Test Information & Dates

Below is a list of tests required by professional schools. Check the internet for exact dates for each test. Give yourself at least two months lead time for registration (6 months for the **MCAT**) to ensure that you get both the time and place of your choice. Registration materials are available on the internet.

- **The Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT)** is given about 22 times per year. To check for times and to learn more about the MCAT and changes to the MCAT, click this link: [Official MCAT Website](https://www.aamc.org/students/applying/mcat/). It is recommended that you schedule a time for the test 6 months ahead of the time.
- **The Dental Aptitude Test (DAT)** is given throughout the year at computer-based centers. Click on the link here for more information: [Official DAT Website](http://www.ada.org/dat.aspx).
- **The Optometry Aptitude Test (OAT)** is given year round at computer-based centers. Click on the link here for more information: [Official OAT Website](http://www.ada.org/en/oat).
- **The Graduate Record Exam (GRE)** is given year round at computer-based test centers. Click on the GRE link here for more information: [Official GRE Website](http://www.ets.org/)
- **The Pharmacy College Admissions Test (PCAT)** is given in June, August, October and January. For more information click on this link here for more information: [Official PCAT Website](http://www.pcatweb.info/).
- Veterinary schools use the **GRE** as their admission test.

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[1] https://www.aamc.org/students/applying/mcat/