

## Doctor of Dental Surgery

### PROGRAM DETAILS

This four-year undergraduate program leads to a Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) degree. At least two pre-professional years of university education are required before admission. The first and second years of the program are comprised of an integrated curriculum, studying anatomical, physiologic, and health systems. The first two years of the program also include the study of Oral Biology, Dental Anatomy, Oral Pathology, and an introduction to the pre-clinical practice of dentistry. The third and fourth years of the program are comprised of lectures, laboratories, seminars and clinical practice

In addition to clinical practice at the University of Alberta Dental Clinic, students participate in clinics at the Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital, the University of Alberta Hospital, and a satellite dental clinic rotation in Northern Alberta.

**QUOTA:** The DDS program is limited to 32 students yearly where 29 seats are available for Alberta Residents and up to 3 for non-Alberta Residents. This includes international applicants on student visas. No limitation on the number of seats for qualified Indigenous applicants.

### PRE-PROFESSIONAL COURSE REQUIREMENTS

The minimum requirement for admission to the DDS Program is the satisfactory completion of 60 units of transferable postsecondary work. The minimum course-load requirement is 2 academic years of Fall/Winter semesters with a course-load of 30 units in each year. A Fall/Winter academic year is September to April inclusive. The pre-professional course requirements are:

Course Requirement	Accepted UAlberta Courses
*3 of General Chemistry	CHEM 101 <u>or</u> 103
*3 of Organic Chemistry	CHEM 261 <u>or</u> 264
*3 of Cell Biology	BIOL 107
*3 of Microbiology	MICRB 265 <u>or</u> MMI 133
*6 of English	Any ENGL or WRITE ENGL 150 and WRS are NOT accepted
*3 of Statistics	STAT 151 <u>or</u> equivalent

*3 of Introductory Biochemistry	BIOCH 200
*6 of Human Physiology	PHYSL 210 <u>or</u> equivalent

Applicants must present a minimum Overall GPA (OGPA) of 3.3 (**OGPA will not be assessed competitively, and students only need to meet the minimum**). OGPA is comprised of all transferable postsecondary work completed as a full-time student. Full-time study is equivalent to a minimum of 18 units taken during Fall/Winter terms or 12 units taken during Spring/Summer terms. For applicants who have completed four or more years of full-time transferable post-secondary work, the Overall GPA is calculated with the deletion of the lowest GPA period, provided it is not the most recent full-time period or one of two Fall/Winter where 30 units were taken.

**Note:** Students who have been required to withdraw from any program will not be considered for admission to the Doctor of Dental Surgery program.

## ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- **Dental Aptitude Test (DAT):** recommend writing by **early December** in the year prior to the year admission is sought. The DAT must have been written within the last 5 years.
  - Minimum score of **15 out of 30** is required in: Survey of Natural Sciences (SNS), Perceptual Ability Test (PAT), and Reading Comprehension Test (RCT)
- **Casper Test (Casper 2 (CSP-10211)):** Only valid for the current application year. Typically offered from July to December in the year of application.
- **Personal Experiences:** Employment, leadership and/or volunteer experience, life experience and achievements, and personal highlights. Forms are available following the submission of an application.
- **Personal Interview:** Interview selection is based on DAT scores, Casper test results, and personal experiences. Interviews assess maturity, motivation, initiative, ability to communicate, personal qualities and interests.
- **Personal Statement:** Completed on the same day as the personal interview. The personal statement allows applicants to respond to a specific question and provide personal information regarding their preparation for and understanding of the dental profession, and demonstrate written communication skills
- **English Language Requirements:** Applicants must meet English requirements as specified in the [University of Alberta Calendar](#) including Spoken English language proficiency.

## Post-Acceptance Requirements:

1. **Police Information Check including Vulnerable Sector Check:** To be completed within 6 months of starting the program
2. **Medical Testing and Immunization**
3. **CPR certification:** CPR and Basic Life Saving (BLS) for Healthcare Professionals
4. **Proof of Residency Status may be required**

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Applications Open:** July 1, 2026

**Applications Close:** November 1, 2026

**Notification of Acceptance:** May-July, 2027

## FAQ + Application Checklist

Frequently asked questions can be found [here](#). Students interested can utilize this [Application Checklist](#) to see a summary of all application requirements and deadlines. Apply online [here](#).

## ACCEPTING YOUR OFFER

**Notification of Acceptance:** May-July, 2027

**Deposit:** Upon notification of acceptance, applicants will be required to confirm their admission and intention to register by submitting a nonrefundable tuition deposit of \$1,000 within the time specified in the letter of acceptance. The deposit will be credited toward payment of tuition upon completion of registration.

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**Submit Personal Experiences forms:** November 1, 2026

**Unofficial Transcript including Fall/Winter registration Deadline:** November 15, 2026

**Casper Results Deadline:** January 2, 2027

**Dental Aptitude Test Results Deadline:** January 15, 2027

**Unofficial Transcript including Fall grades and Winter registration Deadline:** February 1, 2027

**Final Official Transcripts with Fall/Winter grades Deadline:** June 15, 2027

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