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Preview exam required schools

The AAMC PREview test is a tool created by the Association of American Medical Colleges to assess prospective med students' readiness for a medical career. Released in 2020, this situational judgment test doesn't replace traditional academic testing like GPA and MCAT scores but complements them with new evaluation methods. The exam evaluates how well you can respond to hypothetical scenarios related to medical school, focusing on competencies not typically measured through traditional academic exams. Originally known as the AAMC Situational Judgment Test, it was renamed in 2022 but still assesses the same core competencies. Participating medical schools review the test results as part of your AMCAS or AACOMAS application. The AAMC PREview evaluates eight core pre-professional competencies essential for entering med students. These include Service Orientation, Social Skills, Cultural Competence, Teamwork, Ethical Responsibility to Self and Others, Resilience and Adaptability, Reliability and Dependability, and Capacity for Improvement. Several medical schools now consider the AAMC PREview test as part of their application process, with some making it mandatory. However, not all osteopathic programs require the test - only Des Moines University's DO program and a few others make it highly recommended. As such, if you're applying to these schools, you'll have the opportunity to send your PREview results directly to them after taking the test. Here's a list of schools that accept AAMC PREview scores: - Cooper Medical School of Rowan University - Recommended - Des Moines University Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine - Recommended - Des Moines University Medicine & Health Sciences - Recommended - Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine - Recommended - George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences - Recommended - Louisiana State University School of Medicine in New Orleans - Recommended - Mercer University School of Medicine - Required - Michigan State University College of Human Medicine - Situational judgment test required (Casper or AAMC PREview will fulfill this requirement) - Morehouse School of Medicine - Recommended - Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine - Recommended - Rutgers, Robert Wood Johnson Medical School - Situational judgment test required (Casper or AAMC PREview will fulfill this requirement) - Saint Louis University School of Medicine - Required - Southern Illinois University School of Medicine - Recommended - University of Alabama at Birmingham Marmix E. Heersink School of Medicine - Recommended - Universidad Central del Caribe School of Medicine - Required - University of California, Davis, School of Medicine - Required - University of California, Los Angeles David Geffen School of Medicine - Required - University of Hawaii, John A. Burns School of Medicine - Required - University of Louisville School of Medicine - Recommended - University of Massachusetts T.H. Chan School of Medicine - Required - University of Utah School of Medicine - Required - University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health - Recommended Listen to AAMC's PREview podcast or review their tutorial to better understand the exam format and reduce stress. The focus is on demonstrating your understanding of professional behaviors, not just memorizing facts. Prepare by practicing critical thinking, communication, and decision-making in real-life medical situations through practice questions. This will also help you prepare for med school interviews. The exam uses a 4-point rating scale to evaluate responses to scenarios, with "Very Ineffective" being the worst rating. Skip practice session, ask coach for different date. Don't cancel health fair for practice session. Tell coach you can't attend practice due to health fair beforehand. Postpone health fair and find new dates or organizer. Cancel the health fair so I can go to the practice session. Inform coach that I won't be able to attend practice because of the health fair. Reschedule the health fair to fit around practice session, look for different dates or someone else to organize. Ineffective: Just do what I want and skip practice session. Effective: Talk to coach about changing practice date. Very Ineffective: Cancel health fair so I can go to practice session. Ineffective: Tell coach that I won't be able to attend practice because of the health fair. Very Effective: Reschedule health fair to fit around practice session, look for different dates or someone else to organize. Withdraw from case without talking about it. Talk to supervisor or mentor about what happened. Insist on taking care of patient despite them not wanting me too. Report incident to hospital administration without talking to anyone else. Have open conversation with patient while being professional and understanding their cultural differences. Withdraw from case without discussing issue. This doesn't help the situation. Tell supervisor or mentor about problem, get advice. Provide care to patient even if they don't want it. Report incident to hospital administration. Talk to patient, understand their concerns, maintain professionalism. Talk to supervisor or mentor about the situation for advice on caring for anxious patients like an eight-year-old boy with a coming surgery, and learn how to address their concerns without being dismissive or making them feel uncomfortable. The boy's or his parents' questions may still leave them uncertain about the procedure. A very ineffective approach is telling the parents to look up the procedure online for a better understanding, which can cause unnecessary fear and anxiety. This method often includes horror stories of botched procedures that might be linked to the scheduled surgery. The parents may become overwhelmed by watching a video of the procedure and imagining their son undergoing it. A very effective way to address concerns is to patiently answer all questions and offer to have the surgeon discuss further. This approach demonstrates transparency and a sense of responsibility, allowing the surgeon to address complex queries that you might not be able to effectively cover. Ignoring the boy's fear and directly telling him there's no reason to be scared can actually cause more distress or feelings of shame. This doesn't solve the problem and may make the patient feel their concerns are being dismissed. The AAMC PREview scores are calculated by converting effectiveness ratings into a single-digit total score between 1 and 9. The test takers receive percentile rankings with their numerical scores, showing where they stand compared to all examinees. Medical educators help develop the scoring key for the exam, and full or partial credit is given based on how closely answers align with their rating. The PREview test isn't about right or wrong answers but rather assessing ability to respond effectively in hypothetical situations that demonstrate understanding of pre-professional competencies. A higher score generally indicates a higher degree of effectiveness in responses, which may be viewed favorably by medical school admissions committees. According to the 2023 AAMC PREview score reports, below are the scores, percentile rankings, and percentage of examinees for every score: 16% (6.19%) - 2% 21% (5.97%) - 12% 32% (10.96%) - 44% 45% (14.8%) - 56 55% (17.99%) - 67 67% (19.93%) - 79 78% (15.93%) - 89 85% (5.88%) - 91 90% (2.37%) - 100 Unless you're applying to a DO school, you don't need to do anything with your scores or resubmit them. If you're not happy with your AAMC PREview score and it's a new admissions cycle, you might want to retake the exam. However, you can only retake the test if you've already finished the previous cycle and are reapplying. To decide whether to retake the exam, consider factors like your percentile rank compared to other test-takers and how well your PREview score aligns with the rest of your application. You should also think about feedback from admissions committees or advisors before making a decision. They can provide valuable insights into how your score might impact your application and whether a retake would be beneficial. The standard fee for taking the AAMC PREview is \$100, which includes unlimited score distribution to participating schools. If you need to reschedule an exam date, there's a \$25 fee, but you must do so two weeks before your original scheduled time. Cancelling without rescheduling means losing 50% of your registration fee. If you don't show up for the exam without cancelling or rescheduling, your fee is forfeited. The AAMC offers a Fee Assistance Program that can cover the full test fees for those who cannot afford it. Students approved for this program are eligible to take the PREview at no cost. However, if they fail to appear for their scheduled exam date without cancelling or rescheduling, they'll have to pay the full \$100 registration fee to retake the exam. In certain situations where circumstances beyond your control prevent you from taking the exam on time, such as being hospitalized, called for jury duty, or experiencing a family emergency, the AAMC might consider waiving any fees owed. The PREview exam is available to individuals who are planning to apply to participating medical schools in the next cycle and meet certain criteria regarding age and location. The AAMC PREview exam is an online test taken remotely, which includes check-in and a 75-minute actual exam time, with an additional 10-15 minutes for voiding or scoring the exam. The test day timeline consists of check-in, exam time, void question, check-out, and post-test survey (optional). It's recommended to take the AAMC PREview exam by May in the application cycle year to receive scores around the same time as secondary applications are sent by schools. Additionally, there is information about the CASPer test, a situational judgment test used to evaluate applicants' personal and professional attributes, which is required by some U.S. MD schools. The Importance of Understanding the CASPer Test for Medical School Applicants CASPer testing dates for American MD programs typically run from March to December, but it's essential to choose a date that aligns with all the schools you're applying to. Using Acuity Insights' booking tool can make this process easier. When deciding when to book your test, consider registering at least a month in advance to ensure you get your preferred test date and time. Booking early also provides flexibility in case you need to reschedule, as long as you do so more than 31 days before the test date. Some schools may only consider your application complete once they receive your CASPer score. It's recommended to sign up at least three days before your test date for optimal preparation and scheduling convenience. To prepare effectively for the exam, focus on developing essential personal attributes such as interpersonal skills, cultural awareness, empathy, teamwork, ethical responsibility, reliability, resilience, and a commitment to learning and growth. The CASPer test assesses these qualities through a multiple-choice format that lasts 75 minutes and is administered online. Your task is to rate how well each response answers your questions, ranging from very ineffective to very effective. Here's a breakdown of how the AAMC PREview exam is scored: Your score report will include three key components: Total score (ranging from 1 to 9), Percentile rank (showing how you performed compared to other examinees), and Confidence band (indicating the degree of certainty in your score). Your total score is based on how well your responses align with those of subject matter experts. You'll earn full credit for answers that closely match an expert's response, but receive less credit if your answer deviates. The percentile rank reflects your performance relative to all examinees over the past two years and is updated every May using data from previous testing. The AAMC also gives you the option to score or void your PREview exam. For more information, check out the official AAMC website To sign up for the AAMC PREview exam, you can take it twice per administration year and may not have to retake it if you reapply to medical school the following year. The lifetime limit is no more than 4 times in your lifetime (beginning with the 2024 administration). The AAMC encourages you to prepare for the PREview exam through free resources such as sample questions, a preparation guide, and practice exams. Find the schools you're hoping to apply to below to figure out which situational judgment test they require.