

## *So, You want to be a Dentist!*

**Check out these Websites:**      [www.ada.org](http://www.ada.org)      [www.adea.org](http://www.adea.org)

**General Prerequisite Courses:**

2 semesters of general chemistry with labs  
2 semesters of organic chemistry with labs  
2 semesters of general biology with labs  
2 semesters of physics with labs

**Recommended courses:**

Genetics  
Microbiology  
Biochemistry  
Psychology  
Immunology

**The “Other” Factors:**

- Minimum science GPA of 3.0 (average ~3.4)
- Entrance Exam: DAT (Dental Admissions Test)  
Average DAT score ~18
- Volunteering/observing/shadowing
- Fine motor skills
- Leadership skills
- 3 letters of recommendation are required, one from the Pre-Health Professions committee is recommended sent directly to AADSAS.
- State of Residency

**The Application:**

- All pre-dent students should apply in the summer between their Junior and senior year.
- You should take the DAT in the spring of your junior year. The DAT is given on computer at Sylvan Learning Centers almost everyday of the year. However, once you take the DAT, you must wait a minimum of 90 days to retake it.
- Most schools require application through the American Association of Dental Schools Application Service (AADSAS)

**Pre-Health Professions Office at FAU:**

**All pre-health students are encouraged to read the Pre-Health Professions Handbook, located online at: [www.science.fau.edu/preprof.htm](http://www.science.fau.edu/preprof.htm)**

You will want to seek out the services of the Pre-Health Professions Office. The office is set up to assist FAU students in obtaining admission to the Health Professions School of your choice. However, it is YOUR responsibility to ensure that you are well qualified for admissions. The Pre-Health Professions Office is located in the Science and Engineering building at FAU, Room 234. You must be a junior to set up a folder with the office.

## Dental Schools

### U.S. Dental Schools

University of Alabama  
A.T. Still University  
University of the Pacific  
University of California, San Francisco  
University of California, Los Angeles  
University of Southern California  
Loma Linda University  
University of Colorado  
University of Connecticut  
Howard University  
Medical College of Georgia  
Southern Illinois University  
University of Illinois  
Indiana University  
University of Iowa  
University of Kentucky  
University of Louisville  
Louisiana State University  
University of Maryland  
Harvard School of Dental Medicine  
Boston University  
Tufts University  
University of Detroit-Mercy  
University of Michigan  
University of Minnesota  
University of Mississippi  
University of Missouri, Kansas City  
Creighton University  
University of Nebraska  
UMDNJ  
Columbia University  
New York University  
SUNY, Stony Brook  
SUNY, Buffalo  
University of Nevada at Las Vegas

University of North Carolina  
Ohio State University  
Case Western Reserve University  
University of Oklahoma  
Oregon Health Science Center  
Temple University  
University of Pennsylvania  
University of Pittsburgh  
Medical University of South Carolina  
Meharry Medical College  
University of Tennessee  
Baylor College of Dentistry  
University of Texas, Houston  
University of Texas, San Antonio  
Virginia Commonwealth University  
University of Washington  
West Virginia University  
Marquette University  
University of Puerto Rico

### **Canadian Dental Schools:**

University of Saskatchewan  
University of Alberta  
University of British Columbia  
University of Manitoba  
Dalhousie University  
University of Toronto  
University of Western Ontario  
McGill University  
University of Montreal  
University of Laval

### **Florida Dental Schools:**

University of Florida  
Nova Southeastern University