MCAT\textsuperscript{2015®} Q-UPP:

A Quarterly Update of Progress and Projections for the MCAT\textsuperscript{2015} Exam
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Welcome to the third issue of Q-UPP, our eNewsletter dedicated to keeping you up-to-date on the progress toward projected goals and tasks for the MCAT\textsuperscript{2015} exam.

In each issue, you’ll find a brief update on the projects we have completed in the most recent quarter. In the right column, you’ll find a list of items that are “In the Works” and the projected quarter in which we expect to report our progress for these tasks. Resources are always available online at: www.aamc.org/mcat2015/admins.

In this issue, you’ll find a recap of our most recent activities, including the Khan Academy video tutorials that will be available in October, the launch of two validity studies on the new exam, and preliminary data gathered from tryouts of questions for the 2015 exam.

Our next webinar where we will provide a bit more detail about each of these updates and answer your questions, will take place Tuesday, October, 15 from 3:00pm – 4:00pm eastern. Registration is now open!

As always, please feel free to share your comments or ideas with us at mcat2015@aamc.org.

Sincerely,
The MCAT\textsuperscript{2015} Team

MCAT\textsuperscript{2015} Progress Report: July – September 2013

- Khan Academy, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and AAMC Collaboration – First Video Tutorials Available in October

In the Works:

October - December 2013

- Announce final 2013 Trial Section volunteer rates
- Announce 2014 – January 2015 test administration dates
- Launch the MCAT\textsuperscript{2015} Interactive Content Outline
- Hold MCAT\textsuperscript{2015} Webinar Q&A, Tuesday, October 15 from 3:00pm – 4:00pm eastern. Registration now open!

January - March 2014

- Continue administration of the Trial Section
- Hold MCAT\textsuperscript{2015} Webinar Q&A

April - June 2014

- Announce score scale and reporting conventions for 2015 exam
- Report group differences on Trial Section questions
- Solicit new materials for the Pre-health Collection within MedEdPORTAL’s iCollaborative
- Hold MCAT\textsuperscript{2015} Webinar Q&A

July - September 2014

- Announce 2015 test administration dates
- Begin MCAT validity study
- Hold MCAT\textsuperscript{2015} Webinar Q&A

October - December 2014

- Announce 2014 Trial Section volunteer rates
- Publish first MCAT\textsuperscript{2015} sample test
- Post MCAT\textsuperscript{2015} Essentials PDF online
- Hold MCAT\textsuperscript{2015} Webinar Q&A

January - March 2015

- Final administration of the current exam, with extra test dates
In July, the winners of the Khan Academy video competition attended Boot Camp and began the process of creating video tutorials for the new MCAT²015 exam content. The first 50 videos and 100 review questions will be available soon.

The videos are now in the final stages of post-production review and will be available in just a few weeks. The content creators and reviewers will continue to expand the collection throughout the year. By the summer of 2014, we expect the collection to include approximately 500 videos and 1,000 questions.

The video tutorials will be available on the Khan Academy website. Links to the video tutorials will also be available via the Pre-health Collection within MedEdPORTAL’s iCollaborative.

- **MCAT²015 Exam Validity Research**
  The MCAT group is conducting two predictive validity studies on the new exam. The first is focused solely on the new PSBB section of the test, and has 10 schools participating. A long-term validity study will launch with the 2014 entering class at 17 different medical schools.

  We plan to provide periodic updates on our progress with the studies.

- **Trial Section Data from 2013**
  In January 2013, a new Trial Section was introduced as part of the 2013 exam. This is a voluntary and unscored section that asks examinees to test out questions for the MCAT²015 exam.

  Through the August test administrations, 71% of the examinees volunteered to take the Trial Section, and of those that volunteered, 86% made a good-faith effort. These examinees received an Amazon® gift card.

  We know an important reason for this high participation rate is that advisors

- **Open registration for the MCAT²015 test dates**
- **Hold MCAT²015 Webinar Q&A**

**April – June 2015**
- **Begin MCAT²015 exam administration**
- **Report validity research on the psychological, social, and biological foundations of behavior (PSBB) section**
- **Hold MCAT²015 Webinar Q&A**

**July – September 2015**
- **Report the first MCAT²015 scores and percentiles**
- **Publish admissions officers’ Users Guide for MCAT²015**
- **Hold MCAT²015 Webinar Q&A**

**October – December 2015**
- **Summarize 2015 scores by year and population group**
- **Announce final percentiles for 2015 examinees**
- **Publish second MCAT²015 sample test**
- **Hold MCAT²015 Webinar Q&A**

**Archives of Q-UPP eNewsletter**
- **March 2013 Issue**
- **June 2013 Issue**

**Additional Resources**
- **Webinar recording** of May 2013 update
- **Webinar Q&A transcript** from May 2013 update
- **Webinar recording** of July 2013 update
- **Webinar Q&A transcript** from July 2013 update

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*Current MCAT scores will be reported by AMCAS through the 2018 application cycle.*
helped us to spread the word about the Trial Section -- thank you!

The Trial Section will continue to be part of the 2014 and January 2015 exam administrations, so please continue to tell your students about it and encourage them to volunteer.

- Pre-health Collection within MedEdPORTAL's iCollaborative
- AMCAS®

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