

DENTISTRY PROGRAM

UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER

MEMPHIS, TN

This is a four-year program that leads to a Doctor of Dental Surgery. The Admissions Committee selects the applicants it considers best qualified for the study and practice of dentistry from the pool of applicants who meet the basic requirements.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS AND PREREQUISITES FOR UT MEMPHIS:

Requirements and Prerequisites	Corresponding FHU Courses	Total Hours
General Biology I & II	BIO111 & 112	8
General Chemistry I & II	CHE121/121L & 122/122L	8
Other Biology	BIO211, 212, 215 or 312	4
Organic Chemistry I & II	CHE321 & 322	8
Biochemistry (Lecture & Lab)	CHE331	4
General Physics I & II	PHS201 & 202	8
English Composition	ENG101 & 102	6
Electives*		53
Total Credits To Be Considered For Admission		97

Grades less than "C" in required courses are not acceptable at UT Memphis. Required courses earning grades less than "C" must be retaken. No online courses will be accepted for prerequisites.

OTHER RECOMMENDED ELECTIVE COURSES:

*Elective courses may be chosen from the following: Genetics, Comparative Anatomy, Embryology, Cell Biology, Histology, Microbiology, Molecular Biology, and Physiology.

*Non-science electives may be chosen from: Philosophy, Psychology, Business Administration, Economics, Public Speaking, Computer Science, and courses in the social sciences.

IS A DEGREE REQUIRED? _____YES ☒ NO (COMMENTS ABOUT TRENDS)

Three years of college work (90 hours) will be necessary to complete the requirements for UT Memphis. UT Memphis prefers that a four-year degree be completed. The vast majority of those accepted have completed a baccalaureate degree.

IS CLINICAL EXPERIENCE REQUIRED OR HELPFUL? IF SO, HOW MANY HOURS?

Not required but considered by the admissions committee. In order to be competitive, the applicant should have observation and volunteering hours to report to the admissions committee.

AVERAGE GPA OF LAST ENTERING CLASS:

A minimum GPA of 2.75 is expected. Prospective applicants should strive to maintain a prescribed and cumulative grade point average well above a 3.00, but GPA scores are generally competitive at 3.5 or higher.

REQUIRED ENTRANCE EXAM:

The Dental Admissions Test is required. It should be taken no later than November 30 preceding the year of desired admission. The DAT can only be taken three (3) times. As of March 2025, the DAT is shifting from a 2 digit to a 3 digit score. The DAT examines applicants in four (4) sections: natural sciences, perceptual ability, reading comprehension, and quantitative reasoning. Scores received in these areas will also be averaged resulting in two additional scores for Science and Academics for a total of eight scores. Scores in each area may range from 200-600 points. An applicant with a DAT Academic Average score of 400 points or better will be considered competitive and may be asked for an interview.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: November 30 preceding the year of anticipated entry

DENTISTRY PROGRAM
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE
Louisville, KY

This is a four-year program that leads to a Doctor of Dental Surgery. The Admissions Committee selects the applicants it considers best qualified for the study and practice of dentistry from the pool of applicants who meet the basic requirements. Sixty percent of your score is based on overall GPA, Science & math GPA and DAT scores. The other forty percent is based on the recommendation letters and your interview.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS AND PREREQUISITES FOR Louisville:

Requirements and Prerequisites**	Corresponding FHU Courses	Total Hours
General Chemistry I & II	CHE121/121L & 122/122L	8
Organic Chemistry I & II	CHE321 & 322	8
General Physics I	PHS201	4
Biology* (minimum)	BIO111, 112, 211, 212, 215	16
Biochemistry	CHE331	4
Total Hours Required to Matriculate		90

*Recommendations: Cell & Molecular Biology, Genetics, Histology, Microbiology, Immunology, or other upper level human biology courses.

Grades less than "C" in required courses are not acceptable. Required courses earning grades less than "C" must be retaken.

** Applicants must have completed at least 60 undergraduate semester hours before applying.

IS A DEGREE REQUIRED? _____ YES X NO

Three years of college work (90 hours) will be necessary to complete the requirements for Louisville. However, the vast majority of those accepted have completed a baccalaureate degree.

IS CLINICAL EXPERIENCE REQUIRED OR HELPFUL? IF SO, HOW MANY HOURS?

Applicants are required to demonstrate, at the time of application, a minimum of 40 hours of dental observation/shadowing in a general dentistry setting. Applicants should consider observing in a variety of general dentistry settings.

REQUIRED ENTRANCE EXAM:

The Dental Admissions Test is required. It should be taken no later than November 30 preceding the year of desired admission. The DAT can only be taken three (3) times. Scores cannot be more than 2 years old. All applicants are required to complete Casper as part of the application. Casper is an online assessment that measure different competencies and attributes that we believe are important for our students. This assessment complements the other tools that we use for application review. In implementing Casper, we are trying to further enhance fairness and objectivity in our selection process. Applicants must complete Casper prior to application review and evaluation. To complete Casper, visit <https://acuityinsights.app/casper>. Note: we do not require Duet.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: January 1 of the year of anticipated entry, but earlier applications (fall prior to matriculation year) are better.

DENTISTRY PROGRAM
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA BIRMINGHAM
Birmingham, AL

This is a four-year program that leads to a Doctor of Dental Surgery. The Admissions Committee selects the applicants it considers best qualified for the study and practice of dentistry from the pool of applicants who meet the basic requirements.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS AND PREREQUISITES FOR UAB:

Requirements and Prerequisites	Corresponding FHU Courses	Total Hours
General Chemistry I & II	CHE121/121L & 122/122L	8
Organic Chemistry I & II**	CHE321 & 322	8
Physics I & II	PHA201 & 202	8
Biology*	BIO111, 112, & another BIO	12
Calculus I	MAT122	5
Additional Upper Division Math	MATXXX	3+
Nonscience Courses***	Any courses	30

*Twelve semester hours of general biology or zoology. Additional upper-level human/animal biology courses are recommended. These courses may include cell biology, A&P, embryology, histology, immunology, microbiology, and others.

**Biochemistry is highly recommended in addition to the other 16 chemistry hours.

*** The requirement that at least 30 semester hours of non-science coursework be included in the pre dental program of study assures a broad general education which is the best preparation for a career in dentistry. Such non-science courses as English (six semester hours) and courses in the social sciences and humanities are recommended strongly to meet this requirement. Courses to enhance manual dexterity (sculpting, painting, etc.) also are encouraged. Physical education, military science, and similar courses are not acceptable as part of the minimum non-science requirements.

IS A DEGREE REQUIRED? _____ YES X NO

Three years of college work (90 hours) will be necessary to complete the requirements, however this applicant would not be competitive against recent applicant groups.

IS CLINICAL EXPERIENCE REQUIRED OR HELPFUL? IF SO, HOW MANY HOURS?

Not required but considered by the admissions committee. We do not have a specific number of shadowing hours however any dental experience is useful in helping to determine whether this is a good career choice. It is important for the applicant to observe in several dental offices to get a real feel for what the profession involves.

AVERAGE GPA OF LAST ENTERING CLASS:

Overall GPA: 3.78

Applicants should strive to maintain a GPA well above 3.00 to be competitive.

REQUIRED ENTRANCE EXAM:

The Dental Admissions Test is required. It should be taken no later than November 30 preceding the year of desired admission. The DAT can only be taken three (3) times. DAT must have been taken in the last three years.

**DENTISTRY PROGRAM
UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY
Lexington, KY**

This is a four-year program that leads to a Doctor of Medical Dentistry. The Admissions Committee selects the applicants it considers best qualified for the study and practice of dentistry from the pool of applicants who meet the basic requirements.

UK Requirements and Prerequisites	Corresponding FHU Courses	Total Hours
General Chemistry I & II	CHE121/121L & 122/122L	8
Organic Chemistry I & II	CHE321 & 322	8
Physics I	PHA201	4
Biology	BIO111 & 112	8
English Composition I & II	ENG1010 & 102	6
Microbiology	BIO215	4
Biochemistry I	CHE 331	5

Applicants are encouraged to take additional basic science courses. Examples of courses that will be helpful include anatomy (human), biochemistry, cell biology, embryology, genetics, histology, immunology, molecular biology, and physiology (animal and/or human) but only after degree requirements have been completed. An applicant's curriculum will be enriched if it also includes courses in the social sciences, history, literature, economics, philosophy, and psychology.

IS A DEGREE REQUIRED? _____ **YES** X **NO (COMMENTS ABOUT TRENDS)**

Three years of college work (90 hours) will be necessary with the requirements; however this applicant would not be competitive against recent applicant groups.

IS CLINICAL EXPERIENCE REQUIRED OR HELPFUL? IF SO, HOW MANY HOURS?

At least 50 hours of shadowing experience are highly recommended to be a strong candidate.

REQUIRED ENTRANCE EXAM:

The Dental Admissions Test is required. We encourage applicants to submit their applications as early as possible, even without a DAT score, as this will allow a preliminary review of the application. The DAT can only be taken three (3) times.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: The deadline is typically October 15.