Medical College Admission Test (MCAT)

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Why does the MCAT exist?

Personal story of when I took the MCAT
Evolution of MCAT

- **MCAT 1991 (Old)**
  - 4 sections originally
    - Verbal Reasoning (VR)
    - Biological Sciences (BS)
    - Physical Sciences (PS)
    - Writing Sample

  Each section scored on a scale 1-15

  Perfect score of 45

  Writing Sample discontinued a few years ago
MCAT Total Score
Mean = 25.2
Std. Deviation = 6.4
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• MCAT 2015 (New)
  – More biochemistry
  – Much more multicultural & behavioral concepts
  – More Critical analysis & reasoning from the humanities
  – Why were these added?
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• MCAT 2015 (New)
  – 4 Sections
  • Chemical and Physical Foundations of Biological Systems
  • Critical Analysis and Reasoning Skills
  • Biological and Biochemical Foundations of Living Systems
  • Psychological, Social, and Biological Foundations of Behavior
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• MCAT 2015 (New)
  – Scoring
    • Each section worth 118 to 132
    • Total Score now 472 to 528 (perfect score)
MCAT Total Score
Mean = 500.0
Std. Deviation = 10.6
Tips

• How can you improve your MCAT?
Questions?