

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

1. WHY IS THE DAVID GEFFEN SCHOOL OF MEDICINE PARTICIPATING IN THE AAMC PREview™ PROGRAM?

The David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA inspires you to think deeper, collaborate better, and unlock your potential. You will find opportunities to explore passions across a broad spectrum and connect with exceptional collaborators. Become an outstanding physician AND impact our world in your unique way. 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. WHY IS THE DAVID GEFFEN SCHOOL OF MEDICINE USING THE AAMC PREview EXAM INSTEAD OF CASPER?

The AAMC PREview exam is a good fit for our holistic review process because it is designed to measure pre-professional competencies that are critical for success at the David Geffen School of Medicine and the AAMC has conducted research to establish the psychometric properties and validity of the AAMC PREview exam.

3. HOW WILL THE DAVID GEFFEN SCHOOL OF MEDICINE USE MY AAMC PREview SCORE?

We will consider AAMC PREview scores as one part of our holistic admissions process.

4. 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 holistic admissions process.

5. I ALREADY GOT INVITED TO COMPLETE A SECONDARY APPLICATION OR AN INTERVIEW, SHOULD I STILL TAKE THE AAMC PREview EXAM?

Yes, we require all applicants to 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.

6. MY APPLICATION WAS REJECTED BY THE DAVID GEFFEN SCHOOL OF MEDICINE BEFORE I TOOK THE AAMC PREview EXAM. IF I TAKE THE EXAM, WILL DAVID GEFFEN SCHOOL OF MEDICINE RECONSIDER MY APPLICATION?

No, application decisions are final.

7. 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.

8. WHEN WILL THE DAVID GEFFEN SCHOOL OF MEDICINE RECEIVE MY AAMC PREview SCORE?

AAMC PREview scores will be released to examinees and to the David Geffen 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. Please refer to the AAMC PREview website for more details: www.aamc.org/preview.

9. WILL OTHER SCHOOLS, NOT PART OF THE 2022 ADMINISTRATION, HAVE ACCESS TO MY AAMC PREview SCORE?

Yes. Schools that are not part of the 2022 administration will have access to your AAMC PREview scores for the AMCAS 2022 admissions cycle. The AAMC will retain your AAMC PREview score report indefinitely. If you reenter the medical school application process in a future application year, scores for all AAMC PREview exams taken since the 2020 testing year will be available to AMCAS participating schools.

10. 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.

11. 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.