

Doctor of Dental Surgery, DDS

Admission

Applicants must submit a completed Associated American Dental Schools Application Service (AADSAS) application form to the American Dental Education Association (ADEA). The AADSAS application must be completed online at the American Dental Education Association website.

Applications are accepted in June of the year that precedes the year of entry. Completed applications must be on file at ADEA by Oct. 1. Applicants should apply as early as possible. Notifications of acceptance are sent beginning in December.

Predental Studies

The basic academic requirement for admission to the College of Dentistry is completion of at least 90 s.h. of academic study at an accredited college. No more than 60 s.h. of credit is accepted from a community college or two-year institution. The predental program of study should include the following.

- English: satisfactory accomplishment in English composition, rhetoric, and speech commensurate with the academic requirements for a bachelor's degree at the college attended.
- Physics: one year (equivalent to 8 s.h.), of which one-fourth must be laboratory work.
- Chemistry: two years (equivalent to 16 s.h.), of which one year (equivalent to 8 s.h.) must be in organic chemistry; one-fourth of each year's study must be laboratory work.
- Biological science: one year (equivalent to 8 s.h.), which must include appropriate laboratory work; the requirement may be satisfied by a one-year course in principles of biology, with instruction in cell biology, metabolism, organismic biology, animal biology, genetics, development, ecology, and evolution. Preference is given to applicants who have completed more than 8 s.h. Courses in human anatomy and cell physiology are strongly recommended.
- Biochemistry: one course (3 s.h.) that covers basic concepts in modern biochemistry and molecular biology.
- Electives: sufficient coursework in the social sciences, philosophy, psychology, history, world languages, business, and mathematics to provide a well-rounded educational background.

Grade-Point Average Requirement

Applicants should have a cumulative grade-point average (GPA) higher than 2.50 on a 4.00 scale; a GPA above 3.50 is preferred. The admissions committee gives special consideration to the quality of applicants' coursework in the predental sciences, in addition to the cumulative GPA.

Interviews

Personal interviews are required of applicants for admission to the College of Dentistry. After a complete AADSAS application is received by the admissions office, select applicants are contacted to arrange an interview.

Required Dental Admission Test

All applicants must complete the Dental Admission Test (DAT) sponsored by the Council on Dental Education and Licensure of the American Dental Association. A computerized DAT is available throughout the year at designated Prometric centers. Tests must be scheduled in advance.

Test application forms are available online or by mail from the American Dental Association, 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611.

Deposit by Accepted Applicants

Applicants accepted before Feb. 1 are required to submit a \$500 deposit within 30 days after notification of admittance. Applicants admitted after Feb. 1 must submit the deposit within two weeks after notification of admittance. This deposit is not refundable but is credited toward the first fee payment. Applicants who fail to make the deposit within the time specified forfeit their place in the entering class.

Additional Admission Considerations

Fulfillment of the specific requirements listed for admission does not ensure admission to the College of Dentistry. The admissions committee reviews applicants who meet the minimum requirements and selects those who appear best qualified for the study and practice of dentistry. The committee considers quantitative and qualitative components of the application, letters of recommendation, the interview, and other factors.