

Doctor of Dental Surgery Admissions Checklist Fall 2027

Applications are accepted between **July 1 – November 1, 2026 11:59 PM MT**

APPLY HERE

The admissions cycle is a year-long process. Applications are submitted in the **year prior** to the Fall term in which admission is sought. **Late applications are not accepted.**

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

All academic requirements must be completed or in progress (enrolled) at the time of application. Transcripts must be received by the deadlines below.

Requirement	Notes
☐ Minimum of 60 units of transferable post-secondary work	10 full-year course equivalents or 20 half-year course equivalents
☐ Two Fall/Winter years with a course load of 30 units in each year	A Fall/Winter academic year is September 1 to April 30 inclusive

Overall GPA (OGPA)

A **minimum OGPA of 3.3** is required for admission. OGPA is **not** used for competitive ranking.

All full-time transferable post-secondary coursework is included.

Full-time study is equivalent to a minimum of:

- 18 units taken during Fall/Winter terms
- 12 units taken during Spring/Summer terms

Grades assigned for Winter 2020 are excluded due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Units obtained during this period will still be considered toward the total units completed.

If you have completed **four** or more years (Fall/Winter or Spring/Summer) of full-time transferable post-secondary work, the lowest GPA year will be excluded, provided it is not:

- The most recent full-time year OR
- One of only two years where 30 units were taken

Required Courses

Upon submission of an application and all required documents, the Registrar's Office will evaluate your coursework to determine if you have met the requirements. Coursework cannot be assessed in advance by email.

University of Alberta courses: a minimum grade of **D** is required

Transfer (non-UofA) courses: a minimum grade of **C-** (or equivalent) is required

Transfer Tools

- [Equivalent course lists](#) for **select** Alberta institutions
- [Transfer Alberta search tool](#) for Alberta institutions
- University of Alberta [Transfer Credit Search tool](#) for all institutions

Note:

- 3 units are equivalent to one half-year course
- 6 units are equivalent to one full-year course or two half-year courses

Course Requirement	Accepted UofA Courses*
☐ General Chemistry (3 units)	CHEM 101 or 103
☐ Organic Chemistry (3 units)	CHEM 261 or 264
☐ Cell Biology (3 units)	BIOL 107
☐ English (6 units)	Any ENGL or WRITE ENGL 150 and WRS are NOT accepted
☐ Statistics (3 units)	STAT 151 or equivalent
☐ Microbiology (3 units)	MICRB 265 or MMI 133
☐ Introductory Biochemistry (3 units)	BIOCH 200
☐ Human Physiology (6 units)	PHYSL 210 or equivalent See uab.ca/dds for more information

* The listed UofA courses are intended to assist prospective applicants in planning their coursework. We are unable to provide a comprehensive list of all courses for all institutions.

PERSONAL EXPERIENCES

Submission of the Personal Experiences forms is **mandatory**. If you do not submit any of the forms by **November 1**, your application will be closed.

By not including any items in a subsection, you will receive a **zero** for that subsection.

For activities that require verification, applicants must provide a regularly monitored email address for someone who can confirm the details provided. **We strongly recommend that you discuss the information you are choosing to include with your verifier and notify them that they will be contacted.** Discrepancies in the information provided may affect your application and eligibility to receive admission. You cannot use yourself as a verifier. When possible, avoid using family members or close friends as verifiers.

Subsection	Maximums	Notes
☐ Employment	3 entries 350 characters per entry	Include a brief description of the responsibilities, time commitment, and total number of <u>verifiable</u> hours Must be verified
☐ Leadership and/or Volunteer Experiences	3 entries 350 characters per entry	Include a brief description of the responsibilities, time commitment, and total number of <u>verifiable</u> hours Must be verified
☐ Life Experiences & Achievements	One entry 2000 characters	Share achievements or experiences that you feel have defined your life and who you are.
☐ Personal Highlights	One entry 1000 characters	Share a life experience where you encountered challenges and describe how you addressed the situation(s). Share an experience that you have not previously addressed in your application, if possible.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Ensure that test results are received by the deadlines below. Applicants must request that the testing agencies send their scores directly to the University of Alberta.

Canadian Dental Aptitude Test (DAT)

Complete the DAT by early December to ensure that your results are received by **January 15**.

Visit www.cda-adc.ca for additional information, important dates, and testing requirements.

If taken more than once, the best set of scores will be used. The DAT must have been written within the last five years for your scores to be considered valid.

Action Items

- ☐ Sign in or Register for a CDA account
 - ☐ Reserve your test at a Prometric test centre
 - ☐ Complete the DAT
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- Confirm that you received a **minimum score of 15** in the following sections:
- ☐ Survey of Natural Sciences (SNS)
 - ☐ Perceptual Ability Test (PAT)
 - ☐ Reading Comprehension Test (RCT)
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Situational Judgment Test (Casper)

Visit [AcuityInsights.app](https://www.acuityinsights.com/app) for additional information, important dates, and testing requirements.

Note: Scores can only be used for the current application period.

Action Items

- ☐ Create an Acuity Insights account
 - ☐ Reserve your test for Casper 2 (CSP-10211)
 - ☐ Complete the Casper test
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SUBMISSION DEADLINES FOR DOCUMENTS

Transcripts are required for all previously and currently attended post-secondary institutions.

Official Transcripts must be sent directly from the issuing institution to the University of Alberta Office of the Registrar.

Applicants are responsible for uploading **unofficial transcripts** and other required documents to their UAlberta Launchpad.

Required Item	Deadline	How to Submit
☐ Personal Experiences forms	November 1	Upload to UAlberta Launchpad
☐ Copy of unofficial transcript(s) including upcoming Fall/Winter course registration	November 15	Upload to UAlberta Launchpad
☐ Official Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) Transcripts, <u>if applicable</u>	January 2	Office of the Registrar
☐ Casper test results	January 2	Sent on your behalf
☐ Dental Aptitude (DAT) results	January 15	Sent on your behalf
☐ Copy of unofficial transcript(s) including Fall grades and Winter registration	February 1	Upload to UAlberta Launchpad
☐ Detailed course descriptions for post-secondary work completed outside of Canada, <u>if applicable</u>	February 1	Upload to UAlberta Launchpad
☐ Official Transcript(s) including current Fall/Winter grades	June 15	Office of the Registrar
☐ Proof of English Language Proficiency and Spoken English Proficiency Requirement, <u>if applicable</u>	June 15	Office of the Registrar

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

Student Services Centre

For assistance with transcripts, course registration, financial support, and more.

uab.ca/ask

Dentistry Admissions

For questions and inquiries. Do not submit documents directly to the admissions office.

admissions.dentistry@ualberta.ca

780-492-1319

Wâpanachakos Indigenous Health Program (WIHP)

For assistance during the admissions process for Indigenous applicants.

[Website](#)

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Office of the Registrar and Student Awards

To submit transcripts and application documents that cannot be uploaded to UAlberta Launchpad.

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