



## Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry, School of Dentistry, Doctor of Dental Surgery Tip Sheet 2023

### APPLICATION TIMELINE

**Applications Open:** July 1

**Applications Close:** November 1

**Notification of Acceptance:** May-July

### PRE-PROFESSIONAL COURSE REQUIREMENTS

The minimum requirement for admission to the DDS Program is the satisfactory completion of 60 units 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 units in each year. A Fall/Winter academic year is September to April inclusive. The pre-professional course requirements are:

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

### ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

1. Dental Aptitude Test: Must be written by November 15 in the year prior to the year admission is sought. The DAT must have been written within the last 5 years.
2. Situational Judgment Test (Casper): only valid for one year.
3. Personal Experiences
4. Personal Interview: Interview selection is based on interim, postsecondary academic record, DAT scores, and Personal Experiences.
5. Personal Statement
6. English Language Requirements: Applicants must meet English requirements as specified in the University of Alberta Calendar including Spoken English language proficiency.
7. Police Information Check (PIC)

- a. A clear Police Information Check (PIC) is required under the Protection For Persons in Care Act. All students going to any clinical placement or rotation in Alberta are required to complete a PIC (also known as a Criminal Record Check, Security Clearance Check, or Police Clearance), which must include a Vulnerable Sector check. The clinical practice site will determine the criteria for acceptance/denial of a placement.
8. Medical Testing and Immunization
    - a. Complete and fully documented immunization is a program requirement. The Faculty Immunization Clearance Form must be filled out exactly as detailed on the form by an appropriate health care provider with a minimum month and year of all vaccine injections and supporting serology or letters where indicated. It is strongly recommended, where possible, to utilize the University Health Center for your immunization clearance. Appointments can be booked online or by calling 780-492-2612. The vaccination requirements are based on the Alberta Provincial guidelines for HealthCare Students in a Post-Secondary Institution and serology/immunization outside the guidelines is not routinely done or recommended. All immunization records need to be written and legible. Certified translation must be provided for all non-English documentation. Students without acceptable records will be required to complete their primary immunization series which can take many months so early action on this requirement is strongly advised.
  9. CPR certification
    - a. Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Certification (CPR) is required for all students registered in the program. The School will only accept Canadian or American Heart and Stroke: Basic Life Support (BLS) CPR for healthcare providers. No other courses will be accepted to meet the CPR requirement. Students must provide evidence of valid CPR certification at the beginning of each fall term throughout the course of their program. A CPR BLS Provider certificate is valid for one year from the completion date of the course. Online CPR course certifications will NOT be accepted; students must attend an in-person course. Students who do not have current Basic Life Support Provider CPR certification cannot participate in clinical courses. You may visit the Heart and Stroke website to find courses offered in Basic Life Support CPR for healthcare providers.
  10. Proof of Residency Status may be required

## TIPS & TRICKS

### 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 units taken during Fall/Winter Terms or 12 units taken during Spring/Summer Terms;
- **Dental Aptitude Test (DAT)** scores - a minimum score of 15 is required in the each of the following sections: Survey of Natural Sciences (SNS), Perceptual Ability Test (PAT), and Reading Comprehension Test (RCT)
- **Casper results**
- **Personal Experiences**  
Personal Experiences are comprised of four subsections:
  - Employment
  - Leadership and/Volunteer Experiences
  - 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 post-secondary academic record, DAT scores, Casper results, and Personal Experiences. 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.

For applicants who have completed four or more years of full-time transferable post-secondary work, the Overall GPA is calculated with the deletion of the lowest Fall/Winter GPA, provided it is not the most recent Fall/Winter or one of two Fall/Winter where \*30 units were taken.

## ACCEPTING YOUR OFFER

**Notification of Acceptance:** May-July

**Deposit:** Upon notification of acceptance, applicants will be required to confirm their admission and intention to register by submitting a nonrefundable tuition deposit of \$1000 within the time specified in the letter of acceptance. The deposit will be credited toward payment of tuition upon completion of registration.

## AP / IB CREDIT

Visit [uab.ca/ap](http://uab.ca/ap) or [uab.ca/ib](http://uab.ca/ib) for more information about receiving credit for these academic programs.

## ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE

Contact: [admissions@dentistry.ualberta.ca](mailto:admissions@dentistry.ualberta.ca)

## INSTRUCTIONS

Apply online [here](#).

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Submit Personal Experiences forms:** November 1

**Unofficial Transcript including Fall/Winter registration Deadline:** November 15

**Casper Results Deadline:** January 1

**Dental Aptitude Test Results Deadline:** January 15

**Unofficial Transcript including Fall grades and Winter registration Deadline:** February 1

**Final Official Transcripts with Fall/Winter grades Deadline:** June 15

## FAQ

Frequently asked questions can be found [here](#).