MCAT Preparation Course
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Materials (provided)
• Exam Krackers MCAT Complete Study Package (9th Edition)
• AAMC Official MCAT Practice Exam 1
• Session slides, notes, handouts, and videos—housed on mcat.uoregon.edu

Objectives
The time, energy, and intellect you have invested in your academics thus far have brought you a long way toward performing well on the MCAT. But this last stretch of preparation can be rocky, and we are glad you’re not going it alone. Through our own studies of the exam, subject content, study resources, learning methods, and testing strategies, we are equipped to smooth out the path to test day and guide you along the way. Specifically, our preparation course is designed to help you:

• Understand the MCAT structure and design
  o foundational concepts, topics, and skills
  o test sections and timing
  o question types
  o scoring system

• Develop test-taking strategies tailored to the particular challenges of the MCAT
  o step-by-step POWER approach
  o reading, highlighting, and note-taking techniques
  o recognition of attractive distractors
  o pacing techniques
  o confident mindset

• Review MCAT concepts
  o biology
  o chemistry
  o biochemistry
  o physics
  o psychology
  o sociology

• Identify strengths and priorities for further preparation
  o concept and topic knowledge
  o scientific inquiry and reasoning skills
  o critical analysis and reasoning skills
  o testing approach

• Practice study techniques, habits, and attitudes that foster MCAT success