Doctor of Dental Surgery

PROGRAM DETAILS

This four-year undergraduate program leads to a Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) degree. At least two pre-professional years of university education are required before admission. The first and second years of the program are comprised of an integrated curriculum, studying anatomical, physiologic, and health systems. The first two years of the program also include the study of Oral Biology, Dental Anatomy, Oral Pathology, and an introduction to the pre-clinical practice of dentistry. The third and fourth years of the program are comprised of lectures, laboratories, seminars and clinical practice.

In addition to clinical practice at the University of Alberta Dental Clinic, students participate in clinics at the Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital, the University of Alberta Hospital, and a satellite dental clinic rotation in Northern Alberta.

QUOTA: The DDS program is limited to 32 students yearly where 29 seats are available for Alberta Residents and up to 3 for non-Alberta Residents.

PRE-PROFESSIONAL COURSE REQUIREMENTS

The minimum requirement for admission to the DDS Program is the satisfactory completion of 60 units of transferable postsecondary work with a minimum overall GPA of 3.3. 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. 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. The pre-professional course requirements are:

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<td>*3 of General Chemistry</td>
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<td>CHEM 261 or 264</td>
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<td>*3 of Cell Biology</td>
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<td>*3 of Microbiology</td>
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<td>*3 of Introductory Biochemistry</td>
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<td>*6 of Human Physiology</td>
<td>PHYSL 210 or PHYSL 212 and 214 or ZOOL 241 and 242</td>
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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 GPA period, provided it is not the most recent full-time period or one of two Fall/Winter where *30 units were taken.

**Note:** Students who have been required to withdraw from any program will not be considered for admission to the Doctor of Dental Surgery program.

### ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- **Dental Aptitude Test (DAT):** 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.
  - Minimum score of **15 out of 30** is required in: Survey of Natural Sciences (SNS), Perceptual Ability Test (PAT), and Reading Comprehension Test (RCT)
- **Casper Test (CSP-10201):** Only valid for the current application year. Typically offered from July to December in the year of application.
- **Personal Experiences:** Employment, leadership and/or volunteer experience, life experience and achievements, and personal highlights. Forms are available following the submission of an application.
- **Personal Interview:** Interview selection is based on DAT scores, and personal experiences. Interview assesses maturity, motivation, initiative, ability to communicate, personal qualities and interests.
- **Personal Statement:** Completed on the same day as the personal interview. The personal statement allows applicants to respond to a specific question and provide personal information regarding their preparation for and understanding of the dental profession, and demonstrate written communication skills.
- **English Language Requirements:** Applicants must meet English requirements as specified in the University of Alberta Calendar including Spoken English language proficiency.

### Post-Acceptance Requirements:

1. **Police Information Check including Vulnerable Sector Check:** To be completed within 6 months of starting the program
2. **Medical Testing and Immunization**
3. **CPR certification:** CPR and Basic Life Saving (BLS) for Healthcare Professionals
4. **Proof of Residency Status may be required**
IMPORTANT DATES

Applications Open: July 1, 2024
Applications Close: November 1, 2024
Notification of Acceptance: May-July, 2025

FAQ + Application Checklist
Frequently asked questions can be found here. Students interested can utilize this Application Checklist to see a summary of all application requirements and deadlines. Apply online here.

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Notification of Acceptance: May-July, 2025

Deposit: Upon notification of acceptance, applicants will be required to confirm their admission and intention to register by submitting a nonrefundable tuition deposit of $1,000 within the time specified in the letter of acceptance. The deposit will be credited toward payment of tuition upon completion of registration.

IMPORTANT DATES

Submit Personal Experiences forms: November 1, 2024
Unofficial Transcript including Fall/Winter registration Deadline: November 15, 2024
Casper Results Deadline: January 2, 2025
Dental Aptitude Test Results Deadline: January 15, 2025
Unofficial Transcript Test Results Deadline: February 1, 2025
Final Official Transcripts with Fall/Winter grades Deadline: June 15, 2025

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