



**PRE-DENTAL INFORMATION**  
**UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS**  
**COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES**  
**GENERAL ACADEMIC BUILDING 220**

Students may prepare for application to the dental schools by taking courses at the University of North Texas and applying through the Pre-Dental Program. Since the dental school curriculum is rigorous, it is necessary to prove to the dental schools' admission boards that you are capable of success in their programs. You may choose any major at UNT, as long as you complete the pre-dental prerequisite courses required by each dental school. Below are admission requirements and advice that may lead to your successful enrollment in the dental school of your choice.

**Admission requirements:**

1. Dental schools will be assessing six basic factors to judge performance in college and qualifications for admissions. These factors are:
  - a. residency status (preference given to Texas residents),
  - b. **The GPA is a major factor in evaluating academic performance** (cumulative and science GPA).
  - c. DAT scores
  - d. a completed application form
  - e. an evaluation submitted by the UNT Pre-Professional Advisory Committee (PPAC)
  - f. a personal interview.
2. **Bachelor's degree** (there are rare exceptions when an applicant shows exceptional scholastic achievement and performs well on the Dental Admissions Test (DAT) and may be admitted a year early to some schools (3+4 program at UTHSC-San Antonio))
3. **GPA:** 3.4 or higher (average GPA of those accepted to Texas dental schools in 2009 was 3.6)  
The dental schools will require official transcripts from all colleges or universities attended. The GPA will be a composite of all college work at all colleges attended and will be calculated by year, overall cumulative GPA and GPA on science courses. **All grades will be used in the calculations, regardless of whether courses were repeated.**
4. Also considered are: consistency of grades, performance in required courses, course load per semester, number of colleges attended, discrepancies between GPA and DAT scores, social, economic and/or education background
5. **DAT scores:** with a score of 18-19 you will usually get an interview
6. **DAT information:** Go to the web site at [www.ada.org/prof/ed/testing/dat/index.asp](http://www.ada.org/prof/ed/testing/dat/index.asp)
  - a. May take the DAT only 3 times
  - b. Offered at:
    - i. Prometric Testing Center, 12700 Coit Road, Suite 502, Dallas, TX (972/384-1181) or at Prometric Testing Center, 5760 West Pleasant Ridge Rd., Suite 200-A West, Ft. Worth, TX (817/572-6690)

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7. **Get involved!** Participate in a variety of extracurricular and volunteer experiences at UNT and in the community. Sign up for volunteer work at [www.unt.edu/volunteer](http://www.unt.edu/volunteer) .
8. **Volunteer or work for a dentist.** A letter of recommendation is required from a dentist for your application. **THIS IS REQUIRED BY THE DENTAL SCHOOLS!**
9. **Complete prerequisite courses.**
10. Apply to the Texas state schools through the **Texas Medical and Dental Schools Application Service (TMDSAS)** at [www.utsystem.edu/tmdsas](http://www.utsystem.edu/tmdsas). Applications become available May 1 of each year.
11. Interview with PPAC and composite letter of evaluation from the **UNT Pre-Professional Advisory Committee** (preferred by dental schools):
  - a. Complete PPAC file the semester you are applying. It will contain:
    - i. letters of recommendation from five professors (at least 1 Chemistry and 1 Biology)
    - ii. Complete the “Applicant Data Sheet” provided by Dr. Beck
    - iii. Transcripts from all schools attended
    - iv. Copy of DAT scores

### Calendar Summary of Application Procedures

#### **A. Fall semester of your Junior Year**

1. **Attend Application Seminar and Personal Essay Workshops**

#### **B. Spring Semester**

2. **Take the DAT**
3. **Complete applicant information packet for Pre-Professional Advisory Committee.**
4. **Turn all materials in to Dr. Beck, GAB 220**

#### **C. Summer between Junior and Senior Years**

1. **Complete online application to TMDSAS and/or AADSAS.**
  2. **Request that your health professions counselor mail the evaluation to the TMDSAS and/or AADSAS**
- Retake DAT if necessary**

#### **D. Fall of Senior Year**

1. **Interview at dental schools.**

**Helpful web sites:** <http://www.dentistryregister.com>  
[www.studentdoctor.net](http://www.studentdoctor.net)  
[www.healthpolitics.org](http://www.healthpolitics.org)

### ADDRESSES OF TEXAS DENTAL SCHOOLS AND THE APPLICATION SERVICES

There are three dental schools in Texas, all of which are public institutions. All three dental schools have a four-year professional curriculum.

The University of Texas  
 Health Science Center at  
 Houston Dental Branch  
[www.db.uth.tmc.edu/](http://www.db.uth.tmc.edu/)  
 Average GPA/DAT for fall 2009: 3.74/19.4

The University of Texas  
 Health Science Center at  
 San Antonio Dental School  
[www.dental.uthscsa.edu/](http://www.dental.uthscsa.edu/)  
 Average GPA/DAT for fall 2009: 3.68/19.3

Baylor College of Dentistry  
 Texas A&M University  
 System Health Science Center  
[www.tambcd.edu](http://www.tambcd.edu)  
 Average GPA/DAT for fall 2009: 3.65/19.0

### Application Services

The Texas Medical and Dental Schools  
 Application Service  
[www.utsystem.edu/tmdsas](http://www.utsystem.edu/tmdsas)

American Association of Dental Schools  
 Application Services (AADSAS)  
[www.adea.org](http://www.adea.org)

***The general course requirements of the Texas Dental Schools are:***

**Biology - a minimum of 14-16 semester hours**

**Biochemistry (3 hrs) – required by UTHSC-Houston and TAM Baylor College of Dentistry**

**Chemistry: 8 hours General Chemistry (lecture 6/lab 2)**

**and 8 hours Organic Chemistry (6 lecture/2 lab)**

**Physics - 8 hours (lecture 6/ lab 2)**

**Suggested Timeline for Completion of Pre-Dental Prerequisite Courses**

***Freshman Year***

<b>Fall</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Hours</b>
BIOL 1710, Principles of Biology I or BIOL 1711, Honors Principles of Biology I	3	BIOL 1720, Principles of Biology II or BIOL 1722, Honors Principles of Biology II	3
BIOL 1730, Principles of Biology Lab	1	BIOL 1740, Principles of Biology II Lab	1
CHEM 1410, General Chemistry I or CHEM 1413, Honors General Chemistry I	3	CHEM 1420, General Chemistry II or CHEM 1413, Honors General Chemistry II	3
CHEM 1430, General Chemistry I Lab	1	CHEM 1440, General Chemistry II Lab	1
ENGL 1310, College Writing or ENGL 1313, Computer Assisted College Writing	3	ENGL 1320, College Writing II or ENGL 1323, Computer Assisted College Writing II or ENGL 2700, Technical Writing	3

***Sophomore Year***

<b>Fall</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Hours</b>
BIOL 2041/2042, Biology of Microorganisms	4	BIOL 3800, Animal Physiology	3
CHEM 2370, Organic Chemistry I	3	CHEM 2380, Organic Chemistry II	3
CHEM 3210, Organic Chemistry I lab	1	CHEM 3220, Organic Chemistry II lab	1
PHYS 1410, General Physics I	3	PHYS 1420, General Physics II	3
PHYS 1430, General Physics I Lab	1	PHYS 1440, General Physics II Lab	1

***Junior Year***

<b>Fall</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Spring (DAT semester)</b>	<b>Hours</b>
BIOL 3510, Cell Biology (recommended)	3	BIOL 3451, Genetics (recommended)	3
<i>Personal Statement Workshop in October</i>		<i>Application Seminar in March</i> <i>Interview Workshop in April</i> <i>PPAC Interviews in May</i>	
<b>DAT PREP</b>		<b>DAT PREP</b>	

***Summer: Apply to dental schools through TMDSAS and AADSAS.***

***Interviews with dental schools are August-December***

***Senior Year***

<b>Fall</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Spring</b>	
Complete degree requirements. Strongly recommended: BIOC 3621 Elementary Biochemistry or BIOC 4540, Biochemistry I		Complete degree requirements. Graduate with a Bachelor's Degree.	
<i>Dental School interviews – ongoing through December</i>		<i>Spring: Match Date</i>	

Courses listed above do not meet requirements for any degree at the University of North Texas. A major must be chosen and courses must be completed that fulfill requirements for a Bachelor's Degree.

*Students should schedule math course(s) in accordance with their placement and after consultation with an advisor.*

**UNT WORKSHOPS & SEMINARS:**  
**Personal Statement Workshops provided by PPAC**  
**Application Seminars by the PPAC**  
**Interview Workshop by the PPAC**