



UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO
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COLLEGE OF LETTERS, ARTS
AND SCIENCES

Pre-Dentistry

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Pre-Professional Program Information:

- ◆ Pre-professional programs offered at UCCS prepare students for candidacy into professional programs offered at other facilities. Completion of pre-requisite coursework does not guarantee acceptance into any professional program.
- ◆ Course requirements are for the University of Colorado programs; other schools may have slightly different requirements. Students should contact other schools of interest for appropriate pre-requisite coursework.
- ◆ Applicants for the Doctorate of Dental Surgery (D.D.S.) program at the University of Colorado School of Dentistry must be able to demonstrate the physical and mental skills that are necessary for rigorous education and training that prepares those successfully completing the program with the knowledge and skills required for the practice of general dentistry.
- ◆ The majority of students accepted to the University of Colorado School of Dentistry has completed at least four years of undergraduate work and has received an undergraduate degree. Students in the pre-dentistry program are advised to choose a major and should plan to graduate with a degree from the College of Letters, Arts and Sciences.

Objectives:

- ◆ The Doctor of Dental Surgery (D.D.S.) will be qualified to diagnose, prevent and treat oral disease.
- ◆ A dentist may choose to work in a public health setting or a private practice or seek additional education to enter specialties within dentistry, such as oral surgery and orthodontics.
- ◆ The Doctor of Dental Surgery (D.D.S.) will be able to:
 - Detect and treat dental disease.
 - Restore teeth/oral tissues
 - Correct oral health problems (crowded teeth, misaligned jaws, etc.).
 - Perform oral surgery.

A minimum of 90 semester hours with at least 30 hours of upper division work should be completed to include the following Prerequisites*:**

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| BIOL 110/111 | General Biology I / Lab |
| BIOL 115/116 | General Biology II / Lab |
| CHEM 103 | General Chemistry I / Lab |
| CHEM 106 | General Chemistry II / Lab |
| CHEM 331/333 | Organic Chemistry I / Lab |
| CHEM 332/334 | Organic Chemistry II / Lab |
| PES 101/115 | Physics for Life Sciences I/Lab |
| PES 102/215 | Physics for Life Sciences II/Lab |
| ENGL 131 | Rhetoric & Writing I |
| English literature or humanities courses – 6 credits | |

Electives: Remainder of the college work should be distributed throughout the humanities and the social, biological, and behavioral sciences.

*AP scores will not be counted for prerequisite coursework, but can count toward total hours. IB and CLEP are not accepted at all.

CO Community Colleges**

BIO 111
BIO 112
CHE 111
CHE 112
No Upper Division Equiv.
No Upper Division Equiv.
PHY 111
PHY 112
ENG 121

** No more than 60 hours of the 90 required hours may be completed at a community or junior college.

**PROGRAM STATISTICS
2005 Entering Class**

**University of Colorado School of Dentistry
Office of Admissions & Student Affairs
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Aurora, CO 80045-0508
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| 1. Applications to Acceptance Ratio: | 22:1 |
| 2. Size of Entering Class: | 50 |
| 3. Mean age of students | 26 |
| 4. Mean DAT score: | 19.3 |
| 5. Average GPA: | 3.7 cum/3.64 science |
| 6. Application Deadline: | January 1 |
| 7. Length & Approximate Cost of Program for Colorado resident: | 4 years/\$85,200 |

MORE USEFUL INFORMATION:

A career in dentistry is attractive to an individual who wants to: 1) help people; 2) has an interest and ability in science; 3) likes the idea of flexibility, hard work and independence that can come from owning one's own business; 4) has good manual dexterity; 5) wants to be part of a profession that has prestige and respect; 6) has an interest in being part of a changing profession that is expanding its scope of services and developing new methods to care for a rapidly aging population; 7) wants security with a comfortable income; 8) and is willing to accept the responsibilities of providing health care.

Women and men of all ethnic groups are encouraged to apply for admission. The School of Dentistry participates in the American Dental Education Association (ADEA). Applications may be obtained from: ADEA, 1625 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Suite 600, Washington, D.C. 20036-2212, by e-mail at aadsas.appl@aads.jhu.edu, by phone at 1-800-353-2237, or online at www.adea.org. Applications may be filed after June 1 of the year preceding admission and all requested material must be received by ADEA on or before December 1 of the entering year. Applications received after that date will not be considered for the succeeding year. Early application is strongly encouraged as acceptances are offered as early as November 1.

Each applicant must complete the Dental Admission Test (DAT) and have the results sent to this school. The computerized test may be taken at anytime during the year. Applicants are encouraged to complete the DAT preferably in the spring, and no later than the fall, of the year preceding anticipated admission. Application to take the test may be obtained from the Dental Admission Testing Program, 211 East Chicago Avenue, Suite 1846, Chicago, Illinois 60611-2678, or call (312) 440-2689.

In addition, the following supplemental materials are required to be sent upon request:

- a. A \$50.00 non-refundable application fee
- b. One official transcript from each college/university attended
- c. Recent photograph (no larger than wallet size), signed
- d. Letters of recommendation from the pre-dental committee OR two letters of recommendation from science instructors and one letter from a non-science instructor
- e. Verification of Colorado Residency Form
- f. Regents Questionnaire