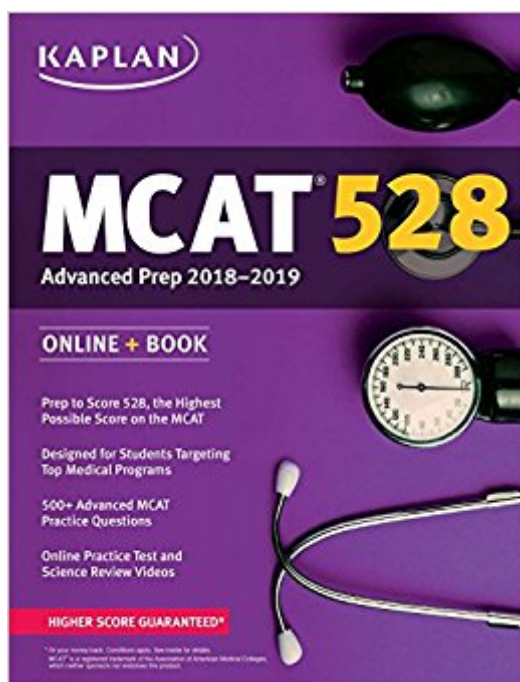


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Kaplan's MCAT 528 Advanced Prep 2018-2019 features thorough subject review, more questions than any competitor, and the highest-yield questions available – all authored by the experts behind the MCAT prep course that has helped more people get into medical school than all other major courses combined. Prepping for the MCAT is a true challenge. Kaplan can be your partner along the way – offering guidance on where to focus your efforts, how to organize your review, and targeted focus on the most-tested concepts. This edition features commentary and instruction from Kaplan's MCAT experts and has been updated to match the AAMC's guidelines precisely – no more worrying if your MCAT review is comprehensive! The Most Practice More than 500 questions in the book and access to even more online – more practice than any other advanced MCAT book on the market. The Best Practice Comprehensive subject review is written by top-rated, award-winning Kaplan instructors. All material is vetted by editors with advanced science degrees and by a medical doctor. Online resources help you master the computer-based format you'll see on Test Day. Expert Guidance Star-Ratings throughout the book indicate how important each topic will be to your score on the real exam – informed by Kaplan's decades of MCAT experience and facts straight from the testmaker. We know the test: The Kaplan MCAT team has spent years studying every MCAT-related document available. Kaplan's expert psychometricians ensure our practice questions and study materials are true to the test.

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The MCAT 528 Advanced Prep 2018-2019 breaks down the four sections of the MCAT and it elaborates specifically on how the test is structured. A unique quality of this book is that it explains in depth the strategy that is important for students to understand and explains how they can approach the exam; it also demonstrates on how to best detect the incorrect answer. Skill and strategy topics are discussed before the MCAT material is covered, which is a constructive approach for students as they prepare their mindset for how to best approach the MCAT. Furthermore, it helps to prepare students for what they can expect on the MCAT. Additionally, it explains the different types of question students can expect on the exam and it classifies them as either: Skill 1, Skill 2, Skill 3, and Skill 4 questions. The explanation of this helpful breakdown can help students understand how to best approach the different skill level questions, as well as students can pinpoint what he or she needs to improve on and what they should continue to improve on for their MCAT. Lastly the book, instructs students on how to identify their weakest points, as well as creating an action plan to achieve their desired score.

This is perhaps the best of the prep tests for the MCAT. Obviously the Kaplan name means a high quality, informative, and challenging book. In 441 pages, it covers a lot of material. It is organized with 4 Units, divides into 16 chapters. The main subjects include: a description of the MCAT test,

and the Kaplan method of taking it; Scientific Inquiry and Reasoning Skills; Behavioral Science; Biochemistry; Biology; General Chem and Organic Chem; Physics. Clear examples, and ways to read the questions, and answer them, are included throughout. Finally, Unit 4 dissects Critical analysis and Formal Logic, especially how these skills may be used for the test. With a little patience and a lot of hard work and thinking, this advanced prep book should be a great for the student not only to prepare for the test, but also learn concepts, and ways of thinking that can be useful in your entire career.

In my opinion, Kaplan has a clear approach that is probably the winning approach for most people. Below I summarize the approach. The name of the book is from the top total MCAT which is 528. That's the top score. This book is only 441 pages. To me it looks like a high-level preparation, a fast-prep. The exam attempts to test critical thinking as an even higher priority than subject matter knowledge because the view is that coursework and grades reflect the latter. If that's wrong, Kaplan took the wrong approach. I trust Kaplan to know this and to give the generally winning approach given that this is true. The exam present one passage after another, each followed by questions, looks like 4 to 6 Qs. Kaplan wants the candidate to "outline the passage," and it gives concise instructions on how to do this. Subsequent to that, Kaplan drills the candidate through all the questions in the book on the process of answering the question. In each instance, the candidate is to assess, plan attack, execute plan, and answer the question by matching, eliminating, or guessing. When I look at any passage, I think it's all about testing subject knowledge. What emerges from the perspective of the entire book is that the test culls candidates based on subject knowledge and then reorders the remainder according to reading, critical thinking, and reasoning (logic) discipline. This high-level perspective makes me believe the book is an appropriate tool for MCAT prep.

This book provides the typical quality and thoroughness of a Kaplan test prep book. Plenty of sample questions and test tips, print and online resources, and more. If you are a pre-med student and want to see what the MCAT is like you can get this study guide, and when you are ready to take the exam this book will get you well prepared.

this makes an adequate preparation tool when used with the online component. I did not care for the book. Content wise it is alright but I found it spare and bare bones. It was hard for me to get into something I attribute to the style. I don't mind using the internet but the book to me was more

outline than information.

Lately Kaplan has seemed to be slipping in some of their materials but that is not the case with this one; both online and print, this is a well organized, comprehensive prep guide. Realistic questions with relevant materials.

If you are going to be a medical student, you will have to take the MCAT test, which tests you on your pre-med courses. The content is broken down into four test sections that comprise the exam: Chemical and Physical Foundations of Biological Systems, Critical Analysis and Reasoning Skills, Biological and Biochemical Foundations of Living Systems, Psychological, Social, and Biological Foundations of Behavior. This handy prep helps get you through those sections so that you can get a good grade, which will be impressive to enter into your chosen field. The MCAT test is 7 1/2 hours of your life and you want to be as prepared as possible. This is what this book does. It prepares you for each section of the test and prepares you for the type of questions on the test. This is not wasted money or time.

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