

## Welcome to the 2021 Post-MCAT Questionnaire (PMQ)

*Please Read Carefully*

The Post-MCAT Questionnaire (PMQ) is administered by the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) to MCAT® exam registrants. Your responses help the AAMC, its member medical schools, and affiliated organizations better understand the needs and interests of those considering medicine and other health and science careers. The survey should take between 10 and 20 minutes to complete.

### Participation in the PMQ is Voluntary

Participation in the PMQ is voluntary. You have the right not to answer any question or set of questions. Deciding not to complete the PMQ or refraining from answering specific questions will not result in any adverse consequences to you or your application to any program using MCAT scores.

### Confidentiality Statement

The data collected in this survey are classified as confidential. Confidential data are data that may not be released with individual identification, except with permission, or as necessary to comply with properly made legal requests. Your responses will not be forwarded to medical school (or other) admissions committees and will not be compared with information you may provide in fee-waiver applications or financial aid requests. Your responses from this survey may be used for research by AAMC staff and other medical education researchers, and may be linked with other databases for research purposes without additional informed consent. The AAMC has taken extensive measures to ensure the security of the data and the confidentiality of the responses. Your responses will be securely stored by the AAMC with appropriate access controls to limit exposure of your data to those with a need to know.

### Benefits and Risks of Participation

*Benefits of Participation:* By participating, you will be contributing to medical education research and the improvement of medical education programs.

*Risks of Participation:* This data collection is considered minimal risk. If individually identified data were made public, it could prove embarrassing.

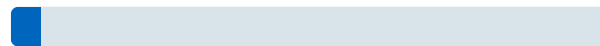
This data collection has been reviewed according to AAMC policies and procedures and its Institutional Review Board.

### Contact Information

If you have any questions about your rights as a participant, contact the AAMC Office of Human Subjects Research Protection by email ([humansubjects@aamc.org](mailto:humansubjects@aamc.org)). If you have any technical questions about the PMQ, contact AAMC Student Surveys staff by email ([pmq@aamc.org](mailto:pmq@aamc.org)).

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

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



## Part I - Premedical Experiences

When did you definitely decide that you wanted to study medicine?

- I have not definitely decided that I want to study medicine*
- Before high school
- During high school/before college
- During the first two years in college
- During junior year in college
- During senior year in college
- After receiving a bachelor's degree
- After receiving an advanced degree

Please indicate any experiences in which you have participated. (Select all that apply)

- Middle school premedical or science program (e.g., magnet science middle school, summer medical science program)
- Magnet science/health science high school
- Summer laboratory research apprenticeship for high school students
- Classroom-based summer, after-school, or Saturday premedical program for high school students
- Laboratory research apprenticeship for college students
- Summer academic enrichment program for college students
- Non-degree post-baccalaureate program to strengthen academic skills
- Non-degree post-baccalaureate program to complete premedical requirements
- Volunteered in the healthcare field
- Volunteered in a non-healthcare field
- International volunteer experience
- Shadowed a physician or other healthcare professional
- None of the above



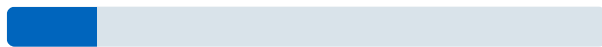
## Part I - Premedical Experiences

During the last three months, what describes your attendance at school or college? (Select all that apply)

- I did not attend any school in the last three months*
- High school
- Community college
- Four-year college or university
- Post-baccalaureate premedical program
- Graduate/professional program (e.g., MS, PhD, JD)

What best describes your enrollment status throughout your undergraduate education?

- Full-time
- Full-time during some years and part-time during others
- Part-time

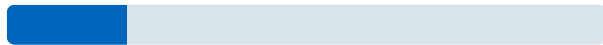


## Part I - Premedical Experiences

Have you already graduated from college?

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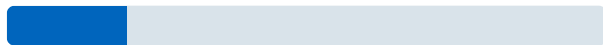
How many years have passed since you graduated from college?

Less than 1 year

1-2 years

3-4 years

5 or more years



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Yes

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How did you spend your time between college and taking the MCAT? (Select all that apply)

Worked at another career

Worked to improve finances

Continued coursework to prepare for the MCAT exam

Continued coursework to fulfill premedical requirements

Took premedical courses for the first time

Pursued graduate studies

Worked/volunteered internationally

Worked/volunteered in research

Helped fulfill family obligations

Other (please specify)

## Part II - MCAT Preparation

In what month and year did you start actively preparing for the MCAT exam (excluding taking regular courses)? If you took the exam more than once within the last 12 months and you were actively preparing during the entire time, please provide the month and year you FIRST started preparing.

Month

Year

We are interested in learning about how you prepared for the exam. First, we will ask you how you structured your preparation. Next, we will ask about the strategies you used to learn the concepts tested on the exam.

What strategies did you use to structure your preparation? (Select all that apply)

- Got started by finding out what is tested on the MCAT exam
- Discussed the test and how to prepare with an advisor or fellow students
- Created a study plan to fit my schedule
- Identified my strengths and weaknesses using a practice exam
- Focused study time on my weaker subject areas
- Planned time for relaxation/breaks
- Assessed my learning progress along the way by taking practice exam(s)
- Assessed my readiness for the exam by taking a final practice exam
- Other (please specify)

What strategies did you use to learn the concepts tested on the exam? (Select all that apply)

- Tested my understanding of what I had studied
- Wrote down notes about what I was learning from memory
- Answered practice questions as I studied each topic
- Explained why the answer choices in practice questions were correct or incorrect
- Reviewed content I had already studied throughout my preparation
- Mixed my review of different topics throughout studying
- Explained concepts aloud or to a study partner/friend
- Created or used flashcards of important details
- Other (please specify)



## Part II - MCAT Preparation

What kinds of resources did you use to prepare for the MCAT exam? (Select all that apply)

### AAMC MCAT® Official Prep Products and Resources

- What's on the MCAT Exam? Content Outline (pdf or interactive tool)
- The Official Guide to the MCAT Exam (print version or e-book)
- The Online Practice Questions from the Official Guide to the MCAT Exam
- MCAT Practice Exams
- MCAT Sample Test
- CARS Diagnostic Tool
- MCAT Question Packs
- MCAT Section Bank
- MCAT Flashcards (print or online version)
- How to Create a Study Plan for the MCAT Exam (print or online version)
- Practice with Exam Features Tool
- How I Prepared for the MCAT Exam Testimonials
- Road Map to the MCAT Content in Sociology and Psychology Textbooks
- Road Map to the MCAT Content in Biochemistry Textbook
- Road Map to MCAT Critical Analysis and Reasoning Skills in the Khan Academy MCAT Collection

### Other Products and Resources for the MCAT exam

- Khan Academy MCAT Collection
- MCAT preparation book (paper version) published by a commercial company
- MCAT preparation book (electronic version or e-book) published by a commercial company
- MCAT practice tests published by a commercial company
- Books, handouts, practice questions, or other materials from an MCAT test preparation course offered by a university, medical school, or post-baccalaureate program
- MCAT-related social media sites, blogs, and online communities
- Free online flashcard generators
- Other free MCAT preparation resources
- Other educational materials that are not specifically labeled for MCAT preparation (e.g., textbooks, course notes, online modules, journals)





## Part II - MCAT Preparation

How did you find out about AAMC MCAT Official Prep Products and Resources? (Select all that apply)

	Friend/peer	Teacher/ professor/ instructor	Prehealth or other advisor	MCAT prep courses	AAMC website	AAMC presentation, webinar, or booth at a recruiting fair	Internet search for MCAT preparation resources	Other
What's on the MCAT Exam? Content Outline (pdf or interactive tool)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Official Guide to the MCAT Exam (print version or e-book)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Online Practice Questions from the Official Guide to the MCAT Exam	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
MCAT Practice Exams	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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How to Create a Study Plan for the MCAT Exam (print or online version)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Practice with Exam Features Tool	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Road Map to the MCAT Content in Sociology and Psychology Textbooks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Road Map to the MCAT Content in Biochemistry Textbook	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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How useful were each of the following resources to prepare for the MCAT exam?

	Not useful	Somewhat useful	Useful	Very useful
What's on the MCAT Exam? Content Outline (pdf or interactive tool)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The Official Guide to the MCAT Exam (print version or e-book)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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MCAT-related social media sites, blogs, and online communities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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Other free MCAT preparation resources	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other educational materials that are not specifically labeled for MCAT preparation (e.g., textbooks, course notes, online modules, journals)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

## Part II - MCAT Preparation

You indicated "Other" when asked how you heard about the What's on the MCAT Exam? Content Outline (pdf or interactive tool). Please specify:

You indicated "Other" when asked how you heard about The Official Guide to the MCAT Exam (print version or e-book). Please specify:

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## Part II - MCAT Preparation

You indicated that you did NOT use the following AAMC MCAT Official products and resources. Which of the following BEST describes why you did NOT use each of these AAMC products and resources to prepare for the MCAT exam?

	I was not aware of it	I had a similar product or resource from another source	I could not afford it	I didn't have enough time to use it	I didn't think it would be useful/helpful	Other
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## Part II - MCAT Preparation

What did you do to prepare for the exam day? (Select all that apply)

- Learned about the testing day by reading the MCAT Essentials bulletin
- Took a timed online practice exam with scheduled breaks to mimic the exam day
- Practiced pacing myself so I could get through all the questions in each section without running out of time
- Practiced strategies for dealing with challenging questions to make sure I could finish the exam on time
- Planned how to make the best use of breaks on exam day
- Practiced ways to reduce my anxiety during the exam (e.g., deep breathing)
- Went to the test site in advance to make sure I knew how to get there
- Got plenty of sleep the night before the exam
- Other (please specify)





## Part II - MCAT Preparation

What kinds of challenges, if any, have you had getting ready for the MCAT exam? (Select all that apply)

- Difficulty learning new material for which I lacked relevant coursework
- Difficulty relearning material I learned a while ago
- Difficulty getting concrete and detailed information about the MCAT exam
- Difficulty affording preparation courses and materials
- Difficulty balancing my time between studying for the MCAT and my job
- Difficulty balancing my time between studying for the MCAT and family obligations
- Difficulty balancing my time between studying for the MCAT and school
- Difficulty getting through the amount of material to be learned
- Difficulty finding a place to study without distraction
- Difficulty minimizing social media use during studying
- Difficulty obtaining reliable/affordable internet access to use online preparation resources
- Difficulty finding a mentor to provide resources, support, guidance, and/or role modeling
- Difficulty preparing myself mentally and/or physically for the exam day
- Difficulty staying confident that I could do well on the MCAT exam
- Difficulty sticking to my study plan
- Other (please specify)
- None of the above

What advice would you give to a friend about how to prepare for the MCAT exam?



## Part III - Career Plans and Interests

How likely are you to apply to the following graduate or professional programs?

	Not likely	Somewhat likely	Likely	Very likely
MD-granting medical program	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
DO-granting medical program	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other health program (e.g., Veterinary, Dental, Physician Assistant, Pharmacy)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Graduate program in science, technology, or math	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Non-health professional program (e.g., law, MBA)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Graduate program in behavioral or social sciences (e.g., psychology, sociology)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Graduate program in the humanities (e.g., history, English)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

What type of medicine are you interested in pursuing?

- Primary care medicine (e.g., family medicine, internal medicine, pediatrics)
- Medical specialty (e.g., allergy/immunology, cardiology, dermatology)
- Surgical specialty (e.g., general surgery, orthopaedic surgery, neurosurgery)
- Not sure/undecided



## Part III - Career Plans and Interests

Which of the following items would *encourage* you to apply to medical school? (Select all that apply)

- Finding a medical school where I will feel comfortable
- Fit between my personal interests/goals and a medical school's mission
- Availability of academic support in medical school
- Availability of financial support in medical school
- Availability of social support in medical school
- Grades, MCAT scores, and other academic qualifications

Which of the following items would *discourage* you from applying to medical school? (Select all that apply)

- Amount of current debt
- Cost of applying to medical school
- Cost of medical school
- Grades, MCAT scores, and other academic qualifications
- Family obligations



## Part III - Career Plans and Interests

Please indicate the extent to which the following individuals have positively or negatively influenced your decision to pursue a career in medicine.

	Very negative	Somewhat negative	Somewhat positive	Very positive	Not applicable
Prehealth advisor	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Research advisor or faculty member (not a prehealth advisor)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Career guidance counselor (not a prehealth advisor)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Physician	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Family member	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
A college student	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
A medical student	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



## Part IV - Financial Information

As the cost of education rises, it is important that the AAMC and others involved in creating and promoting education policy understand the real impact 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/premedical education costs paid?

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

Scholarships or awards:

  %

Scholarships or awards with a service commitment (NHSC, Military, etc.):

  %

Loans:

  %

Work-study program:

  %

Personal income and savings:

  %

Money from parents, guardians, or other relatives:

  %

Money from spouse or partner:

  %

Other:

  %

Total (should equal 100%):

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## Part IV - Financial Information

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Yes

No



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What is, or will be, the total amount of outstanding education loans for your college/premedical education? (Please do not use commas or periods)

Please estimate in U.S. Dollars:

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Yes

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**Please list the amount of your noneducational, consumer debt for each category listed below. Enter 0 (zero) for non-applicable categories.**

Note: Enter the amount (not percentages) that you owe for each category. For example, if you owed eight hundred dollars on your credit cards, four thousand dollars for a car loan, and had no other consumer debt, you would enter 800, 4000, 0, and 0 on the respective lines. The total would then appear below as 4,800. Please do not use commas or periods.

Credit Cards:	\$	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
Car Loans:	\$	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
Mortgage:	\$	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
Other Consumer Loans:	\$	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
Total Amount:	\$	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>

## Part V - Coursework

Which of the following courses have you taken or are you currently taking? Include courses taken for AP, IB, CLEP, community college, four-year college, post-baccalaureate, graduate, and professional school credit. Recognizing that your course titles might differ from those listed, please select any courses that might apply. (Select all that apply)

- Introductory biology
- Molecular or cellular biology
- Anatomy or physiology
- Genetics
- Introductory (inorganic) chemistry
- Biochemistry
- Organic chemistry
- Introductory physics
- Calculus
- Research methods
- Statistics
- Public health
- Ethics or philosophy
- English composition/writing
- English literature or other humanities
- Introductory psychology
- Other psychology
- Introductory sociology
- Other sociology
- Cultural anthropology, urban studies, or other courses about different cultures
- Course that combined two natural science subject areas (e.g., Biophysics, Chemical Biology)
- Course that combined two behavioral or social science subject areas (e.g., Psychological Anthropology, Political Sociology)
- Course that combined one natural and one behavioral or social science subject areas (e.g., Brain and Behavior, Sociology of Medicine)
- Course that focuses on critical thinking, reasoning, or problem-solving (e.g., Critical Thinking, Scientific Thinking, Problem Solving and Reasoning, Abstract/Quantitative Reasoning)
- Course that focuses on improving study skills
- Course that focuses on improving reading skills

## Comments

Do you have any comments regarding this survey?

4000 characters left.

**Thank you for responding to the 2021 Post-MCAT Questionnaire**

Your responses have been submitted.

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