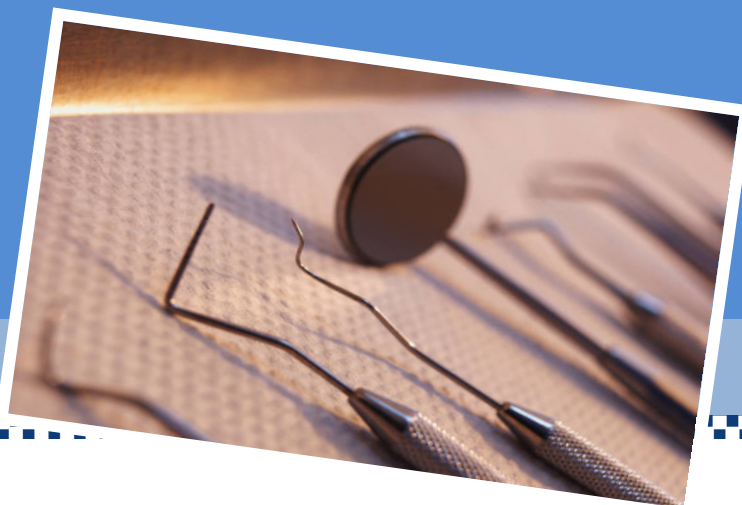


Pre-Dentistry

Interested in becoming a dentist? Learn about the prerequisites for admissions to dental programs.

Dental school programs require four academic years of study.



Required Courses

1 year Biological Sciences	BIO 012/012L and BIO 013/013L
1 year Inorganic Chemistry	CHEM 001/003 and CHEM 002/004
1 year Organic Chemistry	CHEM 107/109 and CHEM 108/110
1 year Physics	PHY 011/011L and PHY 012/012L
1 semester Mathematics	MATH 050
1 year English	First Year Seminar and an English writing course

**Other classes often required: Physiology, Anatomy, and Biochemistry

The 411 on Dental Programs

Dentists are highly specialized health care professionals who provide a wide range of oral health care that contributes to the general health and quality of their patient's lives. Upon completion of dental school, students are awarded with a DMD (Doctor of Dental Medicine) or DDS (Doctor of Dental Surgery) degree.

Superior academic work and strong scores on the Dental Admissions Test (DAT) are important components to a successful dental school application. Volunteer or paid experience with a dentist is essential in your preparation for dental school. This experience will provide you with the prospective of a dental professional, valuable insight into your decision on whether dentistry is the right career for you, and the opportunity to receive a letter of recommendation from a dental professional.

Students interested in dentistry should complete the DAT in the fall of their junior year. The Associated American Dental Schools Application Service (AADSAS) is used for the initial application process and should be completed in the summer following junior year. Early application is strongly advised. Prior to the application process, students should research the required prerequisite coursework, residential restrictions, and application requirements and deadlines for each school of interest.



For additional resources on dental programs visit:

American Dental Association – <http://www.ada.org>
 Dental Admission Test – <http://www.ada.org/prof/ed/testing/dat/index.asp>
 AADSAS – <http://www.portal.aadsasweb.org>
 Explore Health Careers – <http://www.explorehealthcareers.org>