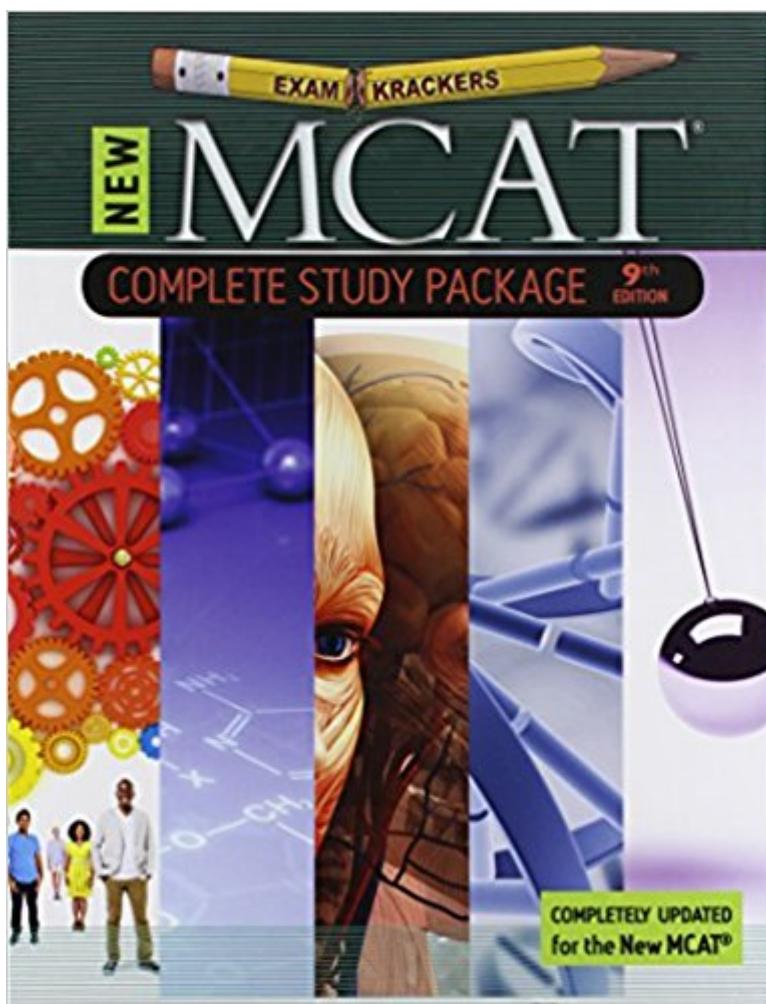


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I'm an MCAT instructor with MCATProf.com and have been teaching the MCAT for 10 years having previously been an instructor with Kaplan and the Princeton Review. I've read and used all the books available for the current 2014 MCAT (Berkeley Review, Kaplan, Princeton Review, Examkrackers) and in the past wasn't especially impressed with the Examkrackers MCAT books. I've purchased all the 2015 MCAT books that are currently commercially available (Princeton Review Complete MCAT Set, Kaplan 7-Book Subject Review, Examkrackers Complete Study Package, and Next Step Test Prep Practice for Behavioral Sciences) I'd rank them in the following order:

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Behavioral Sciences. Examkrackers is the only set that completely reformatted their books to be inline with the new exam. Every book is almost completely different with reformatted content, and new practice passages that fit the format of the new exam. All their science passages reference primary research articles directly as do the MCAT passages for the 2015 exam. These new types of passages are different than the more information dump type passages for the current 2014 MCAT exam. In addition, all their passages directly involve biological systems even in the physics and chemistry books which is what you'd expect to see with the new 2015 MCAT. They also redistributed the content science content in the book to better adequately represent the degree to which each subject is tested on the new exam. These books are a complete reboot to best fit the new exam. Each chapter has comes with three well written passages and around 20 free standing practice questions. The books do not include any full lengths, which is probably their biggest weakness. The Princeton Review probably did the worst job of updating their books, seemingly not even glancing over the AAMC outline for the material covered of the 2015 MCAT. They essentially re-released their old books, almost nothing has been changed: same passages, same content, the distribution of science material, same verbal strategy but without the online practice questions and passages that came with the old book. You'd probably be better off purchasing the old books as they came with much more in terms of online practice questions and materials. The main benefit of the new books is that they include 3 full length online practice exams. To supplement the old PR books, you'd probably just want to purchase the Princeton Review Psychology and Sociology Review, and Kaplan MCAT Biochemistry Review. You'd also want to check the AAMC content outline for the 2015 exam in order to know which Ochem chapters to skip in the PR books. Kaplan did a great job updating their books to best reflect the new content but they provide no practice passages in the books. They do provide 2 full length practice exams. Next Step Test Prep Behavioral Science book is essentially just a book of poorly written practice passages and an outline you could have gotten directly from AAMC. Their passages do not reflect the 2015 MCAT passages as they're way too long, mostly information dumps instead of experiments to analyze and the questions are too easy.

I am a pre-med student currently studying for the new 2015 MCAT exam. Overall, I like the organization of the topics and the entertaining methods of explaining traditionally difficult concepts. There are quite a lot of fun mnemonics and explanations that make learning this stuff easier, and fun! I appreciate the mini quizzes throughout the chapters; this really reinforces my understanding of what I've just studied. I find the questions to be of a variety of difficulties, which is good preparation

for the exam. My major complaint would be the numerous spelling, grammatical, and typo errors within the books. All of the errors got me wondering if this company rushed too quickly to complete this updated version for the 2015 exam. I'm frankly surprised that a standardized exam prep book contains so many blunders. Of course, spelling mistakes aren't necessarily going to hinder my chances of succeeding on the MCAT, but it does reflect on the company's professionalism. These mistakes make me question Examkrackers' credibility. In conclusion, I decided on 3 stars. I admire the effort and organizational skills that go into creating such a compendium of information. However, if Examkrackers wants to claim the prize for having the best MCAT prep books, I think they should hire an editor.

I used these books almost as my sole source of content review, and then supplemented with practice tests from Kaplan, TPR, and Examkrackers. I studied for three months. I used a stripped down version of this study plan:

<http://forums.studentdoctor.net/threads/breaking-down-the-mcat-2015-100-days-to-mcat-success.1101251/> With this technique and a lot of work (about 4-5 hours a day) I scored a 522, which is in the 99th percentile. Basically, these books are really the only set you need and can get you very far if you put in the effort! I really loved how they made the content as simple as they could and I appreciated the comedy provided by the EK mascot, Salty. I highly recommend these.

The books are definitely good - they have practice problems as you read as well as mini exams at the end of each section. The information is condensed so sometimes you have to go to an outside source if you don't remember a concept. But that's also a good thing because it means they only include important stuff and you're not just rereading your college textbook. Also has helpful hints on the side. The book definitely needs revisions. In their haste to print they left a LOT of mistakes. It's ok when it's just grammar but some are actually in the problems and answer choices and that's not acceptable! Especially for such a high price.

The books themselves are helpful but there are way too many typos in them. One example being switching concave and convex mirrors (shown in the picture.) Another was incorrectly labeling B-cell immunity as T-cell. Also, the explanations to the questions sometimes are very vague, simply stating "well, A, B, and C are wrong so that's why D is correct." They helped, but I think if I had to do it over again I'd try Kaplan. These are average and I'd recommend them if you could get them used. They aren't worth their retail price.

Great review. Easily the best out there. I just took the MCAT on July 17th and EK really nailed it. They gave the perfect amount of information needed. Kaplan is terrible compared to these books. The Psychology and Sociology section was the closest to the truth out of any of the review books I looked at- PR, Kaplan and Khan Academy. One BIG PROBLEM is that they haven't updated their Psyc and Soc section to incorporate some of the information that was put out after their first publication.

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