

UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA
COLLEGE OF DENTISTRY

DOCTOR OF DENTAL SURGERY

The College of Dentistry's four-year program is designed to produce competent general practitioners. A dentist diagnoses and treats oral diseases, practices preventive dentistry in relation to total health, and must be sensitive to the needs, aspirations and apprehensions of patients. The student in dentistry will be trained to manage a dental practice including dental auxiliary personnel.

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 to apply.
- A minimum grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale for all college level work attempted.
- In good standing with the college or university last attended or in which currently enrolled.

Although these are minimum requirements for admission, a majority of the applicants will have earned a considerably higher grade point average and many will have completed a Bachelor's Degree.

PREREQUISITE COURSES

English	6 semester hours
General Psychology	3 semester hours
Biological Science with lab	8 semester hours
Inorganic Chemistry with lab	8 semester hours
Organic Chemistry with lab	8 semester hours
Biochemistry w/wo lab	3 or 4 semester hours
Physics with lab	8 semester hours

A minimum grade of "C" is required for each prerequisite course.
Advanced studies in the biological sciences are encouraged.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Dental Admission Test

All applicants are required to take the American Dental Association Dental Admission Test (DAT), with results forwarded to the College of Dentistry. The DAT is administered on computer by the Sylvan Learning Centers. The DAT applications and fee payments are still collected by the Dental Admission Testing Program in Chicago, IL. After the application and fee payment are processed, the Sylvan registration center will receive notification of the candidate's eligibility for testing. Also, the candidate will receive instructions to call an 800 number to register with Sylvan for the DAT. By calling the 800 number, the candidate will be able to arrange the day, time, and place to take the DAT. Sylvan testing centers require at least a 48-hour advance notice for scheduling a test. A candidate can apply and retake the test a total of three times effective January 1, 2007. This policy is retroactive. Candidates are required to submit a new application and fee for each re-examination. A candidate must wait at least 90 days before retaking the DAT. Candidates who retake the DAT without waiting at least 90 days after their previous DAT will cause their most recent test scores to be rendered void. The results of the four most recent DAT's are released on the official transcript of scores and forwarded to dental schools. Also, the total number of DAT's taken is listed on the official transcripts of each candidate. Many applicants do not limit themselves to one testing.

Letters of Recommendation

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

Observation Hours

Applicants must complete at least 100 hours of observation in a dentist office.

Application Fee

Application fee payable to OUCOD in the amount of \$65.00.

International Applicants

Applicants must meet the minimum requirement of 88 on the TOEFL score. For more information go to http://www.ouhsc.edu/admissions/international_Applicants_Official_TOEFL_Scores.htm.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

The University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry participates in the American Association of Dental Schools Application Service (AADSAS). Resident applicants may apply directly to OUHSC. Applications may be submitted while the applicant is working toward completion of one or more of the required courses. Since the Admissions Committee begins the selection in late November for the next year's class, it is extremely important to apply early. Application deadline is September 1 for non-resident applicants and December 1 for resident applicants.

Applicants who have questions regarding their pre-dental education should contact their school's pre-professional counselor and/or the College of Dentistry, Office of Admissions (405) 271-3530.

Each applicant who files a complete application may expect a response when a decision is made, but not before December 1st. Failure to supply requested information, updated transcripts or current address, may disqualify the applicant from further consideration.

Priority consideration is given to applicants who are Oklahoma residents.

An applicant receiving a letter of acceptance must submit a deposit within the designated time set forth in the letter of offer to hold his/her position in the class. This deposit will apply toward the first semester's tuition. The deposit is non-refundable.

THE INTERVIEW

Applicants who meet these requirements and have a completed application on file may be invited for a personal interview. This does not indicate acceptance. All expenses incurred will be the responsibility of the applicant. Priority consideration is given to applicants who are Oklahoma residents.

The College of Dentistry Admissions Committee is made up of dental faculty, fourth year students, and private practitioners. An interview with the College of Dentistry is approximately thirty minutes. Two members of the admissions committee visit with the applicant at that time. In addition to academic achievement, interviewers look for intellectual achievement, motivation, maturity, emotional stability and knowledge of the dental profession.

The interview process begins October 1st and continues through the second week in February of the following year. The full committee meets in November, January and February to discuss and vote on applicants who have been interviewed. The committee may admit, deny or defer a candidate. Deferred candidates will be considered at the final meeting to complete the class and compile an alternate list. Alternate candidates are offered positions in the class as they become available through the first week of classes.

GRADUATE REQUIREMENTS AND DEGREE AWARDED

The Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) degree will be awarded to the student who completes the prescribed curriculum at an acceptable level and who demonstrates a high degree of professional ethics and behavior.

Some institutions will award a Bachelor of Science degree following the first year in the College of Dentistry to their students who have completed at least 90 semester hours in their pre dental programs. Students should verify this opportunity with the appropriate officials at their pre-dental college or university.

CLASS SIZE

A class of not more than 60 students begins each year. The fall semester for this entering class begins on the first working day in July of each year.

ACCREDITATION

This program is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, Commission on Institutions of Higher Education and the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association. To obtain further information, contact:

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