Prerequisite Courses
Doctor of Dental Medicine Program

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<td>Biochemistry, Genetics, Cell Biology, Human Anatomy &amp; Physiology, Microbiology, Calculus 1, Biometrics, Psychology &amp; Conversational Spanish <em>(not required but highly recommended)</em></td>
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- All prerequisites must be completed at a regionally accredited U.S. institution (exceptions will be made on a case-by-case basis) or its equivalent abroad
- All prerequisites must be completed with a grade of “C” or better (a grade of “C-” or lower is not acceptable)
- Prerequisite courses must be designated for baccalaureate credit by the college or university offering the courses
- All prerequisites must be completed by the spring term just prior to matriculation
- Prerequisites will not be satisfied by advanced placement, CLEP or credit for experiential learning
- Prerequisites will not be waived or substituted
- All coursework taken from non-U.S. institutions must be submitted to an approved service for evaluation

**General Biology Qualifier**
- May not be an introductory course
- May include courses such as Biology, Zoology, Anatomy, Physiology, embryology, Endocrinology, Immunology, Cell Biology, Molecular Biology, Histology, etc.

**Organic Chemistry Qualifier**
- May not be an introductory course

**General Physics Qualifier**
- May not be an introductory course

**General or Inorganic Chemistry Qualifier**
- May not be an introductory course

**College English/English Composition Qualifiers**
- Must be a writing or composition course taken from the English department or a course that fulfills the GE writing requirement for your school
- Literature courses may be accepted if they include a writing component
- English as a second language (ESL) courses are not accepted for the English requirement

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Minimum 90 semester or 135 quarter units of undergraduate coursework
- Must be completed by matriculation at a regionally-accredited U.S. or Canadian institution (or its equivalent abroad)

Minimum of 30 hours of dental-related work experience
- Must have a minimum of 30 hours of experience at the time of application (as a dental assistant, dental hygiene, dental laboratory technician and/or observing dentists)
- Work experience may be paid or on a volunteer basis

Dental Admissions Test (DAT)
- DAT scores are valid for three (3) years
- DAT must be taken by October 15th of the year of application
- Official DAT scores must be received before application will be considered
- Canadian DAT scores are not accepted

Letters of Recommendation
- The letters of recommendation requirement may be fulfilled one of two ways:
  - Obtain one (1) letter of recommendation from your undergraduate institution’s pre-professional committee; or
  - Obtain three (3) letters of recommendation
    ▪ Two (2) letters of recommendation from science professors
    ▪ One (1) letter of recommendation from a dentist or another professor

Although not required, having earned a BS or BA will likely strengthen your application
- BS or BA may be in any subject

Proof of Legal U.S. Residency (If Required)
- If you are an international applicant or any other applicant who is not a U.S. citizen and is living in the U.S., you should be prepared to provide proof of legal U.S. residency at the time of interview
- Proof of legal U.S. residency is required prior to any offer of acceptance

Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) (If Required)
- The TOEFL is required for all applicants submitting coursework from foreign schools
- A minimum score of 213 for the Computer-Based or 79 for the Internet-Based test must be submitted at the time of application
- TOEFL scores are valid for two years
- Exceptions:
  - The TOEFL exam will be waived for permanent and temporary residents of the United States who have completed the English prerequisite from an accredited institution in the United States
  - English courses taken from foreign countries whose native language is English will be accepted (e.g., Canada, Australia, Great Britain, New Zealand and the British West Indies)