

California State University, Northridge

What Courses do I need to go to Dental School?

Number of Dental Schools in US: 67

Number of Dental Schools in California: 6

Application Service/Opening Date: AADSAS: **Opens in May every year**

CSUN COURSES REQUIRED FOR DENTAL SCHOOL (C or better)

See the Pre-Health Advisor in the Biology Advising office for help with planning these courses.

Biology major is the best fit for these courses, but any major is acceptable as long as these courses are taken as well.

Chemistry: 100, taken at CSUN only (or CPT), 101/L, 102/L, 333/L, 334/L, 464
(must be taken in sequential order)

Math: 140 (Statistics, suggested for DAT)
102 + 105 (Pre-Calc I & II)
OR 106 (Mathematical Foundations)
OR AP Calc (Score 4 or 5)

- Only 2 of US Medical Schools require Calculus: Math 255A or 150A
- No California Dental Schools require Calculus

Biology: 106/L, 107/L, 380

- Some schools (outside Calif) require Anatomy, Physiology & Microbiology

Physics: 100A/L, 100B/L
OR 220A/L, 220B/L

General Education Courses: Analytical Reading/Expository Writing: ANY COURSE
AND ENGL 215, 255, 300, 306, 364, 311, 371 (CHOOSE ONE)
PSY 150

DAT Exam:

- For most schools, must be taken no later than October of the year you are applying to dental school.
- It is suggested to take the exam in late Spring/early Summer of the year you are applying.
- Students typically spend 4-6 months and 400 hours preparing for the DAT. (SEE DAT PREP SHEET.)
- Scores range from 1 – 30 on several sections (Biology, General Chemistry, Organic Chemistry, Reading Comprehension, Math, Perceptual Ability, Total Science, Academic Average).
- The average DAT score of admitted students is 20 in each section.

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LINKS TO LOCAL DENTAL SCHOOL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

USC-Ostrow: <https://dentistry.usc.edu/programs/dds/admission/>

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

UC Los Angeles: <https://www.dentistry.ucla.edu/learning/pre-requisites-requirements-admission>

UC San Francisco: <https://dentistry.ucsf.edu/programs/dds/admissions/prerequisites>

University of the Pacific-Dugoni: <https://www.dental.pacific.edu/academic-programs/doctor-of-dental-surgery/dds-admissions-requirements>

Western University:

<https://prospective.westernu.edu/dentistry/dmd/requirements/#prerequisite-courses>

Arizona School of Dentistry & Oral Health:

https://www.atsu.edu/asdoh/programs/dental_medicine/prerequisite_courses.htm

Midwestern University-Arizona: <https://www.midwestern.edu/admissions/apply/doctor-of-dental-medicine-in-glendale.xml>

Roseman University-Utah: <https://dental.roseman.edu/doctor-dental-medicine-dmd/admissions/academic-preparation-requirements/>

University of Nevada, Las Vegas: <https://www.unlv.edu/dental/faq>

ONLINE RESOURCES FOR MORE ADMISSIONS INFORMATION:

ADEA Dental School Explorer: <https://dentalschoolexplorer.adea.org>