



# DENTAL SCHOOL ADMISSION

**The following requirements for the major are subject to change without notice.** To assure accuracy of the information on this sheet, you should consult with the Dental School Admission counselor, or the transfer campus for specific admission requirements. The courses listed are recommended courses and are not articulation agreements.

Admission to dental school is highly competitive. Applicants for admission to dental schools must take the Dental Admission Test (DAT) which measures general academic ability, comprehensive scientific information, and perceptual ability. It is recommended that a student select an appropriate major for the bachelor's degree (biological or physical sciences, humanities or social sciences) as preparation for work in an allied health field. Dentistry is usually a four-year professional program leading to a Doctor of Dental Surgery.

## Selection Factors

- Scholastic record
- Aptitude for science demonstrated by academic record and DAT
- Letters of recommendation
- Personal interview
- Research
- Leadership
- Commitment to the field
- Experience with underserved communities

## UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES <http://www.dent.ucla.edu>

Admissions: 88 applicants accepted. General Information: Minimum of 90 units. Bachelor's degree recommended. Required Courses: Biology 101-102; Chemistry 1A-1B, 7A-7B (math prerequisite); English 1A and 1B or 1C; Physics 2A-2B or 3A-3B; Psychology 5; Biochemistry. Recommended: courses in histology, physiology or comparative anatomy, social science, microbiology, communication, business, composition, technical writing, fine arts, philosophy, engineering, and classics. Residency status: U.S. citizen or permanent resident (permanent resident must have in their possession their resident alien card at the time of application) DAT by Dec 31 within a 3 year period

## UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN FRANCISCO <http://dentistry.ucsf.edu>

Admissions: 82 applicants accepted. General Information: Minimum of 90 units; Bachelor's degree recommended. Required Courses: Biology 101-102-103; Chemistry 1A-1B, 7A (math prerequisite); English 1A and 1B or 1C; Physics 2A-2B or 3A-3B or 1A-1B-1C; Psychology 5; and 11 additional units from foreign language, humanities, social sciences, and biochemistry at a four year institution. Recommended: Anatomy 32; Mathematics 150; Physiology 31; Microbiology 31 and courses in biochemistry, embryology, and genetics.

## UNIVERSITY OF THE PACIFIC [www.dental.pacific.edu](http://www.dental.pacific.edu)

Admissions: 135-140 accepted. General Information: Minimum of 90 units. Bachelor's degree recommended. Required Courses: Anatomy 32; Biology 101-102-103; Chemistry 1A-1B, 7A-7B (math prerequisite); English 1A and 1B or 1C; Physics 2A-2B or 3A-3B; Speech 1. Recommended electives: courses in arts to build hand dexterity (jewelry making, sculpting, ceramics), business to prepare for managing a business (economics, accounting, small business management, marketing), and courses to build public relations (public speaking, journalism, debate, interpersonal communications).

**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA** [www.usc.edu/hsc/dental](http://www.usc.edu/hsc/dental)

Admissions: 144 applicants accepted. General Information: Bachelor's degree recommended; students who were admitted had a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution. Required Courses: Biology 101-102; Chemistry 1A-B, 7A-7B (math prerequisite); English 1A and 1B or 1C; Physics 2A-2B or 3A-3B; Admission requirements: 1) It is strongly recommended that students take additional upper division courses in: biochemistry, human anatomy, embryology, histology, genetics, physiology and one year of philosophy, history or fine arts courses in addition to the prerequisites

**LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY** [www.llu.edu/llu/dentistry](http://www.llu.edu/llu/dentistry)

Admissions: 90 applicants accepted. General Information: Minimum of 96 semester units. Bachelor's degree is highly recommended and given preference. Required Courses: Biology 101-102; Chemistry 1A-1B, 7A-7B (math prerequisite); English 1A and 1B or 1C; Physics 2A-2B or 3A-3B; Recommended: Anatomy 32, Physiology 31, courses in biochemistry, histology, Microbiology 33, college algebra/calculus, cellular/molecular biology, principles of management/ accounting, psychology, sociology, ceramics/sculpture.

\*Science coursework must have been completed within five years prior to application.

**Recommended Websites:**

Dental Admission Test (DAT) information: [www.ada.org/prof/ed/testing/dat/index.asp](http://www.ada.org/prof/ed/testing/dat/index.asp) or Department of Testing Services, American Dental Association, 211 East Chicago, Chicago, Illinois 60611

American Dental Association: [www.ada.org](http://www.ada.org)

American Dental Education Association: association serving the allied, pre-doctoral, and postdoctoral dental education community [www.adea.org](http://www.adea.org)