

**UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA
COLLEGE OF DENTISTRY
DOCTOR OF DENTAL SURGERY**

From its inception in 1971, the College has established a reputation of educating skilled practitioners to provide the highest level of dental care possible. The training program affords extensive opportunities to learn and develop proficiency through practice in both simulation and patient clinic settings. Graduates develop the knowledge, technical competency, and clinical expertise necessary to assume roles as responsible health care professionals.

Dentistry offers the opportunity to blend science, human relations and technical skills into a satisfying profession. Anyone considering a career in dentistry is encouraged to carefully examine the University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry. Excellent training facilities, superb faculty and a well-designed curriculum combine to produce a dental education second to none.

BASIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- A minimum of 90 semester hours of course work from any accredited college or university.
- A minimum of 75 semester hours of course work prior to application.
- A minimum grade point average of 2.50 for all college level work attempted.
- In good standing with the college or university last attended or in which currently enrolled.

In recent years, most, if not all, of the entering class has earned a considerably higher grade point average and the vast majority has completed a Bachelor's Degree or an equivalent number of credits.

PREREQUISITES

<u>Course</u>	<u>Credits (semester/quarter)</u>
Biology (with 1 lab)	16/24
Chemistry, inorganic/general (with 1 lab)	8/12
Chemistry, organic (with 1 lab)	8/12
Biochemistry	3/5
Physics (with 1 lab)	8/12
General Psychology	3/5
English (composition or writing intensive)	6/10

A minimum grade of "C" is required for each prerequisite course.

Additional advanced studies in the biological sciences are highly recommended. Additionally, if you have an opportunity to take any electives we recommend an Anatomy or Human Structure course and also a Business course.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Application for Admission

Application to the University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry is made through the American Association of Dental Schools Application Service (AADSAS). The application and full instructions for online submission are available on the American Dental Education Association's Web site at adea.org. All supporting documentation, including transcripts and recommendation letters are submitted directly to AADSAS. In addition to the basic AADSAS application, a separate supplemental application must be submitted directly to the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center. A link to the supplemental application is provided in conjunction with the AADSAS application (see "Supplemental Information") or may be accessed on the College of Dentistry's Web site under "How to Apply".

Dental Admission Test

All applicants are required to provide score results from the Dental Admission Test (DAT). The DAT is administered through the American Dental Association and complete information on the examination is available at ADA.org. If taken multiple times, the College of Dentistry considers the DAT with highest score (academic average). The perceptual ability test is not routinely factored into the evaluation process. The average academic average for the entering class in the recent years has been 19.

Letters of Recommendation *(Must be on letterhead)

A letter of recommendation from: **(1) a dentist (2) a pre-professional advisory committee. (For those attending institutions that do not have a pre-professional advisory committee, two (2) letters of recommendation from science instructors are acceptable.)** Recommendations are submitted to AADSAS.

Observation Hours

Applicants must complete at least 100 hours of observation in a dental practice setting and/or dental laboratory. The majority of shadowing in a dental practice setting should be done with a general dentist.

Updated Information

It is important throughout this process to keep the Admissions Office updated with new DAT scores, additional observation hours and if you plan to re-take the DAT. Updates may factor into the selection of applicants for interviews and admissions decisions. It is the responsibility of the applicants to check the completion status **(completion status only confirms required documents uploaded not transcripts verified)* of their application at: <http://cfapps.ouhsc.edu/appstatus/logon.cfm>.

International Applicants

Applicants must meet the minimum requirements of 88 on the TOEFL. Foreign transcripts must be submitted to the World Evaluation Service (WES) for course-by-course evaluation. International students also apply through AADSAS. More information is available at <http://www.admissions.ouhsc.edu/> under “Prospective Students”. Click on “Non-US Citizen Applicants”.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Application Deadline

The verified application deadline for all **applicants is October 1st**. Applications may be submitted while the applicant is working toward completion of one or more of the required courses. ***Verification process can take up to 2-3 weeks.*

Interviews

Applicants with strong credentials and competitive applications are invited for a personal interview with individual members of the Admissions Committee. In addition to academic achievement, interviewers look for motivation, character, interpersonal and communication skills, maturity, service ethic, evidence of manual dexterity, and knowledge of the dental profession. Interviews begin in the early fall. The full Admissions Committee meets in November to consider applicants who have been interviewed and to make initial selections for the entering class.

Admissions Decision

Each applicant who submits a completed application may expect a response when a final admission decision is made, but not before December 1st. Applicants are to check their OU Supplemental application for a decision letter.

Successful applicants are asked to submit an advanced tuition deposit in order to reserve a position in the class and will receive a separate email with information to setup the OUHSC email account. Alternates are notified that they have been placed on a waiting list to be selected should an opening in the class become available.

CLASS SIZE

A class of not more than 54 students begins each year. The summer semester for the entering class begins mid-June of each year. The learning experience is formatted around a cohort model in which students in each entering class progress through the entire program together.

CURRICULUM AND DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Orientation and the start of classes for new students take place mid-June. The four-year curriculum begins with foundational studies in biomedical and dental sciences, progresses to applied laboratory and simulated patient experiences, and culminates with clinical training and comprehensive patient care. Completion of the prescribed program leads to a Doctor of Dental Surgery (D.D.S.) degree. Significant opportunities for treating patients is a hallmark of the student’s training at the College of Dentistry and promotes the formation of strong clinical skills and development of excellent practitioners.

In addition to completing the curriculum required by the College of Dentistry, students must also pass regional and national examinations administered by organized dentistry in order to receive a degree and become licensed to practice.

ACCREDITATION

The OU College of Dentistry is one of approximately 65 programs in the United States and is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, Commission on the Institutions of Higher Education, and the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association. To obtain further information, contact:

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