

# Highlights from Kaplan Test Prep's 2011 Survey of Medical School Admissions Officers

To ensure that aspiring doctors receive accurate and up-to-date information on the medical school admissions process and other relevant issues, Kaplan Test Prep annually surveys admissions officers from Association of American Medical Colleges-accredited medical schools across the United States. The survey data collected helps guide the tens of thousands of pre-med students Kaplan works with each year.

## What Medical School Admissions Officers Say On:

► The MCAT\* Changes (MR5 Study)    ► General Admissions Trends    ► Seat Expansion

**About the survey methodology:** For the 2011 survey, admissions officers from 69 of the 135 AAMC-approved U.S. medical schools were polled by telephone in July and August 2011. Percentages are rounded to the nearest whole number.

### On the MCAT Changes (MR5 Study)

Based on what you know, do you support the recommended changes to the MCAT set for 2015?



Do you think the changes to the test will better prepare students for medical school?



Should pre-med programs revise their curricula in order to sufficiently prepare students for the new MCAT?



(If Yes) Given the proposed implementation date of 2015 for changes to the MCAT, do pre-med programs have enough time to adequately revise their curricula?



How do you think the changes will affect the difficulty of the MCAT? Will the test become ...



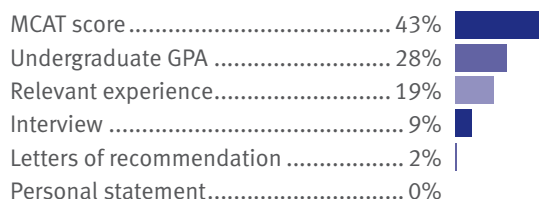
► Medical school admissions officers express largely positive opinions on the proposed MCAT changes. 60% support the changes overall and 73% believe the changes will better prepare pre-meds for medical school.

How do you think changes to the MCAT will affect the course load of pre-med students? Will the course load ...

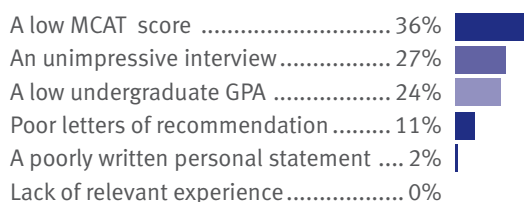


## On General Admissions Trends

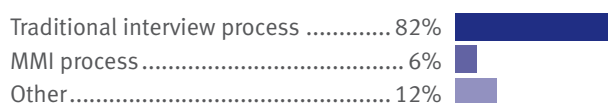
Which would you say is the most important admissions factor?



Which would you most consider to be an application killer?



Do you use the traditional interview process or have you adopted the MMI process?



Is transitioning to the MMI process something your program is considering?



Does your school have an accelerated medical degree program with an undergraduate institution?



(If No) Does your school have plans to develop an accelerated program?

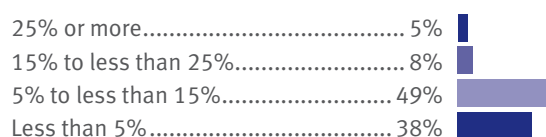


## On Seat Expansion

In the past 5 years, has your medical school expanded the number of seats for its entering class?



(If Yes) By how many seats have you expanded?



(If Yes) Is your school planning any further seat expansion?



(If the school has not expanded its number of seats) Is your school planning any seat expansion?



► 43% of medical school admissions officers say that an applicant's MCAT score is the most important admission factor. Undergraduate GPA was listed as the second most important admissions factor, coming in at 28%.

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