



The AAMC Professional Readiness Exam
(AAMC PREview™, formerly AAMCSJT)
Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. WHY IS UC DAVIS SCHOOL OF MEDICINE PARTICIPATING IN THE AAMC PREview™ PROGRAM?**

Our school is committed to enhancing the health of people by training students who are skilled, compassionate, and socially responsible. Our students have a solid academic foundation, strong interpersonal and communication skills, and demonstrate empathy, ethics, and cultural humility. We believe the AAMC PREview exam provides an opportunity to assess these critical pre-professional competencies and identify applicants who are prepared to learn about professionalism in medical school and meet the health care challenges of the future.
- 2. IF I HAVE TAKEN THE SJT, PREVIOUS NAME FOR AAMC PREVIEW, DO I NEED TO RETAKE THE EXAM?**

If I have previously completed the AAMC SJT for the 2021 and 2022 cycle and am satisfied with my score, you do not need to retake the AAMC PREview again. Similar to the MCAT, we will see all attempts of the PREview/AAMC SJT exam.
- 3. WHY IS UC DAVIS SCHOOL OF MEDICINE USING THE AAMC PREVIEW EXAM INSTEAD OF CASPER?**

Our school felt the AAMC PREview exam was a good fit for our holistic process because it was designed to measure pre-professional competencies that are critical for success at UC Davis School of Medicine and the AAMC has conducted research to establish the psychometric properties and validity of the AAMC PREview exam. The PREview Exam is required by UC Davis School of Medicine for eligibility. We will not accept CASPER in lieu of the AAMC PREview.
- 4. WILL MY APPLICATION BE AT A DISADVANTAGE IF I TEST LATE SUMMER OR SEPTEMBER?**

Similar to the MCAT, please take the AAMC PREview by the end of September of your application year. There is no disadvantage for scores arriving through October. Applicants with a later exam in the calendar year will have the same access to holistic admissions review.
- 5. HOW WILL UC DAVIS SCHOOL OF MEDICINE USE MY AAMC PREview SCORE?**

We will consider AAMC PREview scores as one part of our holistic admissions evaluation.
- 6. WILL IT NEGATIVELY AFFECT MY APPLICATION/ADMISSIONS EVALUATION IF I DON'T TAKE THE AAMC PREview EXAM?**

Yes, applicants are required to take the AAMC PREview exam. Your application will **not** be considered complete if you do not have an AAMC PREview score.
- 7. WILL THE ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE SEE MY AAMC PREVIEW SCORE?**

Yes, members of the admissions committee will see your AAMC PREview score as one part of our admissions evaluation.
- 8. I ALREADY GOT INVITED TO COMPLETE A SECONDARY APPLICATION OR AN INTERVIEW, SHOULD I STILL TAKE THE AAMC PREVIEW EXAM?**

Yes, we **require** that all applicants take the AAMC PREview exam. Doing so will give you an opportunity to display your knowledge of effective and ineffective behaviors across eight core competencies for entering medical students, which include Service Orientation, Social Skills, Cultural Competence, Teamwork, Ethical Responsibility to Self and Others, Reliability and Dependability, Resilience and Adaptability, and Capacity for Improvement. Interviews will not be offered to applicants who have not completed the AAMC PREview Exam.

9. WILL I HAVE ACCESS TO MY AAMC PREVIEW SCORE AND WILL THERE BE AN INTERPRETATION OF MY RESULTS?

Yes, AAMC PREview scores will be released to examinees in July-October depending on the exam date. A confidence band and percentile rank will also be reported with each total score. Please refer to the AAMC PREview website for more details: www.aamc.org/preview

10. WHEN WILL UC DAVIS SCHOOL OF MEDICINE RECEIVE MY AAMC PREVIEW SCORE?

AAMC PREview scores will be released to examinees and UC Davis School of Medicine in July-October depending on the exam date. Scores will be automatically pulled in to the AMCAS application – you do not need to take any additional action to include your PREview score in your AMCAS application. Similar to the MCAT, we have access to all prior attempts of the AAMC Situational judgement test (starting with 2020). If have previously completed the AAMC SJT for the 2021 and 2022 cycle and are satisfied with your score, you do not need to retake the AAMC PREview again. Please refer to the AAMC PREview website for more details: www.aamc.org/preview.

11. WHAT DOES MY AAMC PREVIEW SCORE MEAN?

AAMC PREview results in a total score, which reflects your understanding of pre-professionalism and potential to learn and develop pre-professionalism skills. Higher scores reflect a higher level of understanding.

The AAMC collaborated with medical educators, including faculty, admissions officers, and student and diversity affairs officers to develop the scoring key for the PREview exam (i.e., the key effectiveness rating for each response). Scores are based on the extent to which your effectiveness rating for each response aligns with medical educators' ratings for each response. Full credit is awarded for an item if your response matches the medical educators' rating. Partial credit is awarded if your rating is close to the medical educators' rating.

12. WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE AAMC PREVIEW EXAM?

For more details about the AAMC PREview exam, including registering, preparing, taking the exam, and receiving your scores, please visit the AAMC PREview website: www.aamc.org/preview.

13. MY APPLICATION WAS REJECTED BY UC DAVIS SCHOOL OF MEDICINE BEFORE I TOOK THE AAMC PREVIEW EXAM. IF I TAKE THE EXAM, WILL UC DAVIS SCHOOL OF MEDICINE RECONSIDER MY APPLICATION?

No, application decisions are final.