "Yes," you will always be given the choice to opt out of any survey you are invited to take.

- Yes, the AAMC may invite me to participate in future voluntary surveys.
- No, I do not want to be invited to participate in future surveys.

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**Thank you for responding to the Pre-MCAT Questionnaire!**

Your responses have been submitted.

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For more data and reports based on AAMC surveys, visit [www.aamc.org/facts](http://www.aamc.org/facts)

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