

Highlights from Kaplan Test Prep's 2012 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 accredited medical schools across the United States. The survey data collected helps guide the tens of thousands of medical school applicants Kaplan works with annually. (Numbers in parentheses reflect the findings of identically-worded questions from Kaplan's 2011 survey of medical school admissions officers.)

What Medical School Admissions Officers Say On:

- ▶ The 2015 MCAT®
- ▶ General Admissions Trends and Curriculum
- ▶ Getting to Know Applicants

About the survey methodology: Admissions officers from 75 Association of American Medical Colleges-accredited medical schools – including 18 of the top 25 programs as ranked by U.S. News & World Report – were polled by telephone in August and September 2012.

On the 2015 MCAT

1. Based on what you know about the new MCAT, do you support the approved changes?



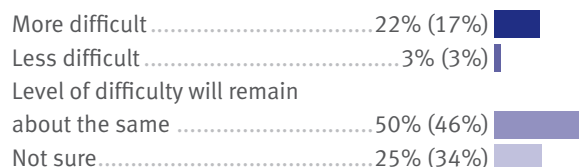
2. In order to sufficiently prepare students for the new MCAT, do pre-med programs need to revise their curricula?



3. (Asked only of those who answered "Yes") Given the implementation date of 2015 for the additional content, do you think pre-med programs have enough time to adequately revise their curricula?



4. How do you think the MCAT changes will affect the test's difficulty?

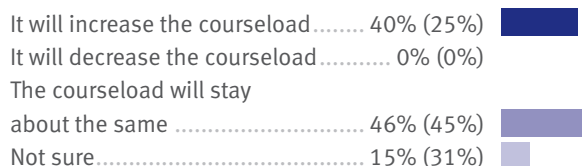


5. Do you think the changes to the test will better prepare students for medical school?

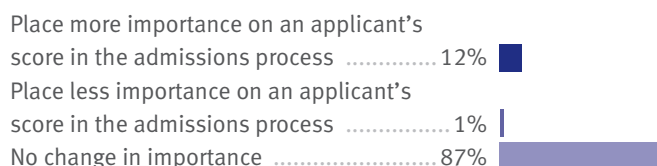


- ▶ Nearly 75% of medical school admissions officers surveyed say the new MCAT will better prepare pre-med students for medical school.

6. How do you think changes to the MCAT will affect the courseload for pre-med students?

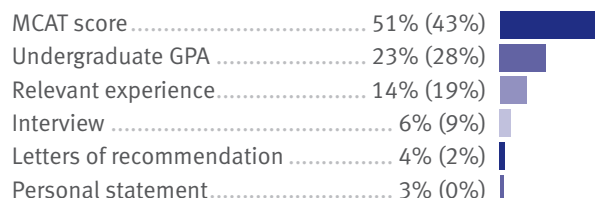


7. Based on what you know of the 2015 MCAT, how might your program change the level of importance it places on an applicant's MCAT score.



On General Admissions Trends and Curriculum

8. Which would you say is the most important admissions factor?

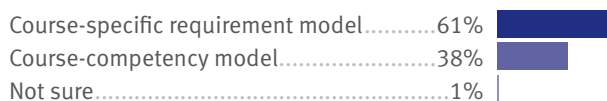


9. Which would you consider to be the biggest application killer?



► 51% of medical school admissions officer say an applicant's MCAT score is the most important admissions factor, an increase from Kaplan's 2011 survey.

10. Does your school follow more of a course-specific requirement model or a course-competency model?



11. (Only asked of those who answered "Course-specific requirement model"): Do you think your school will switch to a course-competency model?



On Getting to Know Applicants

12. Suppose the AAMC implemented a standardized policy regarding letters of recommendation in which all references had to address the same questions about an applicant, across all medical schools. Would you be in support of such a policy?



13. Do you use the traditional interview process or have you adopted the Multiple Mini Interview process?



14. (Asked only of those who answered "Traditional interview process") Is transitioning to the MMI process something your program is considering?



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