

DAT Study Tips from Ryan Lisann '15

I spent 14W studying for the Dental Admissions Test (DAT), began studying in January, and took my exam on March 17th. The test consists of 4 sections including natural sciences (100 questions: 90 minutes), perceptual ability (90 questions: 60 minutes), reading comprehension (50 questions 3 passages: 60 minutes), and quantitative reasoning (40 questions: 45 minutes). During my study process I spent all of January and a little of February reviewing the material covered on the exam and the remaining weeks doing practice questions for each of the sections in addition to full length practice tests. I found the Cliffs AP Bio Book to be extremely helpful (<http://www.amazon.com/CliffsAP-Biology-3rd-Edition-CliffsNotes/dp/0470097647>) for reviewing the material on the bio section of the exam. For learning the organic chemistry and chemistry portions of the exam a teacher by the name of Chad has incredible online videos geared specifically for the DAT. They cover every topic on the exam with quizzes associated with each video that are extremely helpful (<http://www.coursesaver.com/videos/DAT/>). I also used the DAT destroyer book and Math Destroyer books for Chem, Bio, Orgo, and Quantitative Reasoning. These banks of questions are difficult but provide great preparation for the harder questions asked on the DAT (<http://www.orgoman.com/datdestroyer.html>). For the perceptual portion of the exam I bought 10 PAT tests from Crack DAT PAT (<http://crackdat.com/get.php>) and found the PAT portion of the 7 practice exams from DAT Achiever to be extremely helpful (<http://www.3tquest.com/index.php>). I also took the practice tests from DAT Bootcamp (<http://datbootcamp.com/>) which were very representative/ a little tougher than the real DAT. You can use the code "dartmouthpds" to get a 10% discount on the DAT Bootcamp materials. On this website, the creator, Ari, also attaches a well designed study schedule that is built for a 10 week period. I also purchased the Kaplan on demand course, but found it not to be worth the money and not well geared to the DAT. Other than studying during my winter, I shadowed at a pediatric dental residency program once a week, but spent a majority of my days studying minus weekends to relax.

Resources:

Chad Videos (<http://www.coursesaver.com/videos/DAT/>)

DAT and Math Destroyer (<http://www.orgoman.com/datdestroyer.html>)

Crack DAT PAT (<http://crackdat.com/get.php>)

Dat Bootcamp (<http://datbootcamp.com/>)

DAT Achiever (<http://www.3tquest.com/index.php>)

Cliffs AP Bio (<http://www.amazon.com/CliffsAP-Biology-3rd-Edition-CliffsNotes/dp/0470097647>)