



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 2006 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
 - a. May retake the DAT every 90 days
 - b. Offered at:
 - i. Various Sylvan Learning Centers
 - ii. 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.
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. 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. Spring semester of your Junior Year

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

B. 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**

C. Fall of Senior Year

1. **Retake the DAT, if necessary.**
2. **Interview at dental schools.**

Helpful web sites: <http://www.dentistryregister.com>
www.studentdoctor.net

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
 P.O. Box 20068
 Houston, TX 77225
 (713) 500-4151
www.db.uth.tmc.edu/

The University of Texas
 Health Science Center at
 San Antonio Dental School
 7703 Floyd Curl Drive
 San Antonio, TX 78284
 (210) 567-2674
www.dental.uthscsa.edu/

Baylor College of Dentistry
 Texas A&M University
 System Health Science Center
 P.O. Box 660677
 Dallas, TX 75266-06773
 (214) 828-8230
www.tambcd.edu

Application Services

The Texas Medical and Dental Schools
 Application Service
 702 Colorado Street, Suite 6.400
 Austin, TX 78701-3033
 (512) 499-4785
www.utsystem.edu/tmdsas

American Association of Dental Schools
 Application Services (AADSAS)
 1625 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
 Washington, D.C. 20036-2212
 (202) 667-0642
www.adea.org

The general course requirements of the Texas Dental Schools are:

Biology - a minimum of 14-16 semester hours

Biochemistry – required by UTHSC-Houston

Chemistry: 8 hours General Chemistry and 8 hours Organic Chemistry

Physics - 8 hours

English composition - 6 hours

Suggested Timeline for Completion of Pre-Dental Prerequisite Courses

Freshman Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
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

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
BIOL 2040, 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

Fall	Hours	Spring (DAT semester)	Hours
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>	
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Summer: Apply to dental schools through TMDSAS and AADSAS.

Interviews with dental schools are August-December

Senior Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	
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