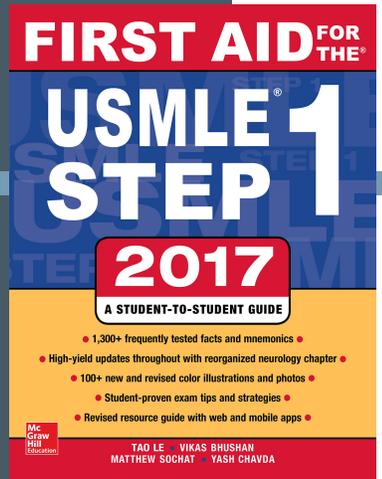


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# Commercial Review Courses



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**▶ COMMERCIAL REVIEW COURSES**

Commercial preparation courses can be helpful for some students, but such courses are expensive and may leave limited time for independent study. They are usually an effective tool for students who feel overwhelmed by the volume of material they must review in preparation for the boards. Also note that while some commercial courses are designed for first-time test takers, others are geared toward students who are repeating the examination. Still other courses have been created for IMGs who want to take all three Steps in a limited amount of time. Finally, student experience and satisfaction with review courses are highly variable, and course content and structure can evolve rapidly. We thus suggest that you discuss options with recent graduates of review courses you are considering. Some student opinions can be found in discussion groups on the Internet.

**Becker Healthcare**

Becker Healthcare provides intensive and comprehensive live, online, and self-study review courses for students preparing for the USMLE. The 7-week live Step 1 reviews are held throughout the year with high student involvement and instructor accessibility. Becker Healthcare uses an active learning system that focuses on comprehension, retention, and application of concepts. Online program components include:

- Over 275 hours of video lectures
- Lecture notes
- Interactive ebooks
- Becker's Step 1 question bank for 6 months
- Clinical vignettes and case studies
- Two NBME practice exams

Live programs are currently offered in Dallas, Chicago, and New York City. The fee range is \$3399–\$6499. The all-inclusive live review program includes all of the above plus:

- Lodging and local hotel shuttle service
- Breakfast and lunch
- Access to a tutor
- High-speed Internet service

Becker's Self-Study USMLE Step 1 Review Course includes:

- Diagnostic exam
- Interactive series of ebooks featuring Becker's new curriculum
- Dual-degree MD and/or PhD instructors
- Becker's Step 1 Qbank
- Optional full set of color textbooks

For more information, visit <http://www.becker.com/usmle>.

## Kaplan Medical

For more than 40 years, Kaplan Medical has helped medical students and physicians in the US and across the world to prepare efficiently for their Boards and match into the residency program of their choice.

**USMLE Step 1 Comprehensive Program Live Lectures.** Kaplan's LivePrep offers a highly structured, interactive live lecture series led by all-star faculty and is available at Kaplan centers in major cities with 7-, 14-, and 16-week options. Includes a 7-volume, full-color set of lecture notes.

**Live Online Lectures.** Kaplan's Classroom Anywhere™ includes over 240 hours of live, interactive instruction delivered by expert faculty from wherever Internet access is available. Includes a 7-volume set of lecture notes.

**Center Study.** Kaplan's CenterPrep provides more than 200 hours of video lectures to study at your own pace at Kaplan centers. Available for 3-, 6-, or 9-month periods and includes a 7-volume set of lecture notes.

**On-demand Lectures.** Kaplan's OnlinePrep gives access to over 200 hours of video lectures delivered by expert faculty and is accessible at any time wherever Internet access is available.

**USMLE Step 1 High-Yield Program.** Utilize Kaplan's Master Faculty and these key features:

- Review 55 hours of core lectures organized by General Principle and Organ System (39 hours at 1.5× speed)
- Warm up with 28 basic science exercises to review your first year
- Make it stick with clinical correlates, heart sounds, and dynamic visuals throughout your core lectures
- Practice with over 2000 USMLE review exercises in your printed workbook and watch the video explanations
- Connect core lectures with page references to First Aid, Pathoma, and medEssentials
- Strengthen your skills with core lecture quizzes and watch the video explanations
- Prep on-the-go with USMLE Step 1 High Yield on your iPad®

**Until Your Test®.** Use a structured study guide to map out your schedule for up to 12 months.

**USMLE Step 1 High-Yield Program.** Includes Step 1 Qbank:

- Master your material with 3000 USMLE practice questions and 200 mini-lectures in Kaplan's Step 1 Qbank, including diagnostic and 2 simulated exams
- Turn downtime into a higher score with free Qbank mobile app for iPhone® and Android™

To learn more, call 1-800-KAP-TEST or visit [www.kaplanmedical.com](http://www.kaplanmedical.com).

## Med School Tutors

Since 2007, Med School Tutors has helped students prepare for Step 1 by working with them one-on-one. Whether working online via web conferences or in-person in Manhattan, Med School Tutors customizes a study schedule to reflect individual learning style, goals and timelines.

The comprehensive packages include:

- Personalized daily study schedule that reflects individual strengths, weaknesses, and progress throughout the study period
- Guidance on the selection and use of high-yield resources
- Emphasis on question/vignette-based learning
- Integrated review of content with emphasis on weak areas
- Clinical reasoning skills training

- Test-taking strategies and confidence-building exercises
- Assessment by question bank performance and NBME test analysis
- Holistic support throughout study period

Med School Tutors are medical students and residents who have excelled in their medical studies and training. Their minimum credentials include:

- Training at top medical schools and residency programs
- Superior standardized test scores (eg, Step 1 > 245)
- Significant and verifiable teaching experience

Students start with a complimentary phone consultation and discussion of their needs and goals. This is followed by the tutor matching process and introduction to the tutor. Students then begin formal work with a trial session at half the cost. The trial session encompasses a review of a recent self-assessment (or question block), Q&A, and the first steps in creating your personalized study plan.

For more information, visit [medschooltutors.com](http://medschooltutors.com) or call (212) 327-0098 or email [HQ@medschooltutors.com](mailto:HQ@medschooltutors.com).

### **Northwestern Medical Review**

Since 1986, Northwestern Medical Review (NMR) has been offering review courses in preparation for the USMLE Step 1 and COMLEX Level I examinations. The curriculum of Northwestern Review allows students to select a variety of live or online courses ranging in length from 5–18 days.

The courses are developed in a high-yield and clinically oriented format and address concepts that are commonly tested on the exams. Courses are taught by the authors of the Northwestern Review Books and/or authors of best-selling books. The uniqueness of the NMR curriculum is the multimedia live-lecture TALLP™ instructional methodology that incorporates simulated test items, cartoons, animations, and uplifting mnemonics into the courses. Another feature of the courses is the built-in Adaptive-Flexi-Pass™ teaching methodology that progressively customizes live courses around the academic needs of the participating students. The format of the workbooks allows students to actively and effectively assimilate the presented concepts. In addition to organized lecture notes and review books for all subjects, students will receive access to more than 3000 Web-based question bank items, audio CDs, and a large pool of practice questions and simulated exams.

All study plans are available in a customized and onsite format for groups of students. Additionally, public sessions are frequently offered in East Lansing, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, Chicago, New York City, and San Juan. Live courses are also globally available in certain countries. NMR offers a free retake option as well as a liberal cancellation policy.

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## PASS Program

**USMLE and COMLEX Review Program.** The PASS Program offers a concept-based, clinically integrated curriculum to help students increase board scores, obtain residencies, and broaden their perspective of medicine. Helpful for a wide spectrum of students, including those trying to maximize scores on the first try and those struggling to stay in medical school. PASS accommodates all types of learners: auditory, visual, or kinesthetic, and, with the help of small class sizes, encourages students to interact and to ask questions.

**Live Lectures.** PASS offers 4-, 6-, 8-week, or extended-stay programs in Champaign, IL. Facilities include computer labs, a state-of-the-art lecture hall, student lounges and study areas, and housing. Drill sessions and small study groups take place throughout the week. Tuition, which includes housing and security deposit, is \$4150 for the 4-week course, \$6900 for the 6-week course, and \$7800 for the 8-week course.

**One-on-One Tutoring.** Included with tuition, students receive one-on-one tutoring from an MD each week they attend the program. Four- and 6-week students receive two sessions per week and 8-week students receive three sessions, and all students receive one session during the first week of the program.

**Online Program.** The online program includes new lectures on nearly 40 topics and the current edition of the Course Notes book. Also included are sample questions by topic with video explanations from Dr. Francis and two NBME exams (based on subscription). All subscriptions include 6-month access, and online program packages include lite, performance, and pro.

For more information, visit [www.passprogram.net](http://www.passprogram.net).

## PASSPrep Miami

**USMLE and COMLEX Review Program.** PASSPrep Miami is a collaboration between the PASS Program and KISSPrep. This program combines the concept-based approach of the PASS Program with the highly effective drilling and teaching methods used by KISSPrep. The program uses an organ-system based approach designed to help students master exam content. Helpful for a wide spectrum of students, including those trying to maximize scores on their first attempt and those struggling to stay in medical school, PASSPrep Miami accommodates all types of learners: auditory, visual, and kinesthetic. In addition to this approach, PASSPrep Miami provides students with NBME exams and monitors progress on a daily basis. Small class sizes place a strong emphasis on critical thinking and test taking, so that students can receive the one-on-one attention they deserve.

**Live Lectures.** PASSPrep Miami offers 4-, 6-, 8-week, or extended-stay programs in Miami, FL. Facilities include a state of the art lecture hall, study rooms, and a brand new housing facility. Drill sessions and small study groups take place throughout the week. Tuition for the 4-week program is \$3350; the 6-week program is \$4250; and the 8-week program, which comes with our PASSPrep guarantee, is \$5350.

**One-on-One Tutoring.** Included with tuition, students receive one-on-one tutoring from one of our alumni MD's each week they attend the program. Four- and 6-week students receive two sessions per week, and 8-week students receive three sessions in weeks 1–5 of the program and 4 sessions in weeks 6–8. All students receive one tutoring session during their first week.

For more information, go to <http://passprepmiami.com>.

### The Princeton Review

The Princeton Review offers two flexible preparation options for the USMLE Step 1: the USMLE Online Course and the USMLE Online Workout.

**USMLE Online Courses.** The USMLE Online Courses offer the following:

- 75 hours of online review, including lessons, vignettes, and drills
- Complete review of all USMLE Step 1 subjects
- Three full-length CBTs
- Seven 1-hour subject-based tests
- Complete set of print materials
- 24/7 access to technical support
- Three months of access to tests, drills, and lessons

More information can be found on The Princeton Review's Web site at [www.princetonreview.com](http://www.princetonreview.com).

### Youel's™ Prep, Inc.

Youel's Prep, Inc., has specialized in medical board preparation for 30 years. The company provides DVDs, audiotapes, videotapes, a CD (PowerPrep Quick Study), books, live lectures, and tutorials for small groups as well as for individuals (TutorialPrep™). All DVDs, videotapes, audiotapes, live lectures, and tutorials are correlated with a three-book set of Prep Notes consisting of two textbooks, *Youel's Jewels I* and *Youel's Jewels II* (984 pages), and *Case Studies*, a question-and-answer book (1854 questions, answers, and explanations).

The Comprehensive DVD program consists of 56 hours of lectures by the systems with a three-book set: *Youel's Jewels I and II* and *Case Studies*. Integrated with these programs are pre-tests and post-tests.

All Youel's Prep courses are taught and written by physicians, reflecting the clinical slant of the boards. All programs are systems based. In addition, all programs are updated continuously. Accordingly, books are not printed until the order is received.

Delivery in the United States or overseas is usually within 1 week. Optional express delivery is also available. Youel's Prep Home Study Program™ allows students to own their materials and to use them for repetitive study in the convenience of their homes. Purchasers of any of Youel's Prep materials, programs, or services are enrolled as members of the Youel's Prep Family of Students™, which affords them access to free telephone tutoring at (800) 645-3985. Students may call 24/7. Youel's Prep live lectures are held at select medical schools at the invitation of the school and students.

Programs are custom-designed for content, number of hours, and scheduling to fit students' needs. First-year students are urged to call early to arrange live-lecture programs at their schools for next year.

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