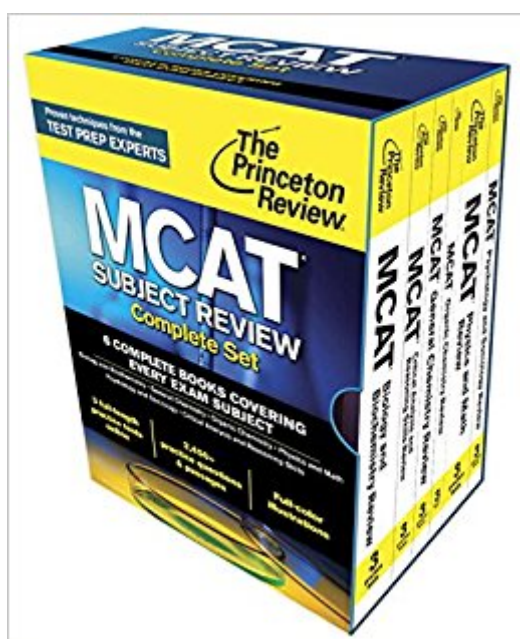


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  - MCAT Organic Chemistry Review
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## Customer Reviews

I purchased TPR MCAT 2015 because their books on the current (pre-2015) are excellent and I found them much more readable than the Kaplan series. But it seems that in a rush to be the first to offer content, they forgot to proofread their stuff. I'm only 13 pages into the first chapter on Physics and there are already serious issues that shouldn't be there, because the wording is basically the same as the previously published books, except now there are silly errors. For example, on page 53 we are given an equation for finding displacement as  $d = \frac{1}{2}(v_0 - v)t$  when it's supposed to be  $d = \frac{1}{2}(v_0 + v)t$ . The equation is correct in the older book and there is a worked out example in this book that uses the wrong equation but prints out the correct answer anyway. Then on the very next page the authors are going over how to interpret graphs in terms of kinematics. The graphs are the EXACT same as the previous MCAT books but once again the worked out examples are incorrect. It's as if they copied and pasted from the old book but changed the equations and examples so they would be wrong. In this particular case, we are to figure out an object's acceleration using a graph of Velocity VS time. The values are as follows:  $t_i = 3s$ ;  $t_f = 5s$ ;  $v_f = 1m/s$ ;  $v_0 = 5m/s$ . Their work-through of the problem?:  $A = [(v - v_0)/(t_f - t_i)] = ((5m/s) - (2m/s)) / (0s - 3s) = 1m/s^2$ . HU?! Of course the correct answer (worked out correctly in the previous edition) is  $-2m/s^2$ . And these are only the types I have caught.... Who knows if I have missed others. In a rush to be the first to offer material for the 2015 MCAT exam, it seems that the Princeton Review has forgotten to read their own books for errors. What's worse is that the errors are from pages that are otherwise word for word the same as the content in the previous editions. The book comes with online access to book corrections but none of these easily detected errors have been posted. So be careful out there. Unless you have the old edition opened up next to the new edition, double checking EVERYTHING, you run the risk of either learning wrong information or spending valuable time googling everything to make sure the book is not incorrect, which defeats the purpose of the book in the first place.

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 the Princeton Review books were some of my favorites. 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 order1. Examkrackers Complete Study Package2. Kaplan Complete 7-Book Subject Review3. Princeton Reviewn MCAT Subject Review Complete Set4. Next Step Test Prep Practice for Behavioral Sciences.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, same 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

While studying for the MCAT I found the Princeton Review books to be helpful primarily for the Biochemistry, Psychology/Sociology and Critical Reading book. The biology and /chemistry books were way too detailed and I found the amount of details it contained to be almost unnecessary after taking practice tests/and the real exam. Also, the practice tests that came with these books were much harder than the real exam and not an accurate depiction of the exam. The only good thing about the practice tests was that it made the real exam appear much easier.

Found these to be a good review for all the mcat material. The only section I thought could have been better was the psychology review. It had been a while since I took a psych class and needed the review. My recommendation would be to just get an intro psych book and read it if you're pretty rusty in this area (it was my worst score). The practice tests are pretty good but definitely still take some from the actual mcat site and maybe from some other companies too to get a good well rounded idea of what to expect.

I would highly recommend this to anyone taking the MCAT and, honestly, to anyone going into any major or career that involves chemistry, physics, math, etc. The books are extremely well written and their questions lend very well to the context. They cover EVERYTHING you need to know on the MCAT and have outstanding study skills and tips that can be applied to more than just the

MCAT. I use these books still to review for my Physical and Inorganic chemistry courses as well as some of the biochem for my senior research.

I like the content review that Princeton Review provides. It's very straight-forward and flows well together. However, the mistakes in the book can be very frustrating sometimes. There are mistakes in the book that aren't covered by the book corrections and seems like a big hassle trying to get a response from Princeton Review. Thankfully, google is a great resource to use to double-check some information.

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