

# PRE-DENTISTRY

Dentists are oral health experts. They have the skills, training and expertise to know how the health of your teeth, gums and mouth relate to your general health. Through education, diagnosis and treatment, dentists provide the public with an essential health service. Typical dentists are involved in prevention/public education, detection and management of oral conditions, aesthetic improvements, restoration, correction, reconstruction, and oral surgery.

## REQUIRED PRE-REQUISITE UNIVERSITY COURSES

The College of Dentistry at the University of Saskatchewan offers a fully accredited four-year **Doctor of Dental Medicine (DDM)** program. Students are required to complete 3-years (90-credit hours) of university study and must ensure that 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 as there are some required courses that students must complete for admission purposes. Students can complete the 90 credit hours of Pre-Dentistry of study at the University of Regina.

CREDIT HOURS	REQUIRED COURSES
6.0	BIOL 100 and 101
3.0	BIOL 224
9.0	CHEM 104*, 105, and 140
6.0	BIOC 220 and 221
9.0	KIN 260, 267, and 268 or
3.0	KIN 275
6.0	PHYS 109 and 119
6.0	2 Courses from the Faculty of Arts (humanities or social sciences)
42.0	14 Open Electives and/or Prep Degree Courses
<b>90.0</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

\*CHEM 104 requires CHEM 30 (at least 65%) or CHEM 100 (minimum 65%) AND PRE-CALC 30 (minimum 65%) or MATH 102.

**NOTE:** The exact number of electives may vary depending upon the course selection above. It is suggested that students consider some courses that emphasize manual dexterity, such as ceramics.

## MISSING YOUR CHEM 30?

Students who are missing this requirement can either upgrade their CHEM 30 at the Allan Blakeney Adult Campus, SaskPolytechnic, or take CHEM 100 at the U of R prior to starting in CHEM 104.

## ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

1. Completion of THREE 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 39 credit units of required pre-dentistry courses (or equivalents) with a minimum overall average of 70%.

Applicants must maintain BOTH of the following conditions for any course work during the year of application: a minimum overall academic average of at least 75% AND a minimum 70% average on any pre-requisite course.

## DENTAL APTITUDE TEST (DAT)

All applicants are required to take the Dental Aptitude Test (DAT) administered by the Canadian Dental Association.

- The Canadian DAT is offered twice per year (February and November).
- Results are valid for a period of three (3) years up to November of the year of application. Valid DAT scores for admission for 2021-2022 include the period of February 2018 to November 2020.
- If an applicant has taken the DAT more than once, the single best overall score will be used.

Applicants must achieve the following in their best DAT score:

- A minimum Academic Average score of 15 and
- A minimum Perceptual Ability score of 14 and
- A minimum Reading Comprehension score of 14

Over the past three years, the minimum accepted DAT averages for Saskatchewan applicants considered for an interview were:

- 17.33 (2018)
- 17.00 (2017)
- 17.67 (2016)

## CASPer TEST

CASPer is an online situational judgement test used by the College of Dentistry to assist in the assessment of applicants for non-academic attributes or people skills. The CASPer test is comprised on 12 sections of video and written scenarios.

## INTERVIEW

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%. Courses taken during the application year will NOT be included in academic average calculation.

The interview is conducted using the multiple mini interview (MMI) format. The MMI is used to assess the personal traits that we are looking for in our applicants to the DDM program. Each mini interview provides an applicant with two minutes to read a question/scenario and mentally prepare before entering the interview room. Upon entering, the applicant has eight minutes of dialogue with one assessor (or, in some cases, a third party as the assessor observes). At the conclusion of the interview, the applicant moves to the next scenario and the assessor completes the evaluation form. This pattern is repeated through a circuit of multiple stations, with the typical MMI taking approximately 90-120 minutes, depending on the number of stations included.



### 34 SEATS AVAILABLE FOR ADMISSION

Saskatchewan Residents - 22  
Non-Saskatchewan Residents - 12



### 2017-18 DENTISTRY ADMISSION STATS

Admission Average: 81.15%-95.50%  
DAT Score: 20.56 (overall); 20.13 (SK)

## RECOMMENDED COURSE SEQUENCING

### YEAR 1

Listed below is the recommended 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
BIOL 100* CHEM 104 ENGL 100 KIN 260 Arts Elective	BIOL 101** CHEM 105** CHEM 140 ENGL 110 KIN 267

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

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

### YEAR 2

### YEAR 3

SEMESTER 1	SEMESTER 2	SEMESTER 1	SEMESTER 2
BIOC 220*** PHYS 109 KIN 268 BIOL 224 Arts Elective	BIOC 221*** PHYS 119 KIN 275 Prep Degree Prep Degree	Prep Degree Prep Degree Prep Degree Prep Degree Prep Degree	Prep Degree Prep Degree Prep Degree Prep Degree Prep Degree

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

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

**Prep Degree Definition:** Professional Programs expect that while completing admission requirements, students are working towards an undergraduate degree program. This is what we call a prep degree! Question to ask yourself - what is your plan B? Choose something you like and that you are good at! For more information on how to align your goals and your interests, please connect with an academic advisor.

**Note:** Course requirements are based solely on the Doctor of Dental Medicine admission requirements at USask, and are subject to change.

## WANT TO KNOW MORE? CONTACT US!



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