



# PRE-DENTAL INFORMATION

Specialty	Average Salary
Dentists (All)	\$214,000
General Practitioners	\$160,000
Independent Dentists	\$173,000
Specialists	\$240,000
Oral Surgery	\$220,000
Orthodontics	\$187,000
Endodontics	\$170,000
Periodontics	\$170,000

SOURCES: ExploreHealthCareers.org  
HealthCareSalaryWorld.com

## WKU COURSES FOR PRE-DENT EMPHASIS\*

BIOL 120/121 Biological Concepts I (4)  
 BIOL 122/123 Biological Concepts II (4)  
 BIOL 226/227 Microbial Biology & Diversity (4)  
 or  
 BIOL 207/208 General Microbiology (4)  
 BIOL/CHEM 446/447 Biochemistry I (5)

CHEM 120/121 College Chemistry I (5)  
 CHEM 222/223 College Chemistry II (5)  
 CHEM 340/341 Organic Chemistry I (5)  
 CHEM 342/343 Organic Chemistry II (5)

PHYS 231/232 Physics & Biophysics I (4)  
 Note: A few schools still require Calculus.

Courses that will assist in DAT preparation and your first 2 years in dental school include: Animal Biology, Animal Physiology, Cell/Molecular Biology, Genetics, Cell Biology, Histology, Comparative Anatomy, and Immunology.

The Bachelor's Degree requires 120 hours. The major + minor must total at least 54 hours (48 unduplicated). A student may opt for a 48 major with no minor.

\* "Pre-Dent" is not a major, but is a concentration.

## WHAT DO DENTAL SCHOOLS EVALUATE?

- Academic Record
- DAT Score
- Letter of Evaluation (Advisory Committee)
- Personal Statement (AADSAS Application)
- Experience
- Interview

Check out [www.adea.org](http://www.adea.org) [www.asdanet.org](http://www.asdanet.org)  
 and  
<http://www.wku.edu/wkuhpa>  
 for more info on pre-dent and dental school



## APPLICATION TIMETABLE

Study for the DAT	Now! At least 6 months prior to attempting the test. Preparation is essential.
Register for the DAT	Register early (60-90 days prior) for the date and location you desire (seats are limited). <b>Cost, \$460.</b>
DAT	May, June or July, 1 year prior to matriculation in dental school.
AADSAS Online App.	Primary application to dental school, you may begin working on it in June, and should be submitted July 1 <sup>st</sup> or shortly thereafter. <b>Cost, \$245 + \$102/school.</b>
Pre-Dental Eval Committee	After you complete your application, contact your advisor.
Secondary Applications	Submit as soon as you can adequately complete.
Interviews	As early as late August, as late as March or April.
Acceptances	As early as December 1st and as late as the day before classes begin.

## OTHER INFORMATION

- There are 66 accredited dental schools in the U.S and Puerto Rico
- Your DAT scores are printed out for you at the Thompson Prometric Test Center before you leave.
- Scholarships and other forms of Financial Aid are available, most students take out loans
- Get some experience, volunteer, shadow and/or work in a dental setting
- Join the pre-Dental Club and Alpha Epsilon Delta, the pre-health professions honor society

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