

# The University of Tennessee Health Science Center College of Dentistry

## Dental School Guide Map

### Recommended Timeline of Courses to Complete

(Degree Requirements/Sequencing may impact ability to strictly follow guide map)\*

First Year	
BIOL 1110/1110L: Principles of Biology I/Lab (4 credit hours)	CHEM 1110/1110L: General Chemistry I/Lab (4 Credit Hours)
BIOL 1120/1120L: Principles of Biology II/Lab (4 credit hours)	CHEM 1120/1120L: General Chemistry II/Lab (4 Credit Hours)
MATH 1130: College Algebra or MATH 1710: Precal I or Math 1720: Precal II or MATH 1730: Combined Precal (3-4 Credit hours)	MATH 1830: Calculus for Mgmt., Life and Social Sciences, or MATH 1950: Calculus I (3-4 Credit hours)
ENGL 1010: Rhetoric and Composition I or ENGL 1011: Rhetoric and Composition I w/Writing Tutorial (3-4 Credit Hours)	ENGL 1020: Rhetoric and Composition II (3 Credit hours)
Second Year	
CHEM 3010/3010L: Organic Chemistry I/Lab (4 Credit Hours)	CHEM 3020/3020L: Organic Chemistry II/Lab (4 Credit Hours)
PHYS 1030/1030L: General Physics - Mechanics and Heat (4 Credit hours)	PHYS 1040/1040L: General Physics - Electromagnetism and Optics (4 Credit hours)
BIOL 2100: Microbiology and Health or BIOL 4220: Principles of Microbiology (4 credit hours)**	
Third Year	
CHEM 4510: Biochemistry (4 credit hours)	BIOL 2060: Functional Human Anatomy (4 Credit hours)**
Take DAT no later than May of third year	
Fourth Year	
BIOL 2080: Human Physiology (4 credit hours) <i>Recommended</i>	BIOL 4710: Histology (4 Credit hours)**
Complete remaining major requirements	
*Students coming in with: transfer credit, AP, Dual Enrollment, other credit, or who opt to take summer courses may have an amended timeline. Please reach out to the Pre-Health Professions Advisor to develop a custom timeline	
** Applicants must complete at least one of these courses to be eligible for admission. For a competitive application successful completion of all 3 are recommended	

### DAT Facts You Need to Know

Cost	Scores*	Reporting	
Registration for DAT: \$475 for the 2020 Testing Year	The average DAT (AA) score for students accepted to dental school in 2018 was 20.5	DAT reg fee covers cost of sending scores to schools listed at time of app	After the DAT is completed, unofficial score report will be received at the testing center
Rescheduling for the DAT 1 to 5 business days prior to test date: \$100	No scores can be voided after any part of the test has been completed. All attempts are reported	\$40 fee for any scores sent after time of DAT application	DAT scores must be posted for ADEA AADSAS to be considered complete
Rescheduling 6- 30 business days prior to test date: \$60 Rescheduling 31 or more business days prior to test date: \$ 25	Scoring ranges from 1 -30. Scores lower than 17 in a section/overall not considered competitive. Scores of 19-20 considered competitive	At least 1 school must be selected at time of application to use score corresponding service	DAT application will list all available schools for scores to be sent to
Limited number of <a href="#">fee waivers available</a> . Covers 50% of DAT fee, does not cover fees associated with rescheduling or score reporting after the application. Granted beginning Jan. 1	Schools provided with a composite score, a scaled score factoring performance on all the sections. Not an average of the scores, an evaluation of performance on the entire test	Official scores are electronically sent to all schools listed at time of app w/in 3-4 weeks after test completion	School recipient list can not be edited once submitted. If additional schools need to be added after app is filled out, <a href="#">score report request form</a> must be submitted

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## Timeline – Freshman and Sophomore Year

<i>Year 1 Classes</i>	<i>Year 1 Experience</i>	<i>Year 2 Classes</i>	<i>Year 2 Experience</i>
Complete course sequences: General Chemistry, General Biology, English Composition, Algebra/Calculus (ready for PHYS)	Join clubs/get involved, begin working with PHPA to identify areas to develop. Locate dentists to shadow	Complete: Organic Chemistry sequence, Physics, and BIOL 2100 or 4220	Begin taking on leadership opportunities, sign up for committee work, and help organize events and participate in activities. Work with PHPA on personal statement and participate in DAT prep. Identify recommenders and finalize your schools of choice. Begin shadowing

## Timeline – Junior Year, Senior Year, and Acceptance

<i>Year 3 Classes</i>	<i>Year 3 Experience</i>	<i>Year 4 Class</i>	<i>Year 4- Experience</i>	<i>Dental Shadowing</i>
Complete: Biochemistry, BIOL 2080 and BIOL 2060	Study for DAT(Fall/Spring) term, register for DAT to take no later than May. Finalize shadowing hours. Begin gathering your materials for AADSAS and submit application	Complete: BIOL 4710 and remaining degree requirements	Prepare for interviews, and begin preparing your financial aid applications	Minimum of 50 hours shadowing under a general dentist is required. Additional hours are encouraged

## Application Breakdown

Application-Step 1- Gather your Materials and Determine your Eligibility			
DAT	Residency Requirements	Degree Requirements	Letters of Recommendation
Applicants may only take the DAT 3 times, scores below a 17 will not be competitive. Average score for incoming class was 20.1. Applications will not be reviewed without completed DAT scores uploaded to AADSAS	Must be US citizen or permanent resident to apply to be eligible to apply. State residency is determined by permanent address at time of application	The traditional student has a Bachelor's degree, however, it is possible for a well-qualified student to be accepted without one. Applicants must indicate that they have taken or will take all pre-required courses on their application.	Not required for admission but are recommended. Can only be submitted via AADSAS
Application-Step 2 and 3- Fill out and Submit Applications			
Application	Cost	GPA	
AADSAS application required. Opens June 1 and closes September 1	\$251 for initial application/school, \$108 fee for each additional	2.75 min to apply, however, students who are below a 3.5 will not be seen as competitive. Competitive GPA for FA 2019 incoming class 3.62	
Application-Step 4 and 5- Interview and Decision			
Interview	Acceptance	Alternate	Denial
By invitation. Applicants will usually interview with 3 faculty members and the chair of the admissions committee. Interviews begin as soon as applications are received. All interview spots for the year are often taken by early September	Notification of acceptance begins on December 1. Applicants will be notified in writing	Alternates are notified from December to January as space becomes available.	Unsuccessful applicants will be notified in writing from December to March
** Some schools may have college service fees - check with Records/Registrar's Office of school for more information			