



The Career Center Pre-Dental Guide



Pre-Requisite Information

Please note that it is the responsibility of the student to research individual dental school admission requirements. Many dental schools have minimum requirements, plus strongly recommended coursework to be competitive for admission. Additional coursework may include statistics and humanities. Your academic advisor can discuss required courses for your major.

Biological Sciences	Courses	Required	Strongly Recommended
General Biology (2 sem)	MCB 150 & MCB 151 IB 150 & IB 151	✓	
Anatomy & Physiology (MCB may be preferred)	MCB 244 & MCB 246 or IB 303 & IB 202		✓
Genetics	MCB 250 or IB 204		✓
Microbiology	MCB 100 or MCB 300		✓

Physical Sciences	Courses	Required	Strongly Recommended
General Chemistry (2 sem)	CHEM 102 & CHEM 103 CHEM 104 & CHEM 105	✓	
Organic Chemistry I Organic Chemistry II	CHEM 232 & CHEM 233 CHEM 332	✓	✓
Biochemistry (1 sem)	MCB 354 or MCB 450	✓	
General Physics (2 sem)	PHYS 101 & PHYS 102	✓	

Behavioral Sciences & Communication	Courses	Required	Strongly Recommended
Psychology Sociology	PSYC 100 SOC 100		✓
Communication (2 sem)	Composition 1 Advanced Composition	✓	



EXPERIENCES FOR DENTAL SCHOOL

Dental schools look for a variety of experiences. This is not an exhaustive list of the opportunities students can pursue to enhance their future application. It is important to have quality experiences over quantity!

Clinical Experience

- Dental Assistant
- Shadowing

Community Service

- Social Justice
- Get out in your campus community

Leadership

- Training & Development
- Executive Board Position

Research

- Undergraduate Research
- Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship
- Research during gap year

Manual Dexterity

- Demonstrate ability to work with hands



YOUR TIMELINE

This is a suggested timeline only. Every student has their own path to dental school. If choosing a gap year, it allows students to enhance their academics and professional/personal experiences.

Fall

MCB 150/MCB 151
CHEM 102/103

Attend Quad Day, Pre-Health Kick-Off
Find RSOs to join (don't join too many!)

Spring

IB 150/ IB 151
CHEM 104/105

Volunteering
Look into research opps
Summer planning-shadowing

Fall

CHEM 232
MCB 250 or IB 204

Continue activities and/or find new ones

Spring

CHEM 233
MCB 354 or 450

Summer planning-shadowing, dental assisting
Study Abroad

Fall

MCB 244 or IB 303 (if needed)
CHEM 332 (if needed)
PSYC 100 (if needed)

DAT Prep-if not planning gap year
Leadership experience

Spring

MCB 246 or IB 202 (if needed)
SOC 100 (if needed)

DAT Prep or Take DAT
Plan for application cycle-if not planning gap year

Fall

PHYS 101
MCB 100 or MCB 300

DAT Prep (if haven't applied)
Dental School Interviews

Spring

PHYS 102

Take DAT (if applying upcoming cycle)
Dental School Interviews/Decision on Offers
Consider reapplying



YOUR TIMELINE

Print this document to fill in your coursework and experiences.

Fall

Spring

Fall

Spring

Fall

Spring

Fall

Spring

TIMELINE OF APPLYING

ARE YOU READY?

First step...

Determine if you are ready to apply based on your academics (GPA, completed pre-reqs), test score, experiences and letters of rec. Do you feel like you are competitive for the programs you want to apply to?



APPLICATION OPENS

Know your dates...

The application to dental school opens in the middle of May every year. Applicants are allowed to submit their application the first of June.



WHAT DO YOU NEED TO APPLY?

Plan ahead...

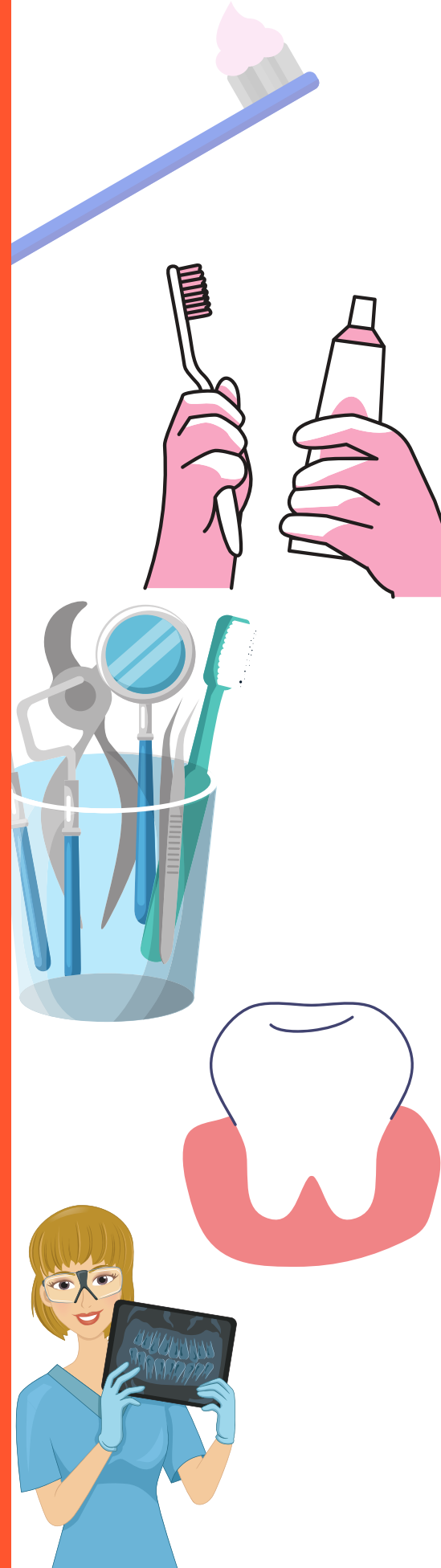
It is important to know that you typically do not need letters of recommendation or your test scores to submit your application. The basic parts are: biographical info, coursework, personal statement, work/activities, who your letter writers are and admission test date.



VERIFICATION

Start the process...

AADSAS will have your primary application go through a process called verification. This is where the application "verifies" what you have entered in for coursework and that it matches your transcripts. They will also calculate the various GPAs dental schools use to evaluate applicants. This process can take 2 days or up to 2 weeks. Apply early!



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SECONDARY APPLICATIONS

Check your email...

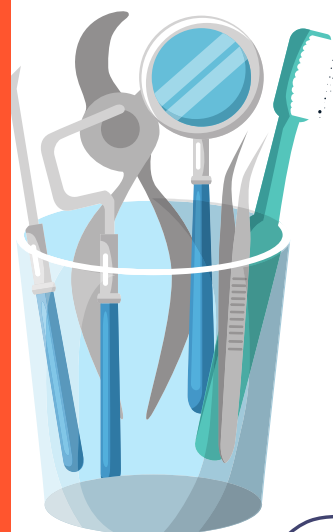
Once your application is submitted and verified, you can work on secondary applications or supplemental questions. Many programs will have questions embedded in AADSAS or send you a separate application (secondary). It is recommended to return these applications within 2-3 weeks of receiving. Many applicants will pre-write their secondary essays.



WAITING GAME

No news, is good news...

One of the most anxious times for pre-health applicants is waiting to hear back from programs on interviews. Depending on how long you have waited, you can submit an update with significant information. Otherwise, know that if you haven't been denied, then you still have an opportunity!



INTERVIEWS

Again...check your email!

Being invited for an interview means that you have met what they are looking for on paper. This is your opportunity to talk to individuals at the programs about why you are passionate about the field and that specific school. Do your research! Come prepared with your own questions! And don't forget to practice with a mock interview!



ADMISSION OFFERS

Be ready

Dental schools can begin to send admission offers the beginning of December. If you have already interviewed, but did not receive an offer, that does not mean you are not admitted. Programs usually send out decisions in batches. It is possible to receive multiple offers, but also be denied or waitlisted.

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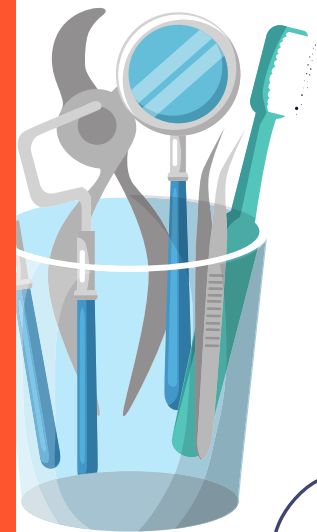
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DECISION TIME

Understand your options

If you have received an admission offer, be mindful of due dates for deposits to hold your seat. Plus, applicants need to be aware of decision deadlines. Read carefully any information programs have sent you!

If you did not receive any offers, make sure you think about a plan B and what you need to do to reapply.



START SCHOOL

Woohoo!!

Congratulations! You have accepted an offer to a dental school and are ready to start your journey to become a dentist!



HOW DO I GET HELP?

The Career Center

Throughout the application process, the Pre-Health Advisors are available to assist applicants...alumni too! We can discuss competitiveness, review personal statements, work/activity sections, secondary essays, school list, conduct mock interviews and walk you through the decision process. Don't hesitate to contact us, if you need help!



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