

Dental School Application Timeline

This timeline is intended to act as a guide for students. Specific dates and timelines are program-dependent. Students are encouraged to begin application planning two years prior to their intended matriculation date.

Preparing to Apply (September - May)

- Develop and finalize a list of dental schools
- Request letters of recommendation
- Study for the DAT
- Begin drafting personal statement
- Begin gathering application materials

Apply (June - August)

- Take the DAT
 - Plan testing date around completion of pre-dentistry coursework, especially Organic Chemistry
 - Plan to take the exam no later than July
- Submit primary applications
 - ADEA AADSAS
- Submit secondary applications or additional materials, as required by individual programs

Interviews (Fall - Winter)

- Monitor email for interview information
- Prepare for and attend interviews

Admissions Decisions are Sent (Fall - Spring)

- Monitor application portals and email for admissions decisions
- Complete required next steps for accepted programs

Important: Many dental schools have rolling admissions. Applications are reviewed as they are received, so submitting applications as early as possible is encouraged.