

Admissions Requirements and Statistics for Dental School, DMD

Dental School Information

Dental School Timeline:

- Four years of training in Dental School
 - 2 years of basic medical and dental sciences
 - 2 years of clinical training
- Upon graduation and successful licensing, dentists can go directly into practice
- Some dentists will do a 1-2 year residency after Dental School which will give them more advanced hospital education.

Admissions Test: DAT (Dental Admission Test)

- Eight Sections, each scored 1-30:
 - Biology
 - General Chemistry
 - Organic Chemistry
 - Perceptual Ability:
 - Reading Comprehension: 3 essays followed by questions about selected passages
 - Quantitative Reasoning: Basic Mathematics – comparative to the SAT

- Average Science Score (Biology, Gen. Chem., Organic Chem.)
- Average Score (The first six sections)
- Typical test dates: Second semester Junior year - Summer before senior year
 - You can take the test up to 3 times, but must wait 90 days before re-taking it.
- Typical application dates: July-September of Senior year

Required Courses (with accompanying labs):

- **1 year of General Biology for science majors**
- **1 year of General Chemistry for science majors**
- **1 year of Organic Chemistry**
- **1 year of Physics**
- Sometimes Calculus and/or Statistics
- Check individual school policies on AP/CLEP credits

Recommended Courses vary from school to school, but commonly include:

- Biochemistry
- Psychology or Sociology

Preparation

- Shadowing is recommended and often required by dental schools

Admissions Information for MUSC in 2010:

- Requires 6 hours of mathematics and 8 hours of science electives (Microbiology, Biochemistry, Anatomy, Genetics, etc)

- Recommend 20 hours of shadowing
- “Selection is based on the applicant's total attributes, accomplishments, potential for growth in the field of dental medicine, adaptability, purpose in life, and ability to establish and maintain healthy interpersonal relationships as evaluated through academic performance (especially in science courses), test scores, interviews, and recommendation letters.” – MUSC admissions office
- Average DAT scores:
 - Academic Average: 18
 - Perceptual Ability: 20
- Average Overall GPA: 3.59
- Average Science GPA: 3.50

2010	Total	In-state	Out-of-State
Applications Received	787	166	621
Interviewed	121	93	28
Matriculated	58	52	6
Tuition		\$34,884	68,359

Admissions Information for the University of North Carolina in 2010:

- Recommend: Anatomy, Biochemistry
- Required: Shadowing

Average DAT Score	Range	Mean
Academic Average	16-24	19
Perceptual Ability	13-26	19
Total Science	15-24	19
Average Science GPA	2.54-4.0	3.49
Average Overall GPA	2.56-4.0	3.52

2010	Total	In-state	Out-of-State
Applications Received	1,364	278	1,086
Interviewed	256	181	75
Matriculated	81	70	11
Tuition		18,991	42,500

Admissions Information for The University of Tennessee in 2010:

- Requires: Biochemistry, Histology, Microbiology
- Recommended: Anatomy
- Require 30 hours of Shadowing
- Reciprocity admissions agreement for residents of Arkansas

Average DAT Score	Range	Mean
Academic Average	13-22	18
Perceptual Ability	10-23	18
Total Science	16-22	18
Average Science GPA		3.50
Average Overall GPA		3.57

2010	Total	In-state	Arkansas	Out-of-State
Applications Received	549	164	85	300
Interviewed	153	82	40	31
Matriculated	80	51	23	6
Tuition		20,200	20,200	47,810