



The UMAT: Basic Must-Knows

- UMAT stands for ‘Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admissions Test’. The test is developed by ACER on behalf of universities, and helps select students for medicine and health science courses (other selection methods may include interviews and performance in year 12). It is different from the GAMSAT (Graduate Australian Medical School Admissions Test), which is for those who have already completed a degree and want to enter graduate medical programs.
- You will **need to sit the UMAT** if you are interested (or think you might be interested) in **any of the following courses**:
 - University of Adelaide (Medicine, Dental Surgery)
 - Flinders University (Medicine, Optometry)
 - University of Newcastle (Medicine)
 - University of New South Wales (Medicine, Optometry)
 - University of Western Sydney (Medicine)
 - Bond University (Medicine)
 - University of Queensland (Medicine - conditional entry, Dental Science)
 - University of Melbourne (Oral Health)
 - Monash University (Medicine, Pharmacy, Pharmacy/Commerce, Physiotherapy)
 - Latrobe University (Health Sciences, Oral Health)
 - University of Tasmania (Medicine)
 - University of Western Australia (Medicine, Dental Science)
 - University of Auckland (Medicine)
 - University of Otago (Medicine, Dental Surgery, Physiotherapy, Medical Laboratory Science)
- There are **three (3) sections** in the UMAT:
 - **Section 1** tests your *logical reasoning and problem solving skills*. Some questions test your logical and critical thinking skills. Other questions test your ability to solve problems and interpret data. Overall, this section is designed to test how fast you can interpret information and your ability to think in various ways.
 - **Section 2** tests your ability to *understand people*. You will be given various passages or scenarios describing people and interactions between people. You will need to empathise (put yourself in another person’s shoes), and understand what they might be thinking or feeling. You may also be asked to explain why a person behaves the way they do.
 - **Section 3** tests your *non-verbal reasoning*. This involves finding patterns and trends in a sequence or block of pictures. It tests your ability to think non-verbally.
- The UMAT will be held on Wednesday 25th July 2012.
- You must register to sit UMAT by Friday 1st June 2012. You must register online at <http://umatweb.acer.edu.au>. Late registrations are likely to be until mid-June, upon payment of an additional late fee.