

PRE-DENTISTRY

1. What major should I choose?

Any major is appropriate for dental school preparation. While a science major requires many of the same basic prerequisites, selecting a science major is not required for admission to any dental school. Students are advised to select a major they find interesting and to work at developing a broad-based, interdisciplinary foundation of knowledge and skills from which they can build upon. Please access www.assist.org for the most updated articulation information.

2. What are the prerequisites?

Prerequisite admission requirements vary from school to school. Listed below are the recommended prerequisite admission requirements for most U.S. Dental schools:

Fullerton College courses:

One year of General Biology with Lab
One year of General Chemistry with Lab
One year of Organic Chemistry with Lab
One year of General Physics with Lab

BIOL 170 F + BIOL 272 F
CHEM 111AF + CHEM 111BF
CHEM 211AF + CHEM 211BF
PHYS 210 F + [PHYS 211 F or PHYS 211HF] or
[PHYS 221 F or PHYS 211HF] + PHYS 222 F
[ENGL 100 F or ENGL 100HF] + [ENGL 103 F or
ENGL 103HF F or ENGL 102 F or ENGL 102HF or
ENGL 104 F or ENGL 201 F]

One year of English (Comp & Lit)

[MATH 150AF or MATH 150HF] + MATH 150BF
MATH 120 F or MATH 120HF
PSY 101 F or PSY 101HF

Recommended (required at some schools):

One year of Math (Calculus)
One course in Statistics
One or more courses in Psychology

Admissions to Schools of Dentistry are based on each applicant's academic record, Dental Admission Test (DAT) scores, letters of recommendation, dental related experiences and a personal interview. Completion of a minimum of 90 or more semester units or 135-quarter units is required. A minimum of 30-quarter units or 20 semester units must be completed at an accredited four-year institution. Completion of a bachelor's degree gives the student preference for admission.

*Each accredited dental education program has its own application process and set of admission requirements. Please contact the programs you are interested in directly.

For additional information, check the following websites:

American Dental Association	www.ada.org
American Dental Education Association (formerly the American Association of Dental Schools)	www.adea.org
University of California, San Francisco	www.ucsf.edu
University of the Pacific	http://dental.pacific.edu
University of Southern California	http://dentistry.usc.edu/
Loma Linda University	www.llu.edu/dentistry
University of California, Los Angeles	www.dentistry.ucla.edu

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