

Discovering textbooks and test prep resources at Blaisdell Medical Library

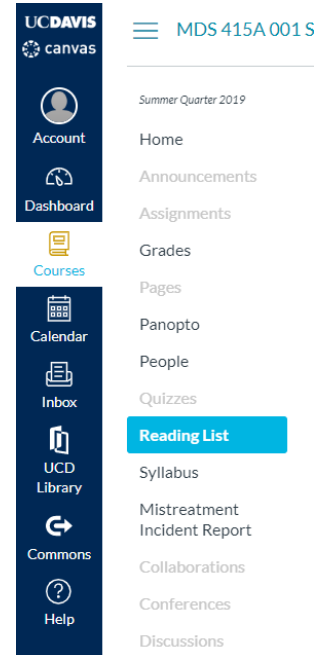
[Blaisdell Medical Library \(BML\)](#) provides access to required and recommended textbooks in the medical school core curriculum, in print and/or online. Resources are discoverable in the [UC Davis Library Catalog](#) and in *Canvas Reading Lists* for the majority of courses. A limited number of print copies, generally housed on the BML [Reserves](#) shelves, are available to check out with various loan periods. Please note: Reserves items are subject to overdue fees.

In addition, BML offers an assortment of test preparation (e.g., USMLE and clerkship shelf exam) books and other materials, in print and/or online. These are discoverable in the [UC Davis Library Catalog](#) and via [Database Search](#). Students are encouraged to consult with UC Davis School of Medicine faculty and [OSLER](#) staff for specific study prep resource recommendations and individualized study plans.

[Library VPN \(Pulse Secure\)](#) is required for off-campus use of ebooks and most databases.

Questions?

Contact: BML Librarians | 916-734-3529 | bmlref@ucdavis.edu



Canvas Reading List

Database Search

Certain Library databases provide access to collections of ebooks and other study tools, such as question banks. You can find these in the Database Search function on the [UC Davis Library homepage](#). Select the Databases button before launching your search.

Search for databases by title or keyword.

Suggested keywords:

USMLE, test preparation, question banks

Selected test prep databases:

[AccessMedicine \[McGraw Hill\]](#)

Includes textbooks, study tools, review questions, case studies, & flashcards. Includes a quiz option. Relevant to USMLE, shelf exams, and course test prep.

[USMLE First Aid Collection \[McGraw Hill\]](#)

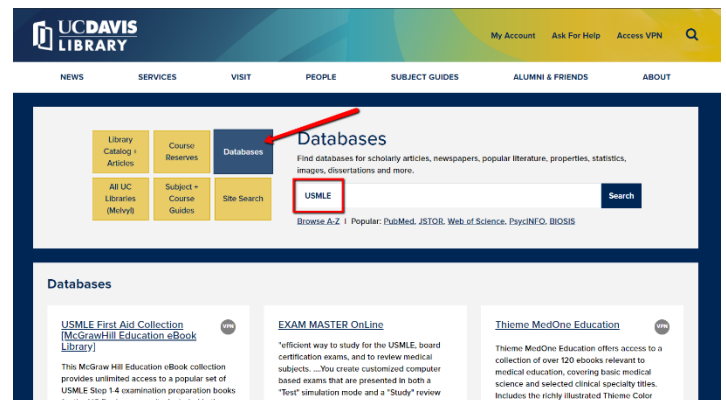
Provides ebook access to USLME Step 1-4 test prep books, including *First Aid for the USMLE Step 1, 2019*.

[MedOne Education \[Thieme\]](#)

Includes Q&A test banks for USMLE basic medical science content.

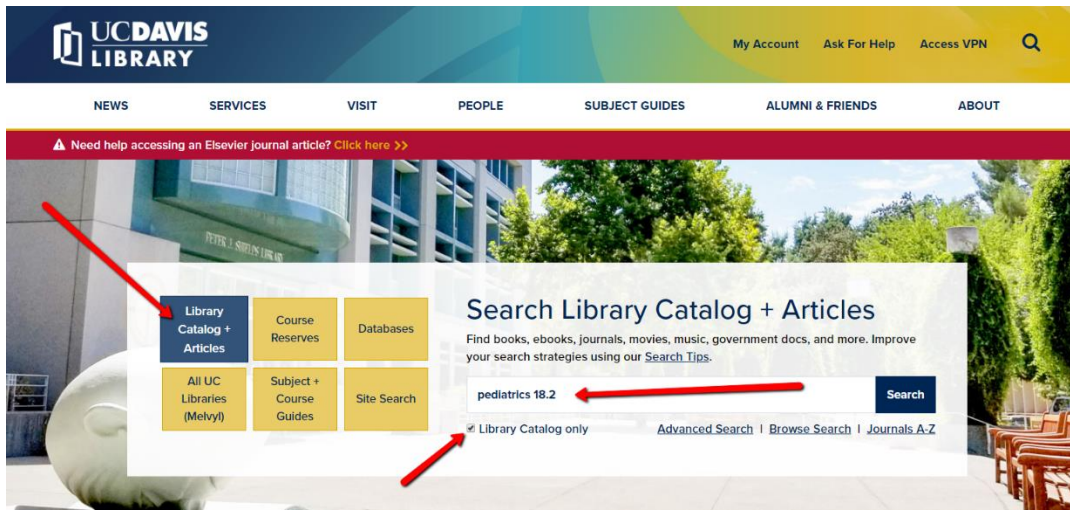
[Exam Master Online](#)

Enables students to create custom quizzes from question banks covering basic science and clinical medicine subject tests and certification exams. Requires registering for an individual account using UC Davis email address.



UC Davis Library Catalog

To search the library catalog for course textbooks or test prep materials, on the library homepage select the blue “Library Catalog + Articles” button and the “Library Catalog only” box before running your search.



High-yield test prep search terms:

Subject	Test prep	Book series title words	Combine search terms to focus results
Physicians	18.2	Blueprints	Pediatrics 18.2
Medicine	USMLE	Case files	Family medicine step up
Psychiatry	Shelf exam	First Aid	Pharmacology usmle
Surgery	Examinations	Q&A	
Anatomy	Questions	Kaplan	
Pathology	Study Guide	Pre-test	
Pharmacology	Case studies	Step Up	
	Flashcards		

What is so special about 18.2?

18.2 is the NLM Subject Classification Code for study materials. It is both a useful catalog search term and a library shelf browsing strategy.

UCD
MED CTR
Reserves

WB
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WB: Practice of Medicine
18.2 Educational materials

Use filters to refine a results list:

- By Date: e.g. 2014-2019
- By Resource Type: Electronic Book
- By Library: Blaisdell Medical Library

Explore Subjects to find additional relevant study resources:

Using the library catalog, identify a relevant book. In the catalog record for the book, scroll down past “Details” to “Subjects”. To find more books on the topic, click on one of the subjects in the catalog record.

Subject examples:

Physicians -- Licenses -- Examinations -- Study guides
Pediatrics -- Examinations, questions, etc

