**Doctor of Dental Surgery**

**2021-2022 Admission Requirements**

**Program Details:** The Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) is an accredited four-year degree program. At least two pre-dental years at university are required before admission to this program. The program is comprised of an integrated curriculum, studying anatomical, physiologic, and health systems including lectures, laboratories, seminars and clinical practice.

**Quota:** Enrolment is limited to an annual quota of 30 students. Of the 30 positions available, 27 are reserved for Alberta residents, and up to 3 are available for non-Alberta residents. No non-resident shall be admitted to the DDS Program who is less qualified than any Alberta resident who is denied admission to that Program. Besides the regular quota positions, an additional position per year is available in the DDS program for a qualified student of Aboriginal identity.

**Minimum Standards:** In order to be competitive, applicants must present a minimum OGPA of 3.5 in their university studies. Students with an OGPA of less than 3.5 will not be considered for admission. For applicants who have completed four or more years of full-time transferable postsecondary work, the cumulative GPA is calculated with the deletion of the lowest Fall/Winter GPA, provided it is not the most recent Fall/Winter or either of the two required years where \*30 was taken during Fall/Winter. To meet minimum Dental Aptitude Test (DAT) requirements, a score of 15 or more must be achieved in each of: Reading Comprehension, Perceptual Ability, and Natural Sciences.

Please note: meeting the minimum standards does not guarantee admission.

**Admission Requirements:**

1. Prerequisite Courses:

The minimum requirement for admission to the DDS Program is the satisfactory completion of \*60 of transferable postsecondary work (10 full-year course equivalents or 20 half-year course equivalents). The minimum course-load requirement is 2 academic years of Fall/Winter semesters with a course-load of \*30 in each year. A Fall/Winter academic year is September to April inclusive.

The pre-professional course requirements are:

* General Chemistry (\*3)
* Organic Chemistry (\*3)
* Biology (\*3) (Biology 107 or equivalent required)
* Microbiology (\*3)
* English (\*6)
* Statistics (\*3)
* Introductory Biochemistry (\*3)
* Human Physiology (\*6) (Physiology 210 or equivalent required)

1. Other Requirements:
2. Dental Aptitude Test: Must be written by the November exam date of the year prior to the year admission is sought. The DAT must have been written within the last 5 years.
3. Situation Judgment Test (SJT)
4. Personal Experiences
5. Personal Interview:  Interview selection is based on interim transcripts, postsecondary academic record and DAT scores.
6. Personal Statement
7. English Language Requirements: Applicants must meet English requirements as specified in the [University of Alberta Calendar](http://www.registrar.ualberta.ca/calendar) including Spoken English language proficiency.
8. Police Information Check (PIC)
9. Medical Testing and Immunization
10. CPR certification
11. Proof of Residency Status may be required
12. Selection Process:

Selection factors will include, but are not limited to:

* **Overall GPA** is comprised of all transferable postsecondary work completed as a full-time student taken during Fall/Winter or Spring/Summer Terms. For overall GPA calculation full-time study is equivalent to a minimum of \*18 taken during Fall/Winter Terms or \*12 taken during Spring/Summer Terms;
* **Dental Aptitude Test (DAT)** scores - Survey of Natural Sciences (SNS), Perceptual Ability Test (PAT), and Reading Comprehension Test (RCT);
* **SJT results**;
* **Personal Experiences**;  
  Personal Experiences are comprised of five subsections:
* Employment
* Leadership Roles
* Volunteer Work
* Life Experience & Achievements
* Personal Highlights

This gives applicants the opportunity to highlight life experiences that they feel will demonstrate their suitability for the program.

* **Interview score**;  
  A personal interview is required of all competitive applicants annually. Interview selection is based on interim transcripts, post-secondary academic record, DAT scores, SJT results. Applicants who fail to submit the required documents by February 1 cannot be evaluated for interview selection. Competitive applicants will be interviewed to determine if they have the personal qualities necessary for the profession. The interview evaluates an applicant's maturity, motivation, initiative, ability to communicate, personal qualities and interests.
* **Personal Statement**;  
  This statement will allow applicants to respond to specific questions and provide personal information regarding their preparation for and understanding of the dental profession and demonstrate written communication skills.

**Recommended Alberta High School Prerequisites (or equivalent):**

* English Language Arts 30-1
* Biology 30
* Chemistry 30
* Mathematics 30-1
* Physics 30

**Deadlines:**

Application Deadline: November 1

Interim Transcript Deadline: February 1

Final document Deadline: June 15