

## USMLE Step 1 2007: Key Facts

- Cost of Step 1 is \$470
- Purpose of Step 1 is to determine if an examinee understands and can apply important concepts of the sciences basic to the practice of medicine, with a special emphasis on principles and mechanisms underlying health, disease, and modes of therapy (A content outline is available at [www.usmle.org](http://www.usmle.org))
- Examination is computer-based and consists of approximately 350 multiple-choice, one-best-answer questions. Testing occurs during a full-day (8-hours) of testing. The testing session is divided into seven 60-minute blocks of 50 questions each.
- The minimum passing score is 182. **This may change in December!**
- For 2005, WSUSOM pass rates was 90%, and the national rate was 93% with the national average score at 217 and WSUSOM's at 212.
- **DEADLINE for taking Step 1:** WSUSOM requires students to **take Step 1 no later than Wednesday, June 27, 2006** (Year 3 begins on June 28, 2006). Students cannot delay Step 1 **without approval from Dr. Jackson**. Students whose Year 3 schedule starts with an elective/vacation in July **DO NOT** get an extension. Students planning to go on an educational leave of absence for 2007-2008 must comply with the deadline.
- Application, Scheduling, Testing, and Reporting process consists of:
  1. Student completes most of the application online ([www.nbme.org](http://www.nbme.org)). Select a 3-month eligibility period (you should select June, July, August 2007). If paying with a credit card, pay online. Make sure use your name EXACTLY as it appears on the picture ID you take to the testing center.
  2. Student prints off and takes the **Certification of Identification and Authorization Form** to the WSUSOM Records Office. If paying by check, attach the check or money order to the form.
  3. WSUSOM Records Office supplies the student picture, certifies the form, then mails the application.
  4. If you apply by the beginning of December, you can expect to receive your scheduling permit in January. The permit is not sent until 6 months prior to the beginning of your eligibility period.
  5. Student schedules testing appointment with Prometric, Inc. (Information included with the Scheduling Permit. Locations are listed at [www.prometric.com](http://www.prometric.com))
  6. Student takes Step 1 (Scheduling Permit and proper ID required)
  7. WSUSOM and the student receive score by mail approximately 4-6 weeks after the examination.