

Highlights from Kaplan Test Prep's 2014 Medical School Admissions Officers Survey



To ensure that aspiring doctors receive accurate and up-to-date information on trends in the medical school admissions process, Kaplan Test Prep annually surveys admissions officers from accredited medical schools across the United States.* The survey data helps Kaplan provide informed guidance to tens of thousands of medical school applicants each year.

What Medical School Admissions Officers Say About:

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On MCAT 2015

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



Based on what you know about the new exam, and assuming they have taken all the necessary pre-reqs, which MCAT would you recommend prospective students take?



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



- Close to half of medical school admissions officers say it makes no difference which version of the MCAT an applicant submits.

Which of the following prerequisite courses were mandatory for students who are starting at your program this fall?

Biochem



And for 2016?



Psych



And for 2016?



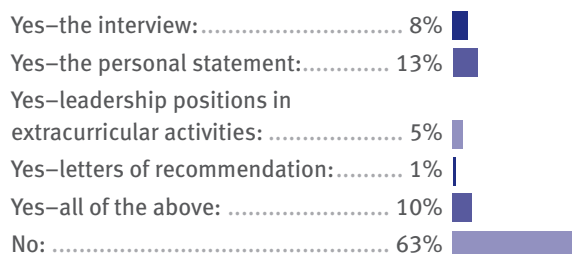
Sociology



And for 2016?

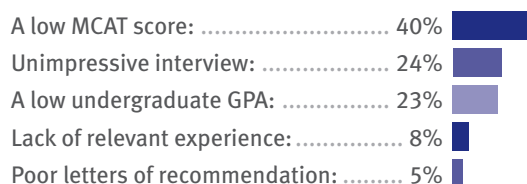


With the elimination of the MCAT's Writing section, are there any other sections of the application you may look at more to evaluate students?



On Admissions Issues

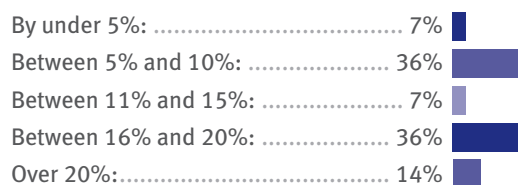
Which of the following is the biggest application killer?



Does your school plan to expand the number of seats over the next two application cycles?



By how much? (Asked only of schools that answered “Yes” to the above)



- A plurality of medical school admissions officers say a low MCAT score is “the biggest application killer.”

On School Culture

Is your student culture more competitive or collaborative?



Is your school more research oriented or teaching oriented?



Are your class sizes small or large?



Are your instructors more strict or more lenient?



Is the environment at your school more formal or casual?



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