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/gre). [5]

- **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/).[6]

- Veterinary schools use the [GRE](http://www.takethegre.com/) as their admission test.

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**Links:**
[1] [https://www.aamc.org/students/applying/mcat/](https://www.aamc.org/students/applying/mcat/)