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The Best 168 Medical Schools, 2011 Edition (Graduate School Admissions Guides)



Synopsis

Get everything you need to know to make the right decision! The Best 168 Medical Schools gives you the facts about admissions requirements and curricula at 142 accredited U.S., Canadian, and Puerto Rican allopathic schools, 20 accredited osteopathic schools, and 6 accredited naturopathic schools. It also provides answers to all the practical questions you should ask when applying to medical school, including:

- How much clinical exposure can you expect during pre-clinical years?
- What is the grading/promotion policy?
- Are there special programs for members of minority groups?
- How much financial aid is available, and how can you get it?

You'll also get each school's admissions criteria, deadlines, telephone numbers, tuition figures, e-mail and snail mail addresses, and other key info.

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Customer Reviews

The Best 168 Medical Schools book was not that useful to me. I had the same year's MSAR (Medical School Admission Requirements) and the MSAR was 10x more useful in terms of information and browsing. I am not kidding, save yourself time and money and just get the MSAR instead. The Best 168 Medical Schools book simply doesn't have enough information in it to justify buying it. Some of the schools listed in it have the MCAT/GPA scores and tuition costs and others do not. Ummm, talk about incomplete. The MSAR has all information for every single school, not just 168, and it also has more information that pre-med students should be looking at, even if they

don't know it yet. For example, residency matches, out of state accepted percentages, etc...

MSAR--> [...]

Pros:- Beginning sections have a lot of information and perspective on being a doctor and the sort of question you could run into at a medical school interview- Book also has a few strategies for non traditional applicants- Back of the book has information for postbacc programs (But see the cons below)- Book also has profiles for osteopathic (D.O. degree) schoolsCons:- Riddled with errors. Examples: Yale doesn't participate in AMCAS (Wrong), UCSF in-state tuition is stated to be \$0 (wrong), and the Tufts University page actually is the information for the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, USUHS (Apparently the editors of the book were drunk and couldn't even COPY AND PASTE from the correct website)- The information is horribly outdated. The UCSF statistics were from 2005, SUNY Stony Brook University School of Medicine is from 2011, UCSD Medical School has stats from 2006- The Post-bac programs are NOT thoroughly covered. The MSAR does a much much much better job at identifying EVERY post bac programIn summary: Don't buy this book. Use U.S. World News and Report and the MSAR for accurate and useful information. There's no telling what information is accurate and what is inaccurate in this book. Considering the plethora of errors and lack of editing, I think using this book can be more harmful than helpful. Obviously the Princeton Review rushed this book out to try and make it seem like they have the yearly authoritative lead on what's what in the medical school world, but this is obviously a sham. This book is so low quality I'm surprised that it has more than 2 stars at all.

A good deal of the vital statistics such as admission rates, tuition costs, out of state acceptance rates and average GPA and MCAT scores are wildly inaccurate. Some of this is probably because the statistics are outdated, while others are due to sloppy editing. Some of the mistakes are laughably obvious, but the result is that none of the numbers can be trusted. The book does provide a decent overview of most, but not all, of the US medical schools, but it is not a substitute for the latest edition of the MSAR. Save your money and buy something else.

I wrote to the editorial team, but I wanted to let other potential buyers know about some SERIOUS typos contained in this book:Pages 222-223: Information supplied is for Uniformed Services University, NOT Tufts University. There is no other listing for Tufts.Pages 368-369: Information supplied looks like it is for West Virginia University School of Medicine, NOT Washington University in St. Louis. There is no second listing for Washington University in St. Louis. This is one of the top

medical programs in the country, and should absolutely be listed properly. Pages 372-373: There is a second listing for West Virginia University School of Medicine, but it is unclear which pages provide the correct information for the school. Had I not been paying attention, I would have decided not to apply to some schools that are a good fit for me. Medical school applicants have enough to worry about, without having to deal with incorrect resources. I'm sure there are more mistakes than I have found here, so I am no longer going to use this book. It's completely useless.

The sections for each school include Academics, Clinical Training, Campus Life, student life, graduates, admission requirements, suggestions, and process. The information is quite useful, but be aware, there are many errors!

Horrible book. A lot of inaccurate information. Example: on page 377 the book states "Yale does not participate in AMCAS." which is false!

When my son said he thought he wanted to go to medical school I started looking for a book that listed all of them so we could see what schools were available and how they compared to one another. I've used this book so much over the past two years. It's been a great resource. Being able to look at random pages in this book was really helpful in making the selection. The best part was having all the information in one place.

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