



DENTISTRY PROGRAMS IN CALIFORNIA (ACCREDITED)

Note: Prerequisites and deadlines subject to change. Please check program websites.

University of the Pacific, Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry

Link: <http://www.dental.pacific.edu/academic-programs/doctor-of-dental-surgery/dds-admissions-requirements>

San Francisco, CA

Prerequisites for Admission:

- Proof of completion of B.A. or B.S. degree in another field from a regionally accredited college or university with a minimum GPA of 3.00
- Courses:
 - Grades of the following prerequisites have to contain an average grade of C or higher.
 - Please click on the link to double check the unit conversation from semesters to quarters.
 - Human Anatomy and Human Physiology with a Lab (BIOL 223 & BIOL 223 or BIOL 323 & 324 for Bio Majors)
 - General Biology with a Lab (BIOL 200, 201, and 202)
 - Microbiology with a Lab
 - General Chemistry (CHEM 215 & CHEM 216)
 - Organic Chemistry (CHEM 221, CHEM 222, and CHEM 223)
 - Biochemistry (CHEM 436A)
 - Inorganic Chemistry with a Lab
 - Physics (PHYS 121, 122, and 123)
 - English, Communication or Speech**
 - It is required to take an english course on composition or technical writing
- 40 hours minimum of Dental Shadowing Experience.
- Three Letters of Recommendations
 - Two letters from science professors and One of your choice (e.g., dentist, research or work manager/supervisor)
 - OR one committee letter
- Requires the Dental Admissions Test (DAT). The scores are only valid for two years.



UCSF School of Dentistry

Link: <https://dentistry.ucsf.edu/programs/dds/admissions/prerequisites>

San Francisco, CA

Prerequisites for Admission:

- Proof of completion of B.A. or B.S. degree in another field from a regionally accredited college or university with a minimum GPA of 3.00
- Courses:

Grades of the following prerequisites have to contain an average grade of C or higher. Please click on the link to double check the unit conversation from semesters to quarters.

 - Human Anatomy and Human Physiology with a Lab (BIOL 223 & BIOL 223 or BIOL 323 & 324 for Bio Majors)
 - General Biology with a Lab (BIOL 200, 201, and 202)
 - Microbiology with a Lab
 - General Chemistry with a Lab (CHEM 215 & CHEM 216)
 - Organic Chemistry with a Lab (CHEM 221, CHEM 222, and CHEM 223)
 - Biochemistry (CHEM 436A)
 - Inorganic Chemistry with a Lab
 - Physics (PHYS 121, 122, and 123)
 - General Psychology (PSYC 100)
 - Two courses of English Composition
 - Social Sciences, Humanities, or Foreign Language (16 quarter units)
 - Additional electives**
 - More information on the link above.
- Shadowing a dental experience are very beneficial – helping applicants to better understand their own fit within the profession, communicate that understanding with real-world examples, and demonstrate their commitment to the field of dentistry.
 - There is no specific number of hours required for shadowing or dental experience, applicants are encouraged to obtain as much as possible prior to applying.
- Three Letters of Recommendations
 - One letter should be written by a college science professor, one by a dentist with whom you have volunteered, or an adviser, researcher or mentor; and one from an individual of your choice. Or, you may have one composite letter sent from a pre-professional health advisory committee in lieu of the three required letters.
- Requires the Dental Admissions Test (DAT).



Loma Linda School of Dentistry

Link: <https://dentistry.llu.edu/admissions/dentistry-dds-program>

Loma Linda, CA

Prerequisites for Admission:

- Proof of completion of B.A. or B.S. degree in another field from a regionally accredited college or university with a minimum GPA of 2.7. To be competitive applicant, a 3.5 or higher GPA is recommended
- Courses:
Grades of the following prerequisites have to contain an average grade of C or higher.
Please click on the link to double check the unit conversation from semesters to quarters.
 - General Biology with a Lab (BIOL 200, 201, and 202)
 - General Chemistry with a Lab (CHEM 215 & CHEM 216)
 - Organic Chemistry with a Lab (CHEM 221, CHEM 222, and CHEM 223)
 - Biochemistry (CHEM 436A, CHEM 437A)
 - Physics (PHYS 121, 122, and 123)
 - English Composition
 - Recommended Courses (Listed in order of Priority):
 - Histology
 - Human Gross Anatomy
 - Systems Physiology
 - Microbiology
 - Cellular and Molecular Biology
 - Immunology
 - Neuroscience
 - Genetics
 - Biochemistry II or III
- 50 hours minimum of Dental Shadowing Experience.
- Three Letters of Recommendations
 - The three letters can be any of the following → Spiritual leader, employer or professional, pre-professional committee or science professor
- Requires the Dental Admissions Test (DAT). The scores are only valid for two years. To be competitive, scores of 20 or above in all areas are advised.



University of Southern California of Dentistry

Link: <https://dentistry.usc.edu/programs/dds/admission/>

Los Angeles, CA

Prerequisites for Admission:

- Proof of completion of B.A. or B.S. degree in another field from a regionally accredited college or university with a minimum GPA of 3.00
- Courses:
Grades of the following prerequisites have to contain an average grade of C or higher.
Please click on the link to double check the unit conversation from semesters to quarters.
 - General Biology with a Lab (BIOL 200, 201, and 202)
 - General Chemistry with a Lab (CHEM 215 & CHEM 216)
 - Organic Chemistry with a Lab (CHEM 221, CHEM 222, and CHEM 223)
 - Physics (PHYS 121, 122, and 123)
 - English Composition (3 quarters)
 - Philosophy, history or fine arts (3 quarters)
- Shadowing a dental experience are very beneficial – helping applicants to better understand their own fit within the profession, communicate that understanding with real-world examples, and demonstrate their commitment to the field of dentistry.
 - There is no specific number of hours required for shadowing or dental experience, applicants are encouraged to obtain as much as possible prior to applying.
- Two Letters of Recommendations
 - Two letters of recommendation are required from lecture-based science professors in biology, chemistry, or physics. We highly recommend that one of the letters be from a DDS. Letters from research or lab-based professors will not meet the requirement; the letters must be written based on your performance in the lecture component of class. A committee letter may be substituted if your undergraduate institution offers this service.
- Requires the Dental Admissions Test (DAT). The scores are only valid for two years.



UCLA School of Dentistry

Link: <https://www.dentistry.ucla.edu/>

Los Angeles, CA

Prerequisites for Admission:

- Proof of completion of B.A. or B.S. degree in another field from a regionally accredited college or university with a minimum GPA of 3.00
- Courses:
Grades of the following prerequisites have to contain an average grade of C or higher.
Please click on the link to double check the unit conversation from semesters to quarters.
 - General Biology with a Lab (BIOL 200, 201, and 202)
 - General Chemistry (CHEM 215 & CHEM 216)
 - Organic Chemistry (CHEM 221, CHEM 222, and CHEM 223)
 - Biochemistry (CHEM 436A)
 - Physics (PHYS 121, 122, and 123)
 - English Composition (8 Quarter Hours = 6 Semester hours)
 - General Psychology (PSYC 100)
- Shadowing a dental experience are very beneficial – helping applicants to better understand their own fit within the profession, communicate that understanding with real-world examples, and demonstrate their commitment to the field of dentistry.
 - There is no specific number of hours required for shadowing or dental experience, applicants are encouraged to obtain as much as possible prior to applying.
- Three Letters of Recommendations
 - Dean or head of the applicant's dental school
 - Dental school clinical instructor who is able to evaluate the applicant's potential
 - A person of the applicant's choosing, preferably someone with whom the applicant has worked with
- Requires the Dental Admissions Test (DAT). The scores are only valid for two years.



Western Health University College of Dental Medicine

Link: <https://prospective.westernu.edu/dentistry/dmd/requirements/>

Pomona, CA

Prerequisites for Admission:

- Proof of completion of B.A. or B.S. degree in another field from a regionally accredited college or university with a minimum GPA of 3.00
- Courses:
Grades of the following prerequisites have to contain an average grade of C or higher.
Please click on the link to double check the unit conversation from semesters to quarters.
 - General Biology with a Lab (BIOL 200, 201, and 202)
 - General Chemistry (CHEM 215 & CHEM 216)
 - Organic Chemistry (CHEM 221, CHEM 222, and CHEM 223)
 - Physics (PHYS 121, 122, and 123)
 - English Composition
 - Recommended Courses:
 - Biochemistry, Genetics, Cell Biology, Human Anatomy & Physiology, Microbiology, Calculus 1, Biometrics, Psychology, and Conversational Spanish
- 30 hours minimum of Dental Shadowing Experience.
- Three Letters of Recommendations
 - Two letters from science professors and One of your choice (e.g., dentist, research or work manager/supervisor)
 - OR one committee letter
- Requires the Dental Admissions Test (DAT). The scores are only valid for three years.