

**The Citadel – Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC)  
Accelerated Pathway to Dental School**

**Student Intent to Participate Form**

***Part A – Description and Requirements***

**Program purpose and description:** The Citadel and MUSC (through the College of Dental Medicine) have developed the *Accelerated Pathway to Dental School* program aimed at reducing students' overall educational cost from undergraduate education through dental school while retaining the most talented students in South Carolina.

Citadel students, meeting all program requirements, may apply for admittance to MUSC's Doctorate of Dental Medicine (DMD) degree program after completing 90 semester hours of undergraduate education at The Citadel. Admission to the DMD program is not guaranteed; admissions decisions will be made solely by MUSC. If admitted into the DMD program, Citadel *Accelerated Pathway* program students are held to the same standards and progress guidelines as all other students in the DMD program. After successful completion of the first year of dental school (as defined by the Bulletin of MUSC), The Citadel will award the student a baccalaureate degree, subject to students satisfying all applicable requirements outlined in The Citadel Academic Catalogue and submitting of the formal application for graduation.

**Student eligibility requirements – per MUSC:**

- a. Student must take the Dental Admissions Test (DAT) following completion of the sophomore year. The current MUSC recommended score on the DAT is 20/20 (i.e. 20 on the Perceptual Ability section and 20 on the Academic Average section). Students are encouraged to repeat the DAT if their initial score is less than 20/20. MUSC's DMD admissions committee will consider the highest total DAT score submitted. There is no penalty or negative connotation associated with multiple DAT attempts.
- b. Student's unadjusted GPA at the time of application to dental school must be a 3.50 or higher.
- c. Student must complete a minimum of 90 semester credit hours at The Citadel (not including any AP credits, IB credits, or transfer credits) prior to matriculating at MUSC.
- d. All Citadel general education requirements must be completed prior to matriculating at MUSC. In addition, the College of Dental Medicine requires two semesters of the following courses: general chemistry, organic chemistry, physics, biology, English, mathematics, and science electives. These courses may concurrently meet The Citadel's general education requirements as set forth in the applicable Academic Catalogue. It is the student's responsibility to verify that Citadel general education requirements and College of Dental Medicine course requirements have been met.
- e. *Suggested courses:* Courses that are valuable in preparing for the DMD curriculum are anatomy, biochemistry, cell biology, embryology, microbiology, genetics and physiology. Courses in the following areas are also suggested to support preparation: finance, accounting, sociology and psychology.

- f. All applicants are encouraged by the College of Dental Medicine to complete experiences providing clinical exposure to inform their decision to enter dentistry. These experiences, ideally, should be attained through participation in a formal Citadel internship (or similar) supervised course and independent student planning. The latter would demonstrate a personal commitment to explore this career path.

**Application process:**

The MUSC College of Dental Medicine is a participant in the American Association of Dental Schools Application Service (AADSAS). All applicants to the MUSC College of Dental Medicine must complete their AADSAS application between June and December of the junior year, according to published annual deadlines.

The MUSC College of Dental of Medicine also requires a completion of a supplemental application from each applicant. This supplemental application is available through MUSC Office of Enrollment Management. All applicants must submit a complete supplemental application between July and December of the junior year, according to published annual deadlines. Following an applicant's formal submission of the supplemental application, additional information may be requested by the MUSC Office of Enrollment Management.

The most competitive applicants will be selected for an interview in the College of Dental Medicine between September and February of their junior year.

**Student responsibilities – per The Citadel:**

- a. The student must complete this Intent to Participate form and file it with the Office of the Registrar in Bond Hall, Room 173, and notify their academic advisor.
- b. If, after filing this Intent to Participate form, the student decides to withdraw from the program or attend another college or university, the student must notify the Office of the Registrar to withdraw from this program.
- c. Be responsible for understanding and following the requirements for The Citadel and MUSC degrees and the specific requirements for their intended major at The Citadel.
- d. Meet all eligibility requirements for the *Accelerated Pathway* program as outlined above.
- e. Follow all MUSC admission processes and timelines.
- f. If the student is accepted to MUSC and completes the first year of study at MUSC, a formal application for Citadel graduation must be submitted; an official MUSC transcript fully documenting completion of the first year of dental school will need to be sent to The Citadel.
- g. Graduation from The Citadel is not guaranteed and is subject to the student meeting all applicable requirements of the Academic Catalogue and successful completion of the formal application for graduation with the Office of the Registrar. If all of these requirements are met, a degree will be awarded no earlier than the May graduation after completion of the first year of dental school.
- h. If a student is enrolled at MUSC but leaves before successfully completing the first year of dental school, the student may seek to transfer completed MUSC credits on a course-by-course basis using The Citadel's credit transfer processes. There is no guarantee that any credits will be transferred.

## **Part B – Request and Advisor Acknowledgment**

### **Student Request:**

By signing below, I \_\_\_\_\_;  
CW identification # \_\_\_\_\_ - indicate my intent to participate in the *Accelerated Pathway to Dental School* program. I understand that I must meet and maintain all student eligibility requirements in order to participate. I understand that admission to MUSC and graduation from The Citadel is not guaranteed.

**Student Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Intended MUSC Start Year:** \_\_\_\_\_

### **Academic Advisor Acknowledgment:**

I understand that the student identified above desires to participate in the *Accelerated Pathway to Dental School* program and must meet all program requirements.

**Academic Advisor Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Academic Advisor Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

## **Part C – FERPA Permission**

I agree that The Citadel has my permission to share this Intent to Participate form, my name and contact information, my GPA and other academic records with MUSC as part of my participation in the program and for program evaluation purposes. I understand that I can request a copy of records provided to MUSC by contacting the Office of the Registrar at The Citadel. This FERPA permission remains in place until I revoke this permission in writing.

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_