

## Professional School Tests

Applying for graduate or professional programs typically require to submit exam scores from one or more of the exams below. These exams are designed to ensure applicants are prepared for the rigor of advanced study. The required exams depend on the type of academic program or institution you plan to attend. Make sure to understand the requirements of the graduate or professional program and to consult with the prospective school to ensure you will take the appropriate exam(s).

	<b>MCAT</b>	<b>GRE General</b>	<b>GRE Subject</b>
Required For	Medical School (MD & DO) Podiatric	Graduate School, Veterinary, Physical Therapy and Physician's Assistant	Although not usually required, they are used to supplement applications
Test Subject/Format	<p>Biological &amp; Biochemical Foundations of Living Systems (Biology, First-Semester Biochemistry, General Chemistry, and Organic Chemistry)</p> <p>Chemical &amp; Physical Foundations of Biological Systems (General Chemistry, Introductory Physics, First-Semester Biochemistry, Organic Chemistry, and Introductory Biology)</p> <p>Psychological, Social, and Biological Foundations of Behavior (Introductory Psychology, Introductory Sociology, Introductory Biology)</p> <p>Critical Analysis and Reasoning Skills</p>	<p>Analytical Writing</p> <p>2 Verbal Reasoning</p> <p>2 Quantitative Reasoning</p> <p>1 Unscored section</p>	<p>Biology (Cellular and Molecular Biology, Organismal Biology, and Ecology &amp; Evo.)</p> <p>Chemistry (Analytical, Inorganic, Organic and Physical Chemistry)</p> <p>English Literature (Literary Analysis, Identification, Cultural &amp; Historical Contexts, and History &amp; Theory of Literary Criticism)</p> <p>Mathematics (Calculus, Algebra and Additional Topics)</p> <p>Physics (Classical Mechanics, Electromagnetism, Atomic Physics, Optics &amp; Wave Phenomena, Quantum Mechanics, Thermodynamics &amp; Statistical Mechanics, Special Relativity, Laboratory Methods and Specialized Topics)</p> <p>Psychology (Experimental, Social and General Psychology Topics)</p>
Length	6 hours and 15 min. 9 to 10 passages for each section Breakdown of Questions (Bio.) – 59 (Chem.) – 59 (Psych.) – 59 (CA) – 53	3 hours and 45 min. Breakdown of Questions (AW) – 2 essay tasks (VR) – 40 (QR) – 40 (U) – Varies	Breakdown of Questions (B) – 190 (C) – 130 (E) – 230 (M) – 66 (Ph) – 100 (Ps) – 205

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	<b>MCAT Cont.</b>	<b>GRE General Cont.</b>	<b>GRE Subject Cont.</b>
Cost	\$310	\$205	\$150
Test Dates	January, March, April, May, June, July, August, and September *Must register well in advance	Year-Round	September, October and April
When to take	Ideal to take Junior year before summer applications are due	Ideal to take Junior year if applying to grad program in summer or fall of senior year.	Ideal in Junior year before grad apps are due although some programs are flexible
For more info:	<a href="https://studentsresidents.aamc.org/applying-medicalschool/article/whats-mcat-exam/">https://studentsresidents.aamc.org/applying-medicalschool/article/whats-mcat-exam/</a> <a href="https://studentsresidents.aamc.org/applying-medicalschool/faq/mcat-faqs/">https://studentsresidents.aamc.org/applying-medicalschool/faq/mcat-faqs/</a>	<a href="https://www.ets.org/gre/">https://www.ets.org/gre/</a>	<a href="https://www.ets.org/gre/subject/about">https://www.ets.org/gre/subject/about</a>

	<b>DAT</b>	<b>PCAT</b>	<b>OAT</b>	<b>TEAS</b>
Required For	Dental	Pharmacy	Optometry	Nursing
Test Subject/Format	Natural Sciences (Biology, General Chemistry, and Organic Chemistry)  Perceptual Ability (Apertures, View Recognition, Angle Discrimination, Paper Folding, Cube Counting, and 3D Form Development)  Reading Comprehension  Quantitative Reasoning	Writing (Discuss a solution to given world problem)  Biological Process (General Biology, Microbiology, Anatomy & Physiology)  Chemical Process (General Chemistry, Organic Chemistry, and Biochemistry)  Critical Reading  Quantitative Reasoning (Algebra, Prob. & Statistics, Precalculus, and Calculus)	Survey of the Natural Sciences (Biology, General Chemistry and Organic Chemistry)  Reading Comprehension  Physics  Quantitative Reasoning (Mathematical Problems and Applied Word Problems)	Reading (Paragraph and Source Comprehension)  Mathematics (Algebra, Order of Operations, Data Interpretation and Measurements)  Science (Human Body, Life Science, Physical Science, and Scientific Reasoning)  English Language & Usage (Grammar & Context, Spelling, Punctuation & Structure)

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Length	Dental	Pharmacy	Optometry	Nursing
Cost	\$445	\$210	\$435	\$101
Test Dates	Year-round	January, July, September, October and November	Year-round	Year-round
When to Take	Typically Junior year	Typically Junior year	Typically Junior year, (before the July of application year)	Depends on the school, possibly by march of application year
More Information	<a href="http://www.ada.org/en/education-careers/dental-admission-test">http://www.ada.org/en/education-careers/dental-admission-test</a>  <a href="http://www.adea.org/GoDental/Application_Prep/The_Admissions_Process/DAT_(Dental_Admission_Test).aspx">http://www.adea.org/GoDental/Application_Prep/The_Admissions_Process/DAT_(Dental_Admission_Test).aspx</a>	<a href="http://pcatweb.info/About-thePCAT.php">http://pcatweb.info/About-thePCAT.php</a>	<a href="http://www.ada.org/en/oat">http://www.ada.org/en/oat</a>  <a href="http://www.ada.org/~media/OAT/Files/oat_faq.pdf?la=en">http://www.ada.org/~media/OAT/Files/oat_faq.pdf?la=en</a>	<a href="http://atiteasprep.com/aboutthe-teas/#toggle-id-7">http://atiteasprep.com/aboutthe-teas/#toggle-id-7</a>  <a href="http://www.rasmussen.edu/degrees/nursing/blog/dont-fearteas-test-expert-tips-to-pass-onfirst-try/">http://www.rasmussen.edu/degrees/nursing/blog/dont-fearteas-test-expert-tips-to-pass-onfirst-try/</a>

	<b>LSAT</b>	<b>CBEST</b>
Required for	Law School Admission	Graduate School, Credential, Teach at Public Schools
Test Subject/Format	Logical Reasoning Analytical Reasoning Reading Comprehension Analytical Essay	Reading (Comprehension, Tables, Graphs) Mathematics (Basic Statistics, Algebra) Writing (Two Topics)
Length	3 ½ hours  Breakdown of Questions (LR) – 50 (AR) – 25 (RC) – 27 (AE) – 1 Essay	4 hours for 1, 2 or all 3 sections.  Breakdown of Questions (R) – 50 (M) – 50 (W) – 2 Essays
Cost	\$180	\$41
Test Dates	January, February, March, July, September, November, December *Advised to Register 2 months before	September, December, February, April, July
When to take	Typically Junior Year, or September/October of Senior Year	Typically Junior year or Senior year
More Information	<a href="https://www.lsac.org/index">https://www.lsac.org/index</a>  <a href="https://www.princetonreview.com/law/lSAT-information">https://www.princetonreview.com/law/lSAT-information</a>	<a href="https://www.ctcexams.nesinc.com/TestView.aspx?f=HTML_FRAG/CA_CBEST_TestPage.html">https://www.ctcexams.nesinc.com/TestView.aspx?f=HTML_FRAG/CA_CBEST_TestPage.html</a>