

Workshop for Premeds at Xavier University of Louisiana
MCAT, DAT, etc. Workshop-Part I

This sheet is to be completed by freshmen early in the fall term. It is available at the Premed website. (Updated 6/27/11)

**An Overview of the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) and
Dental Admission Test (DAT)**

ALL QUESTIONS CAN BE ANSWERED FROM How to Prepare for the MCAT, DAT, etc.

- 1) What is the name of the test which one must take to get into medical school (M.D.), osteopathic medical school (D.O), podiatry school, some veterinary schools, and some public health schools?

- 2) What is the acronym for the test in #1 above?

- 3) Who "owns" the MCAT?

- 4) Who administers the MCAT?

- 5) When are students at XU encouraged to take the MCAT for the first (and we hope ONLY) time? Why is this time recommended?

- 6) How much does it currently cost to register to take the MCAT? Is fee assistance available?

7) Complete the following table about the MCAT.

| <i>Section Name</i> | <i>Areas Tested</i> | <i># Questions</i> | <i>Time Allowed</i> | <i>Min. Score</i> | <i>Max. Score</i> | <i>Average Score</i> |
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8) What section of the MCAT does the XU's Premedical Advisers believe is the hardest for many students?

9) Why is the part listed in #8 the hardest?

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10) Every year there are Xavierites with good grades who don't get into medical school because their MCAT scores are simply too low (<7 in any number-scored section). What are TWO things that freshman premeds can start doing NOW (and continue throughout enrollment at XU) to start preparing for the Verbal Reasoning section of the MCAT (and similar tests)?

1)

2)

11) XU's Premedical Advisers STRONGLY recommend that students enroll in an MCAT review course in order to prepare for the April or May administration of the test. What TWO review courses are offered on XU's campus at a reduced cost during the Spring (i.e. January) of Junior year?

1) Review #1-

2) Review #2-

FYI, the discounted courses that are held on XU's campus from January-April, (i.e. Spring of Junior Year) cost approximately \$700-\$900. Be advised that this is a significant discount since the regular Kaplan or Princeton MCAT Review Courses can cost \$1700+, depending on the length and review format.

12) What is the name of the test which one must take to get into dental school?

13) What is the acronym for the test in #12 above?

14. List the four (4) parts of the DAT, the subjects covered in each, and the lowest/highest scores possible on each section.

| <i>Section of DAT</i> | <i>Subjects covered in Section</i> | <i>Lowest-Highest Score on Section</i> |
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15) When are students at XU encouraged to take the DAT for the first time?

16) How much does it currently cost to register to take the DAT? Is fee assistance available?

17) Unlike the MCAT, XU's Premedical Advisers believe that students can study on their own for the DAT (i.e. students need not enroll in a formal DAT review course). If a student opts to study on his/her own for the DAT, what four (4) study resources does the PM Office recommend?

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Please turn in this sheet (Part-I) after completing it.

Please complete MCAT, DAT, etc. Workshop -PART 2 and drop it off in the PM Office no later than MONDAY, 9/19/11.