

# PRE-DENTISTRY

The College of Dentistry offers a fully accredited four-year Doctor of Dental Medicine program. The College of Dentistry is considering requiring applicants to have completed a four-year undergraduate degree as a requirement for admission.

Applicants may schedule their pre-dentistry courses as they wish (ie/in the summer) provided a 30-credit hour course load is maintained per academic year.

It is recommended that applicants' program of studies be in the area of the natural sciences.

## Course Requirements

### Pre-Dentistry:

1. BIOC 220
2. BIOC 221
3. BIOL 100
4. BIOL 101
5. CHEM 104
6. CHEM 140
7. KIN 267
8. KIN 268
9. PHYS 109 and 119, or
10. PHYS 111 and 112
11. 2 courses from the Faculty of Arts (humanities or social sciences)
12. 8 open electives

1. Completion of THREE (3) 30 credit unit academic years of university level course work towards the requirements of an undergraduate degree. An academic year is defined as TWO standard academic terms consisting of eight (8) consecutive months (September - April).
2. A cumulative weighted average of 75% over the TWO best academic years of study.
3. Completion of 36 credit units of required pre-dentistry courses (or equivalents) with a minimum overall average of 70%.

### **About Dentistry, University of Saskatchewan:**

The College of Dentistry admission quota is normally 28 applicants with 22 places reserved for Saskatchewan residents and up to 6 places open to all other applicants regardless of residency. For the 2014-2015 intake, the College received 400 applications with a mean Academic Average of 90.66% (including Saskatchewan and non-Saskatchewan resident categories).

The admissions requirements for the College of Dentistry at the University of Saskatchewan have recently changed. Please ensure you review the printable (PDF) copy of the Admissions Guide for 2016-2017 entry and information on the website: [http://www.usask.ca/dentistry/documents/Admissions\\_Guide\\_2016-2017.pdf](http://www.usask.ca/dentistry/documents/Admissions_Guide_2016-2017.pdf)

### **Required Grades and Averages: (following completion of the 3 years of prerequisite courses)**

The overall pre-dentistry average and Academic Average will determine the applicant's eligibility for further admission consideration. All required pre-dentistry courses must be completed by the end of April the year in which admission is sought with an overall average of at least 70% to be eligible. Applicants who have not completed this requirement will not be considered. In addition to completing the specified required pre-dentistry courses, students should choose a program and courses that will lead to an alternate career if dentistry is no longer a viable option.

### **Other Admission Requirements & Selection Criteria:**

Applicants to the dentistry program must take the Dental Aptitude Test (DAT) administered by the Canadian Dental Association. The DAT is conducted on two occasions, November and February each year. The deadline dates for applications are September 15th for the November DAT and January 15th for the February DAT. DAT results older than 3 years are not accepted for admission purposes. If an applicant has taken more than one DAT within this time period, the best overall DAT score will be used for admission purposes. Further information may be obtained from the Canadian Dental Association's website at [www.cda-adc.ca/dat](http://www.cda-adc.ca/dat). To apply as a Saskatchewan resident, applicants normally must have resided in Saskatchewan for at least FOUR years immediately prior to September 1 of the year in which admission is being sought. Visit the College of Dentistry's website for more information.

Interviews are granted based on the academic record as of the deadline date for receipt of applications. Selection is based on the applicant's academic record (that is, the two best full academic years), weighted 65%; the DAT, weighted 15%; and the interview, weighted 20%.

It is the duty of the Admissions Committee to select candidates that have the ability to succeed in the program, the Admissions Committee reserves the right to review the candidate's entire application submission and to deny entry to candidates whose academic background or history indicates a diminished probability of success.

**Deadline for Applications:**

The College of Dentistry accepts on-line applications only from August 1<sup>st</sup> to December 1<sup>st</sup>. You may access the on-line application at [www.usask.ca/dentistry/admissions/apply.php](http://www.usask.ca/dentistry/admissions/apply.php).

**Additional Information:**

Send transcripts to:  
Admissions, Student and Enrolment Services  
University of Saskatchewan  
105 Administration Place  
Saskatoon, SK S7N 5A2

Send DAT scores, completed reference forms, required proof and your biography (if applicable) to:  
Admissions, College of Dentistry  
University of Saskatchewan  
B526 Health Sciences Building  
107 Wiggins Road  
Saskatoon, SK S7N 5E5  
Telephone: toll Free (North America Only): 1-877-DMD-SASK (363-7275), or 306-966-5117  
Fax: 306-966-5126; email: [dentistry.admissions@usask.ca](mailto:dentistry.admissions@usask.ca)  
Web site: [www.usask.ca/dentistry](http://www.usask.ca/dentistry)

**RECOMMENDED COURSE SEQUENCE – Year 1**

Listed below is the course sequence for the requirements of the Pre-Dentistry program.  
This sequence must be followed in order to complete the required courses in three years.

Semester 1	Semester 2
1. BIOL 100* 2. CHEM 104 3. ENGL 100 4. KIN 260 5. Arts elective	6. BIOL 101** 7. CHEM 105** 8. CHEM 140 9. ENGL 110 10. KIN 267

\*BIOL 100 is a Fall and Spring/Summer course

\*\*BIOL 101 and CHEM 105 are usually Winter only courses

**RECOMMENDED COURSE SEQUENCE – Year 2**

Semester 3	Semester 4
11. BIOC 220*** 12. PHYS 109 / 111 13. KIN 268 14. Arts elective 15. Prep degree	16. BIOC 221**** 17. PHYS 119 / 112 18. Prep degree 19. Prep degree 20. Prep degree

\*\*\*BIOC 220 is a Fall only course

\*\*\*\*BIOC 221 is a Winter only course

**RECOMMENDED COURSE SEQUENCE – Year 2**

Semester 5	Semester 6
21. Prep degree 22. Prep degree 23. Prep degree 24. Prep degree 25. Prep degree	26. Prep degree 27. Prep degree 28. Prep degree 29. Prep degree 30. Prep degree

Note: Course requirements are based solely on the University of Saskatchewan requirements, and are subject to change.