ADEA AADSAS Application Walkthrough

2024-2025 Application Cycle
May 14, 2024-February 7, 2025
What is ADEA AADSAS?

- The ADEA Associated American Dental Schools Application Service (ADEA AADSAS®) simplifies the process of applying to dental programs. You start by selecting the programs you wish to apply to, then you submit one application that includes all necessary materials. Once received by ADEA AADSAS, your application and materials go through a verification process before being transmitted to your selected programs. Click here to start your application.
Prior to the Start of the Application Process:

- Research **programs** you wish to apply to. Pay special attention to:
  - **Cycle dates** and deadline requirements. In some instances, the individual program’s deadline may differ from the application’s cycle dates.
  - **Application fees**. ADEA AADSAS charges $264 for the first program you apply to and $115 for each additional program. Some programs may have a supplemental fee; contact your programs to learn if they require this and how to pay it.
  - Evaluation requirements.
  - Minimum requirements, including prerequisites, standardized test scores, supplemental applications, foreign evaluations, etc.

- Utilize the [ADEA Dental School Explorer](#) online to find out information on each school. If you do not have access to this online book through the Pre-Dental Society, you can purchase it online [here](#).
  - Complete the [Dental School Selection Worksheet](#) in Excel to keep track of each program’s information.

- Make sure to use Chrome or Firefox as these browsers work best with the application.
DO YOUR OWN RESEARCH

- This presentation is meant to serve as a resource for you in completing your application. It does NOT cover all aspects of the application so please be diligent about doing your own research.

- If you do not find the answer to your question in this walkthrough, click here to look in the ADEA Application Help Center for more detailed information.

- For the quickest response, use the chat icon at the lower right corner of the application.

- If your question is not answered by either this walkthrough or the Application Help Center you can contact ADEA AADSAS for further assistance:
  - Phone: 617-612-2045 (applicant inquiries only – open M-F, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. ET)
  - Application: https://aadsas.liaisoncas.com/
  - Email: aadsasinfo@aadsasweb.org (ADEA AADSAS usually provides responses to emails within two business days; however, response times can take up to three business days when they are at their busiest.

- Be sure to have your CAS ID number (located under your name in the upper-right corner of the application) when contacting ADEA AADSAS via phone or email.
ADEA 2023-2024 ADEA AADSAS IMPORTANT DATES:

- **May 14, 2024**: 2024-25 ADEA AADSAS application and the ADEA AADSAS Fee Assistance Program (FAP) paperless opens.
- **May 21, 2024**: ADEA GoDental Virtual Fair. **FREE online event**. Applicants can chat with over 60+ dental schools.
- **June 4, 2024**: First day to submit your 2024-25 ADEA AADSAS application.
- **Aug. 14, 2024 - Sept. 30, 2024**: Academic Update period (1st academic period)
- **Dec. 2, 2024 - Feb. 7, 2025**: Academic Update period (2nd academic period)
- **Dec. 13, 2024**: The 2024-25 cycle dental school acceptance notification date
- **Feb. 7, 2025**: 2024-25 ADEA AADSAS closes
- **Feb. 7, 2025**: Last day to submit all official documents to ADEA AADSAS.
Read the entire 2024-25 ADEA AADSAS application instructions carefully before you apply. If you have any questions, don’t hesitate to reach out to your advisor.

It is important to read the 2024-25 FAP Instructions carefully.

ADEA AADSAS applications will not be processed until all official undergraduate transcripts are received.

After the ADEA AADSAS application, fee payment and official transcripts are received, it usually takes about four to six weeks to process an application. Check the status of your application regularly to make sure there is nothing holding up the process. Open the "Check Status" page to see if items have been attached to your application.

Most dental schools will email a request for additional information and fees shortly after you submit the application. Fulfill supplemental application requirements within 2 weeks of receipt.

APPLY EARLY! We suggest submitting your application during the summer. Do not wait until deadlines approach to submit your application. Each dental school has its own application deadline. ADEA AADSAS does not send your application to a school if your application is received by ADEA AADSAS after the school’s deadline.
When You Should Contact a Program Directly

- **ADEA AADSAS** can assist with application-related questions. Many of your questions can be answered from the chat located on the bottom right of your application.

- For all other inquiries, including the following, please contact your program directly:
  - Admission requirements and policies
  - Deadline requirements
  - Prerequisites
  - Supplemental materials
  - Requirements regarding the identity of evaluators
  - Status of your application after it has been verified
  - Admission decisions and interview questions
  - Content and duration of a particular school's program

- Once you have submitted your application, the school will not provide guidance regarding your competitiveness.
A Note About Etiquette

ADEA AADSAS expects all applicants to exhibit professionalism when contacting customer service. Applicants must identify themselves properly and honestly, as information cannot be provided to parents, spouses, family members, or friends. Misrepresentation of identity and/or dishonest, threatening, or offensive communication will not be tolerated.
Changes in ADEA AADSAS for 2024-25 Cycle

- **Transcript Entry (Coursework):** Applicants can view instructions in the application where they enter their coursework.

- **Release of Information to Health Professions Advisors Statement:** Applicants can change their response after submission.

- **Disadvantaged Considerations:** Revised language to make it clearer.

- **DENTPIN:** Applicants will be prompted to enter their DENTPIN twice to confirm the number.

- **Relatives in Dentistry:** Multiple revisions have been made such as:
  - Changed the heading “Relatives in Dentistry” to read “Relatives in Oral Health”.
  - Moved the 'School Attended' question from an open text box to a drop down with multi-select available.
  - Added “Advanced Education Certificate” to degree drop-down and allow multi-select.
  - Allow multi-select to year of graduation.
  - Added additional questions to "Dental School Details", including: Dental degree type earned and Year degree was conferred.
ADEA AADSAS Background Checks

Overview

Background checks vary widely from program to program. Some programs require applicant background checks prior to acceptance, while others require these checks as a condition of matriculation. For questions about background checks — including when in the application process this must be completed — contact each of your programs directly.

Background checks reflect all prior convictions, guilty pleas, city ordinance citations (such as public intoxication), illegal possession(s) including possession of alcohol under the legal age, payments of fines (including those for traffic violations), and in some cases, prior records thought to have been expunged. Note that in some states, common traffic violations can be considered misdemeanors.

Programs that Require Background Checks: ADEA AADSAS has partnered with CertiPHI Screening to offer participating programs the option of a national criminal background check (CBC) process for accepted applicants. If you receive an offer of admission from a CBC participating program, CertiPHI Screening will email you with instructions on how to complete the background check process. Receipt of this email indicates that the CBC is required as part of your acceptance to the program.

Fee Payment: Before a CBC can be completed, you must pay a required fee of $75 USD.
AADSAS Opens: For this cycle, ADEA AADSAS “soft opens” on May 14, 2024, allowing applicants to start the 2024-2025 application three weeks prior to the official opening. For applicants, this added preparatory time ends the pressure to submit same-day, resulting in applications at-the-ready for submission on June 4, 2024. Before this date you should have:

- Completed all your pre-DAT prerequisite courses listed on the Pre-Dent Quick Facts Sheet.
- Generated a DENTPIN.
- Taken or scheduled the DAT (Prometric Testing Center).
- Asked your four evaluators to write letters of recommendation, based on the requirements of your target dental programs. Our office does not provide advisor or committee letters.
- Set-up Interfolio for your letters of recommendation (Interfolio Website ***See slide 58 of the PPT) if you are collecting your letters prior to the application cycle.
- Completed a 4500-character personal statement (***See slides 77-78 of this PPT). Work with Lise Kalla, the Career Center, and the Writing Center to develop your personal statement.
- Compiled a resume for reference. The UGA Career Center has resources.
- Documented your shadowing hours with a general dentist (***See slides 63-74 of this PPT). ADEA AADSAS does not collect any documentation for the experience sections. If any schools require documentation, it should be submitted directly to them.
- Filled out the Experience Excel Worksheet or used the Professional Planner App (iPhone) so that you can copy and paste the information into the application once it opens.
- Printed out an unofficial transcript to help you list your courses within the application service. UGA unofficial transcripts are available to current, active students in Athena under the Student Information Menu. Click here for instructions.
- Re-applicants should download a PDF of the last cycle application when prompted during the information transfer process. Look here for a breakdown of items that will and will not transfer to a new cycle.
FEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Applicants requesting fee assistance must submit supporting documents electronically. Paper documents will not be accepted and if received by ADEA AADSAS will be destroyed and not returned to you.

A limited number of fee waivers are provided to qualified applicants on a first-come, first-served basis. Each fee waiver covers the initial application fee and two additional program designations, for a total of three designations. If you wish to apply to additional programs, you are responsible for the remaining balance. If you received a fee waiver during a previous cycle, you may still apply for another in the next cycle.

You may request a fee waiver as soon as you create an application, but keep in mind that fee waiver funds can be quickly depleted.

To view the fee assistance program instructions, qualifications, and submission requirements, review the ADEA AADSAS Fee Assistance Program (FAP) document. For any questions, contact ADEA at FAPAADSAS@adea.org.

All decisions regarding approval or denial of fee assistance for the 2024-2025 ADEA AADSAS application will be provided on or after June 4, 2024 when the cycle opens for application submission. At that time, applicants will have 14 days to use the awarded funds. Please note that only US citizens and permanent residents are eligible for the ADEA AADSAS Fee Assistance Program.
ARE YOU RE-APPLYING?

Overview

- You can use an existing account from a previous cycle to re-apply in the current cycle. You also keep the same CAS ID number from the previous cycle. To avoid processing delays and difficulties, do not create a new account. Duplicate accounts and any documents associated with those accounts are deleted.

1. Log into the application. A welcome screen appears; confirm you want to begin the re-application process by clicking Start Reapplication.
2. Ensure your profile information, including your contact information, is correct.
3. Decide if you want to copy application data. Your selection cannot be changed.

If You Choose to Start a Fresh Application

- The data from your previous application cycle is wiped clean and you proceed with a blank application. You will receive a new CAS ID number if you create a new account.
If You Choose to Copy Application Data

Information such as coursework, official test scores, attached transcripts, etc. can be copied into the new application. Letters of evaluation, essays, payments, and program-specific information cannot be copied into the new application. Here is a table of what can and cannot be copied to the new application:

1. Select the information you want to carry over. Unselected items will not carry over and cannot be recovered, so ensure your selections are complete before clicking Save and Continue.

2. A notification alerts you that every section of the application for which you choose to copy application data will require your review. You will need to review each application section to confirm the data is accurate. Click Continue.

3. A second notification provides instructions for accessing a PDF copy of your previous application. This PDF is only available if you submitted an application last cycle. Download the PDF before clicking Continue.

4. Your selected data will begin copying to your new application. This can take up to 24 hours to complete and you will receive an email once the application is ready.

To successfully copy official test scores, the name and date of birth on your new application must match the name and date of birth on your original application. Note that it can take several days for the matching process to complete.

If you have a difference in name and date of birth, contact customer service to have your scores manually copied into your application.
 ARE YOU RE-APPLYING Cont.

**Downloading Last Cycle’s Application**
- A PDF of last cycle’s application is only available if you submitted that application to at least one program.
  1. Click on your name in the upper right corner of the application, then select View Payment History.
  2. Click View Order Details next to the payment.
  3. Click Download PDF.

**Updating Coursework**
- If you completed additional coursework since the last cycle:
  1. Update the Colleges Attended section to include changes to dates, degree statuses, and schools.
  2. Update your coursework. Coursework that was verified in the previous cycle will be locked in the current cycle; however, you can add, edit, and deleted unverified courses, including those listed as planned/in-progress.
  3. Request updated transcripts for new coursework or new awarded degrees (this include degrees that were listed as “expected” last cycle and have now been updated to “awarded”). These transcripts are required and should be requested after you finish updating your coursework.

**Verifying New Coursework**
- Once your application is completed, it is placed in queue for verification. Although there may be less information on your application to be verified, the standard verification processing timelines still apply.
Creating a New ADEA AADSAS Account

Account Basics

- When creating an account, consider the following:
  - Create only one account to avoid processing delays and difficulties. Duplicate accounts and any documents associated with those accounts are deleted.
  - For your own security, do not share your password or account information with anyone.
  - Usernames and passwords are case-sensitive.
  - Use an email address that you check frequently to avoid missing important updates.

Reset Your ADEA AADSAS Password:

Your password information is not accessible by customer service. To retrieve your password, use the Forgot your username or password? link on the login page. You will receive an email prompting you to reset your login information. Passwords must be a minimum of eight characters and include a number, capital letter, lowercase letter, and a special character.
Creating a New ADEA AADSAS Account

New Account Instructions

To create your account, you must select at least one program to which to apply. Once your account is established you may add or remove programs as needed before you submit your application. To create an account:

1. From the application home page, click Create an Account.
2. Complete the required fields, agree to the terms and conditions, then click Create my account.*
3. A message appears that your account was successfully created. Click Continue.
4. Use the arrows to review helpful information. When you’re ready, click Start Your Application!
5. Use the filters to find and select the programs to which you want to apply. Note that you can go back and change these selections at any point before you submit your application.
6. When you are finished selecting your programs, click I am Done, Review My Selections.
7. Review your selections, then click Continue To My Application to view your dashboard.

- You must enter your first and last name. If you only have one name, enter it in the applicable name field (i.e., first name or last name), then:
  - Enter FNU if your first name is unknown.
  - Enter LNU if your last name is unknown.

- Once your account is created, you receive a CAS ID number. This appears in the top right corner of your application. If you need to contact customer service, provide this number to them so they can quickly find your application.
Selecting ADEA AADSAS Programs

Before Selecting a Program

- **Check the program's deadline requirements.** Ensure you have enough time to apply. Determine if ADEA AADSAS or your program requires evaluations, transcripts, or other supplementary materials – if so, these must be received prior to the deadline for your application to be considered complete. Once your application is complete, it takes on average two weeks to be verified.

- **Confirm your eligibility.** Research the program and determine if you are eligible to apply. Contact the program directly if you have any questions regarding your eligibility. We do not verify prerequisites and requirements; it is your responsibility to ensure you are eligible.

- **Confirm that the program still has seats available.** Some programs fill their classes prior to their posted deadline, even if they do not specifically state they offer rolling admissions. We strongly encourage you to contact your programs and ensure seats are still available before submitting your application. ADEA AASDAS cannot offer refunds if a school you selected has already filled its class, nor can they transfer the payment to another program.
Selecting ADEA AADSAS Programs

Selecting a Program

1. Click Add Program at the top of the application home page.
2. Use the filters to locate the programs you are interested in applying to.
3. Click the plus sign next to a program to add it to your program list. If you want to remove a program and only have one selected, you need to add the second program before you can remove the first one.
4. Continue adding programs as desired.
5. Begin filling out the application. Before submitting, be sure to review your program list to make sure you are applying to all your intended programs.

Note that by submitting your application, you are committing to applying to your selected programs. You cannot substitute or remove submitted programs after submissions. Additionally, ADEA AADSAS does not offer refunds for selections made in error and they do not transfer payments to another program.

After submission, you can continue to add and apply to programs until February 7, 2025.
Deleting ADEA AADSAS Programs

- You can remove a program(s) at any time prior to submitting the application; however, any information entered in the Program Materials section will be lost and cannot be retrieved or transferred. Information in the Personal Information, Academic History, and Supporting Information sections will be retained for any programs to which you choose to submit.

- Once you submit your applications, you cannot remove any programs. To withdraw yourself from consideration for admission to a program, contact the program directly. Note, however, that ADEA AADSAS does not offer applicant refunds for any reason.

- Note that your application must always have at least one program selected. If you want to change or remove a program prior to submission, be sure to select a new program first.

- **From the Add Program Page**
  1. Click Add Program at the top of the page.
  2. Click the checkmark next to the program name.
  3. Click Delete to confirm.

- **From the Submit Application Page**
  1. Click Submit Application at the top of the page.
  2. Click the trash can icon next to the program you want to remove.
  3. Click Yes, Delete this Program.
Personal Information Section

Once the application opens on May 14, 2024, the FIRST thing you should do is enter your personal information. This section includes Agreement Statements, Biographic Information, Contact Information, Citizenship Information, Environmental Factors, Parent/Guardian, Race & Ethnicity, and Other information.
ADEA AADSAS Agreement Statements

Overview

In this section, you must review and respond to the following release statements in order to submit your application. Once you submit your application, your responses cannot be edited. Please review these instructions and the content of the statements carefully. It is your responsibility to read and understand these statements before responding to them. If you have any questions regarding these statements, contact customer service at 617-612-2045 for clarification before making your selections.

ADEA AADSAS Applicant Agreement

Review the ADEA AADSAS Applicant Agreement Statement carefully. This statement serves as a contractual agreement between you and ADEA AADSAS. You must agree to these terms in order to submit your application.

Release Statements

Click the checkbox to confirm that you give permission for ADEA AADSAS to release your application materials to the programs that you designate. Each program may use your application information for admission purposes and otherwise in accordance with such program’s policies. For information regarding a program’s policies, see the program’s website or contact the program directly. To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, ADEA AADSAS excludes all liability arising from the use of your information by any program.

Pre-Submission Release of Name and Contact Information

Selecting Yes for this release authorizes ADEA AADSAS to release your name and contact information to your selected programs before you submit your application. Your programs will be able to send you important information about their admissions process before you complete your application.

Release of Information to Health Professions Advisors

Selecting Yes for this release allows ADEA AADSAS to release certain information to health profession advisors and health profession advisory committees at schools you previously attended. This information includes some application information, including your GPA, the names of the dental programs to which you applied, and which program, if any, you matriculate into. They will not see documentation such as transcripts or letters of evaluation.

If you select No, ADEA AADSAS will not release your information to advisors. We encourage you to authorize this release, as it is useful to advisors assisting you and other future applicants; however, it will not affect the consideration given to your application.

ADEA AADSAS Additional Usage Terms

Click the checkbox to confirm your agreement with additional usage terms, which are detailed in the application.
Click Here for Biographic Information Instructions
Contact Information

- **Current Address**
  - Enter the address where you want to receive mail correspondence. Be sure to keep this section up-to-date as you complete and submit your application. If you anticipate a change of address, enter the date through which your current address is valid.
  - Note: to ensure applicants are entering consistent data for some questions, this application uses pre-populated answer options that are maintained by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO). For example, country answer options are derived from ISO 3166, which is the international standard for country codes and codes for their subdivisions.
  - If you don’t have a mailing address, you can list the address of a relative or friend, with their permission. If you find more permanent housing in the future, please update it in your application and with the programs you applied to.

- **Permanent Address**
  - If your current address is different from your permanent address, select No under Is this your permanent address? Then, enter the address that you consider to be your permanent and/or legal residence.

- **Phone Number**
  - Your phone number pulls in from the information entered when you created your account. Verify that the listed phone number and type are correct; click the Profile Section link to make changes.

- **Email**
  - Your email address pulls in from the information entered when you created your account. Verify that what appears here is correct; click the Profile Section link to make changes.
Citizenship Information

Click [Here](#) for Citizenship Information Instructions
Environmental Factors

- **Disadvantaged Consideration**
  - Indicate whether you wish to be considered a disadvantaged applicant by any of your programs that may consider such factors (social, economic, or educational). You can also enter brief information about your background that helps clarify your determination.

- **Family Situation (US Applicants Only)**
  - Select your responses to questions related to your family situation.

- **Childhood Residency**
  - Select your responses to questions related to the area in which you lived as a child.

- **High School Situation**
  - Select your responses to questions related to your high school.
Environmental Factors Cont.

- **Relatives in Oral Health**
  - In this section, you can enter information about your relative(s) in oral health, including their role within your household, school attended, and degree(s). This information is only used for data and recruitment purposes.

- **Add a Relative**
  - Select the relationship between you and the relative.
  - Enter his/her first and last names.
  - Enter his/her school attended.
  - Select the type of degree or certification he or she earned or anticipates earning.
  - Select his/her graduation date, if applicable.
  - Add additional relatives, as needed.
  - Click **Save and Continue**.
Parent/Guardian

Click Here for Parent/Guardian Instructions
Race & Ethnicity

Programs fully recognize the importance of diversity in their student body and in the workforce. Accordingly, programs strongly encourage applications from persons from all socioeconomic, racial, ethnic, religious, and educational backgrounds and persons from groups underrepresented in the profession. Please select any and all of the options in this section which you feel best apply to you. Please note that this section is used for statistical purposes only and in no way affects your application or financial aid eligibility.

**Ethnicity**

Indicate whether you consider yourself to be of Hispanic or Latino origin. This question is optional.

**Race**

Select one or more of the groups of which you consider yourself to be a member. This question is optional.
Click Here for Other Information Instructions

Carefully compose a full response to the COVID Impact and Manual Dexterity questions
Academic History

- This section is where you input the colleges you attended. Additionally, you can provide information about tests you have taken or plan to take, such as the DAT.

- In this section, ONLY complete the **High School Attended** and **Colleges and Universities Attended** sections for now.
  - Return to this section later
High School Attended

1. Click Add Your High School.

2. Enter the name of your high school, the city and state where it is located, and graduation date, if applicable.
   - If you attended multiple high schools, only list the high school that you graduated and received a high school diploma from.
   - If you attended a high school outside of the United States, select International.
   - If you received your GED, please list GED as the name of the high school you attended, and the city/state which awarded your GED degree.

3. Click Save This School.
Colleges and Universities Attended

- **Report all institutions attended regardless of their relevance to the programs you are applying to.** Failure to report an institution may cause your application to be undelivered. This can significantly delay the processing of your application. Report all institutions attended, including but not limited to:
  - courses taken in high school for college credit
  - summer courses
  - community college courses
  - US military academies (note that this does not include courses on SMART or JST transcripts)
  - post-baccalaureate, graduate, and doctoral work
  - study abroad, Canadian, and foreign work, etc.

- **List all institutions on your application** even if the coursework completed there was transferred to another institution.

- **Report each institution only once,** regardless of the number of degrees earned or gaps in the dates of attendance.

- **Request official transcripts** for each institution to be sent to ADEA AADSAS (see slide 35 of this PPT).
Adding a College or University

1. Click **Add a College or University**.
2. Type and select your college or university. It may take several tries to find your school, especially if it shares its name with others or could be spelled differently. For example, if you attended "Saint John's University," you may need to try "Saint John," "St. John," or "St John" (no period) to bring the school up on the list. If you exhausted all options and it does not appear, select **Can't find your school?**
   - If you select **Unlisted French Speaking Canadian Institution or Other Foreign Institution**, select the school’s country from the drop-down.
3. Select if you obtained (or plan to obtain) a degree from the selected institution.
   - If you earned or plan to earn a degree, provide details about the earned or expected degree.
   - If you have a double major, select the checkbox to enter your second major. Note that you can only enter one minor.
   - Click **Add another Degree** to add additional degrees for this same college or university.
4. Select your college’s or university’s term system. You can usually find this on the back of your official transcripts, or you can contact your college’s registrar.
   - Term system refers to the type of hours your credits are worth, not the length of the term or how many terms a year your college or university offered.
   - If your transcript lists some courses as quarter and others as semester, enter the term type that is most common (i.e., if you have six quarter terms and two semester terms, enter quarter).
5. Select if you are still attending your institution. Enter dates of the first and last (if applicable) terms you attended. Follow your transcript, as you may have AP credits that entered during the summer before your first term. Be sure to only enter each college or university you attended once, regardless of gaps in your attendance there.
6. Click **Save** to complete the entry.
Sending Transcripts

- For each college or university entered, click **Order** and select if you are ordering electronic transcripts (recommended) or submitting a transcript via mail. See [Sending Official Transcripts to ADEA AADSAS](#) for more information.

- Note that if you attended a foreign college or university – and depending on your program’s requirements – you may be required to send a foreign evaluation. See [Sending Official Transcripts to ADEA AADSAS](#) for more information.

For UGA transcripts, Click on **Order** and select **Parchment**. On the instruction pop-up, click **Copy** to capture your Transcript ID. **DO NOT** visit the Parchment site. It will only redirect you to the UGA Office of the Registrar. You will need the Transcript ID to complete your transcript order through UGA. See next slide.
Sending Transcripts, Cont.

- ADEA AADSAS only accepts electronic transcripts from Credentials Solutions, Parchment, and National Student Clearinghouse.

- UGA has Parchment imbedded in its transcript ordering platform found on MyUGA. You must pay $8.00 by credit/debit card to order your transcript.
  - Log in to the portal [http://my.uga.edu](http://my.uga.edu).
  - Select Order Transcripts, located under Instant Access (pictured, top right)
  - You will login with your student ID and password
  - Select Transcript
  - Search for AADSAS and select the proper result (pictured, bottom right)

- Students requiring the inclusion of UGA spring 2024 grades on their transcript should verify the grades are correct in Athena before placing an order. Spring 2024 grades will be available the morning of May 14, 2024.

- Students requiring transcripts with their awarded degree from UGA should verify that their degree is posted in Athena before placing an order. Spring 2024 degrees will be awarded from May 14 – 28.
You will need to attach your ADEA AADSAS University of Georgia Transcript ID to your transcript order from the UGA Office of the Registrar.

- Copy the Transcript ID on the ADEA AADSAS transcript ordering page (see instructions on Slide 35).
- Click on the **Continue** button under the transcript destination of AADSAS-American Dental Education Association.
- In the “Additional Information Needed” pop-up, paste the Transcript ID in the space beside “Transcript Request Form Barcode”.
- Enter your date of birth and click on the **Confirm** button.
- Select “Apply for graduate admission” as the **Purpose for Request**.

![Additional Information Needed](image-url)
Sending Transcripts Cont.

- Transcripts must be sent to ADEA AADSAS from all US and English-speaking Canadian institutions you listed in the Colleges Attended section of your application, even if the courses later transferred to another institution.

- ADEA AADSAS prefers electronic transcripts, but they must be from Credentials Solutions, Parchment, and National Student Clearinghouse. If other colleges you have attended do not offer any of these services, your transcript must be sent by mail. Complete instructions can be found [here](#).

- Allow 5 days for your transcripts to be sent to ADEA AADSAS and another 5 days for them to be imported into your application. If after this timeframe, your transcripts are not attached to your application, first contact your school to find out the date they were sent. Then review common posting delays and re-order the transcript.

- You are responsible for monitoring the status of an application. Notifications are not sent for any missing items. To keep track of your application and all materials, click **Check Status** at the top right of the application dashboard.
Transcript FAQs

1. If you would like more information on sending your transcripts click here.

2. My transfer credits are listed on my primary transcript. Do I still need to send all transcripts?
   - You must report all colleges and universities attended and submit official transcripts, even if your transfer credits are listed on your primary transcript. See Sending Official Transcripts for more guidelines.

3. How do I know what my primary institution is?
   - Your primary institution is the college or university where you earned or will earn your first undergraduate college degree.

4. How do I list my repeated courses?
   - ADEA AADSAS considers a course to be repeated if you enrolled in the same course (with the same course title and prefix) again at the same college or university. Report all attempts of repeated coursework (including those that are currently in-progress or planned) and be sure to mark them as repeated during Transcript Review. Enter the number of credit hours attempted for each course, regardless of how many credits were actually earned.

5. Why is my ADEA AADSAS GPA different from the GPA on my transcripts?
   - The ADEA AADSAS GPAs factor in all coursework taken, regardless of the college or university and any academic forgiveness policies. See Calculating Your ADEA AADSAS GPAs for more information.
Program Selection

Once you have finished entering your University and High School information, head back to the MY APPLICATION page and choose ADD PROGRAM (this is the top tab next to “my application” and before “submit application.”

- DO NOT CONTINUE TO TRANSCRIPT ENTRY. It will be easier for you if you go to the Add Program section first and then return to the TRANSCRIPT ENTRY SECTION.

Before Selecting a Program

- Check the program’s deadline requirements. Ensure you have enough time to apply. Determine if ADEA AADSAS or your program requires evaluations, transcripts, or other supplementary materials – if so, these must be received prior to the deadline for your application to be considered complete. Once your application is complete, it takes on average two weeks to be verified.

- Confirm your eligibility. Research the program and determine if you are eligible to apply. Contact the program directly if you have any questions regarding your eligibility. We do not verify prerequisites and requirements so it is your responsibility to ensure you are eligible.

- Confirm that the program still has seats available. Some programs fill their classes prior to their posted deadline, even if they do not specifically state they offer rolling admissions. We strongly encourage you to contact your programs and ensure seats are still available before submitting your application. ADEA AADSAS will not offer refunds if a school you selected has already filled its class, nor can they transfer the payment to another program.
Selecting ADEA AADSAS Programs

Selecting a Program

- Click Add Program at the top of the application home page.
- Use the filters to locate the programs you are interested in applying to.
- Click the plus sign next to a program to add it to your program list. You must select at least one program to continue completing the application. If you want to remove a program and only have one selected, you need to add the second program before you can remove the first one.
  - If you choose the wrong program, you can click on the check mark. You will be prompted that you are about to delete that program from your application. Choose Delete and it will go back into the Find Program list.
- Continue adding programs as desired.
- Begin filling out the application. Before submitting, be sure to review your program list to make sure you are applying to all your intended programs.
- Note that by submitting your application, you are committing to applying to your selected programs. You cannot substitute or remove submitted programs after submissions. Additionally, ADEA AADSAS does not offer refunds for selections made in error and they do not transfer payments to another program.
  - You can add more programs later, but be sure you are within their deadlines and that they still have seats available.
School Selection

- 1st school with application $265
- Each additional program $115
- Some programs may have an additional supplemental fee; contact your programs to learn if they require this and how to pay it.
- Average is 10 schools
- 10 schools = $1,415.00

APPLY EARLY!

- Applicants who submit early are more successful in being invited to interviews.
- AADSAS Processing takes 4-6 weeks before it is mailed to schools
- Under the Submit Application tab you can see the total cost before you confirm your application.
After completing the ADD PROGRAM section head back to the ACADEMIC HISTORY portion of the application. Now you will choose Transcript Entry and begin to add in your coursework for each institution.

For your UGA courses you may work from the unofficial transcript you can obtain free through Athena. Instructions are here.

Before you begin entering your coursework, you should review all instructions, including a video, found here.
Professional Transcript Entry (PTE) Option

- PTE enters your coursework for you.

- This optional service costs $80 for 1-3 transcripts, $110 for 4-6 transcripts and $150 for 7 + transcripts. There will be a link to the professional service within the application.

- Before PTE, you must submit and pay for your application. Once your application is submitted and your transcripts are received, ADEA AADSAS will begin work on your application within ten business days. Note that applications are placed in line for PTE on a first-come, first-served basis.
  
  - You will be required to review and approve the PTE coursework entry before your application will move forward.

- For more detailed information on this process click here.
Transcript Entry

Requirements
Enter all the coursework you completed at all US and English Canadian colleges or universities attended. See Foreign and French-Canadian Transcripts and Study Abroad or Overseas US Transcripts for guidelines on foreign coursework. Note the following:

• Reporting coursework accurately is your responsibility. Since credit values, grade values, and course subjects vary widely from school to school, your programs need some type of standardization so they can accurately compare applicants. This standardization is achieved by using your coursework to create a standard set of GPAs, ensuring you are compared to other applicants fairly and equally.

• Complete the Colleges Attended section before entering your courses.

• Report all courses on your transcripts, not just prerequisites. Be sure to include courses from which you withdrew, repeated courses, ungraded labs, test credits, gym courses, orientations, or other non-graded courses.

• Use official copies of your transcripts. Coursework must exactly match your official transcripts; don’t use an unofficial version, like a printout from your school’s website. List your courses under the correct term, year, and class level. Department prefixes and course numbers must precisely match those on your transcripts.

• Enter courses under the institution where you originally took the course, exactly as they appear on the original school’s transcript. Don’t list courses under the school in which the credits were transferred. You may need to go back to your Colleges Attended and add a school to enter the transfer credits for.

Enter AP credit with the first college where it was accepted, even if it later transferred to UGA.
Coursework Entry Step-by-step

Enter a Term

• Click Start to begin entering courses for a college or university.
• Add a semester, quarter, or trimester depending on the term system you selected in the Colleges Attended section.
• Select a term.
• Select a year. Options are based on the time spans you selected in the Colleges Attended section.
• Select an academic status. Academic status refers to your status during the term you are inputting, not your current status. Refer to the list of Academic Status definitions below for more information. If you’re entering courses for a term that is currently in progress or planned, select In Progress/Planned.
• Click Save.
• Continue adding terms, as needed.

Academic Status Definitions

• **Freshman-Senior**: Applies to all college- or university-level courses taken prior to your first bachelor’s degree. In general, four-year students should list one year per designation and five-year students should list their last two years as senior. Non-traditional students should label their terms as evenly as possible in chronological order.
• **Post-Baccalaureate**: Applies to undergraduate level courses taken after your first bachelor’s degree is earned. If you earned a second bachelor’s degree, that is considered post-baccalaureate.
• **Graduate**: Applies to master’s degree- and doctorate degree-level work only, regardless of whether the degree was earned. Work such as that taken in pursuit of a Ph.D, MD, PharmD, JD, JurisD, LL.D, DC., etc. are considered doctorate degree-level.

Tip: Rise to next level each fall semester
Example Of Coursework

- **Course Code:** List the department prefix and number of the course, which will look something like this: “BIOL 1107” exactly as it appears on your transcript.

- **Course Title:** The title of the course as it appears on the transcript, which will say “Principles Of Bio I.” The course title may be abbreviated if it does not fit into the space provided and it is clear that it corresponds with the title listed on the transcript, i.e., “Anatomy and Physiology I,” abbreviated to “Anat and Phys 1.”

- **Course Subject:** Make your best guess. The UGA FYOS 1101 subject should be “Orientation.” Refer to the ADEA AADSAS Course Subject List for guidance on sciences.

- **Credits:** Enter the number of credits for each course. A “credit” is the value of the course. For example, “BIOL 1107,” will be listed a 3.00. You will need to add BIOL 1107L as another course. Your course title would then be “Prin Biol I Lab,” and your credits would be 1.00. Remember list everything exactly as it appears on the transcript. Exempted courses will have 0 credits.

- **ADEA AADSAS Grade:** List the grade exactly as it appears on the official transcript. The exception is AP courses should have a grade of CR, rather than the K that is on the UGA transcript.

- For more transcript entry details click [here](#).
Coursework Entry Step-by-step

- **Enter Courses for an In-Progress or Planned Term**

You should enter any courses that you are currently taking or plan to take in the near future. This is not required, but is strongly recommended, as some programs require it. Note, however, that any term containing In Progress/Planned courses cannot be marked as complete; the entire term must be marked as In Progress/Planned. Contact your programs to determine if they require planned or in-progress coursework to be listed. Once you complete in-progress courses, you can update them in the application.

1. Make sure that you selected In Progress/Planned for the term you’re listing the course under. This alerts the system that you aren’t required to enter a grade for this course.

2. Enter the course code.

3. Enter the course title. You can abbreviate it if it does not fit in the text box.

4. Select the course subject. If you’re unsure, make your best guess.

5. Enter the expected course credits. Depending on the format of your credits, you may need to convert them. See the Course Credits section of the help page for more details.

6. Click Save.

7. Continue adding courses, as needed.
Course Selection

After you enter transcript information for all colleges attended, you will complete Transcript Review. In Transcript Review you will be asked to identify additional attributes about your coursework including Primary College and courses that are Repeated, Advanced Placement, Other Tests, Honors, and Study Abroad.

**Primary College:** The “Primary College” is the school at which the applicant earned or will earn his/her first bachelor’s Degree.
Repeated Classes: Indicate if you repeated any of your courses. Courses should only be marked as repeated if you repeated them at the same institution (i.e., you retook the course for a higher grade). Withdrawn courses, courses taken at different schools, and courses taken multiple times for new credit (i.e., school band, physical education, etc.) are not considered repeated. Record full credit values and grades for all repeated courses. ADEA AADSAS is required to include all repeated courses in GPA calculations, regardless of an institution’s or state’s academic forgiveness policies.

If you repeated courses, select Yes and click Continue. Then, click the plus sign next to the repeated courses for each college or university you attended.

Advanced Placement Credit: Indicate if you received Advanced Placement (AP) credit on the College Board Advanced Placement Exams for any of your courses. If you received AP credit, select Yes and click Continue. Then, click the plus sign next to the advanced placement courses. Be sure to only select courses that are clearly marked as AP on your transcript.
**Other Test Credit:** Indicate if you received credit for tests other than the AP exam, including International Baccalaureate (IB), CLEP, DANTE, Regents, or Institutional/Departmental exams (i.e., courses you "tested out of" at college or university). If you received test credits, select Yes and click Continue. Then, click the plus sign next to the courses. Be sure to only select courses that are clearly identified as test credits on your transcript.

**Honors Courses:** Indicate if you took any honors courses, which are generally college or university courses taken at an honors level. These are usually designated with an "H" in the course number on your transcript. Note that earning Latin honors upon graduation does not mean your courses are retroactively considered "Honors."

If you took honors courses, select Yes and click Continue. Then, click the plus sign next to the courses. Be sure to only select courses that are clearly identified as honors on your transcript.
Study Abroad: If you studied abroad, indicate the courses you took as part of your institution’s study abroad program. Refer to the Sending Transcripts section for more information. If you studied abroad, select Yes and click Continue. Then, click the plus sign next to the courses.

STUDY ABROAD information is the last section in the Transcript Review process. Once you finish here you can continue on to the next section: STANDARDIZED TESTS.
Self-Reported Test Scores

- You can self-report your Standardized Test scores or report tests you plan to take in the Standardized Tests section. Some of the programs you apply to may require you to report certain test scores; be sure to check with your programs to ensure you are completing all requirements.

- Note that self-reporting your scores is not the same as providing official scores to your programs. If your programs require official test scores, see Sending Official Test Scores for more information.

Add a Test Score

1. Navigate to the Standardized Tests section.
2. Find the test you took in the list and click Add Test Score. In some cases, you may only be able to enter scores for certain tests.
3. Select Yes under Have you taken the test.
4. Enter the date you took the test.
5. Enter all applicable scores.
6. Click Save This Test.

After submitting your application, you can continue to add new test entries to this section, but you cannot update or delete previous entries.

Add a Planned Test

1. Navigate to the Standardized Tests section.
2. Find the test you took in the list and click Add Test Score. In some cases, you may only be able to enter scores for certain tests.
3. Select No under Have you taken the test.
4. Enter the date you plan to take the test.
5. Click Save This Test.
ADD YOUR UNOFFICIAL DAT TEST SCORES HERE.

If you are planning to take the test after the application opens, you can add when you plan to take the test in the DAT portion of the application. REMEMBER you can still SUBMIT without having your DAT scores.
You must contact ADA to have your official Dental Admission Test (DAT) scores sent to ADEA AADSAS. Once you do, ADA electronically sends your scores directly to ADEA AADSAS. Paper copies are not accepted. If you requested that your DAT scores be sent to at least one dental school, the scores will also automatically be sent to ADEA AADSAS. If you did not request that your scores be sent to a dental school when you first submitted your DAT application, you can make an additional request at www.ada.org/dat.

After you contact ADA, make sure you also self-report your DAT score in the Standardized Tests section of the application and include your DENTPIN. It takes approximately 10-12 business days from the date you make the request to post to your application.

Make sure that the name, date of birth, and DENTPIN on your application match that on your DAT exam; otherwise, your scores will not automatically post to your account. If you believe there may be a discrepancy, wait until ADA processes your scores, then contact customer service so they can manually connect the scores to your application.
Missing Test Scores

- It is your responsibility to follow up on any missing DAT scores in a timely manner. Before contacting ADEA AADSAS customer service, first confirm if and when the American Dental Association sent your scores to ADEA AADSAS.

- If you confirmed that the American Dental Association sent your scores to ADEA AADSAS and your scores are not posted at least three weeks after your test date, contact customer service at aadsasinfo@aadsasweb.org or 617-612-2045 (M-F 9a-5p ET) and provide them with the following details:
  - First and last name
  - Date of birth
  - CAS ID
  - DENTPIN
  - Test date

- They will use this information to determine if they have received the batch and to locate your scores, if possible. If your scores aren’t found, they will contact the American Dental Association to troubleshoot.
Before You Begin

Evaluations (sometimes called Letters of Evaluation, Letters of Reference, or Letters of Recommendation) are submitted by the evaluators themselves; they cannot be completed or submitted by the applicant or another party on behalf of the evaluator. ADEA AADSAS is not responsible for verifying evaluators’ identities. If a discrepancy is found, they reserve the right to contact the appropriate individuals to investigate and to share the discrepancy with all programs.

Before getting started, consider the following:

• **All evaluations must be submitted electronically** by evaluators using Letters by Liaison, the Recommender Portal. Another option is collecting the letters on Interfolio ahead of the application cycle (see next slide for details).

• **Research each program’s requirements.** You should determine whether your programs have specific requirements regarding evaluator roles or relationships before listing evaluators on your application. Many programs have strict guidelines and completed evaluations cannot be removed or replaced.

• **Prepare your evaluators.** Once you choose your evaluators, be sure to inform them about the process and that they will be completing the evaluation electronically. ADEA AADSAS recommends getting their preferred email address and asking that they monitor that inbox for your evaluation request (which will come from aadsasinfo@aadsasweb.org), including any junk or spam folders.

Please note that references from family members are generally frowned upon by admissions offices (DON'T DO IT!). Click here to access our Letter Writers Guide.
Letters Of Evaluation With INTERFOLIO

How do I collect and send my letters?

1. Sign up for a Dossier Deliver account ($59.99 annual subscription).
2. Collect letters into your account by requesting recommendations.
3. Create an AADSAS application and they will attach your letter to the application once they receive it from your letter writer.

How do I use Interfolio to deliver letters of recommendation to AADSAS?

- If you have letters of recommendation stored in your Interfolio Dossier account, you can have Interfolio upload them directly to your AADSAS application using their online application delivery service.
- A unique Interfolio email address will be generated for each confidential letter of recommendation stored in your account. You'll substitute this email address for your letter writer's email address in the recommendation letter section of the AADSAS online application.
- Typically, you only need to deliver each letter once from Interfolio to AADSAS, regardless of the number of dental schools you're applying to.
- Click here to learn how to submit your letters.

***ALWAYS WAIVE YOUR RIGHT TO READ YOUR LETTER!***
Letters Of Evaluation Within AADSAS

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Click Here for Letters of Evaluation Instructions
Letters Of Evaluation Within AADSAS Cont.

Evaluator Instructions:

- When an applicant saves an evaluation request, the evaluator will receive an email request from aadsasinfo@aadsasweb.org to complete the evaluation. The email will include a link to an online portal where the evaluator can upload a letter up to 5MB. ADEA AADSAS does not provide a prompt or set of characteristics to include in the letter; evaluators are encouraged to provide information about the applicant’s academic ability, character, time management skills, among other items deemed important. It is recommended that the letter be on letterhead and include a signature. Please check the “Program Materials” section of the ADEA AADSAS for school specific requirements regarding letters of evaluation.

- Click here to access our Letter Writers Guide.
Letters Of Evaluation Within AADSAS Cont.

- Once a reference is completed on the ADEA AADSAS application, it cannot be removed or replaced.
- Once evaluators are selected, be certain to inform them of the process and that they will be filling out the reference electronically. Obtain their preferred email address and make sure they are monitoring their email inbox for the request email.
- Requesting Evaluations: Applicants can select four individual evaluations and each letter should be written by one person.
- For each evaluation, the applicant must select whether or not to waive their access to the evaluation. **ALWAYS** waive your right to read this letter.

FAQ

*I didn’t agree to the evaluation waiver by mistake. Can I change it?*
If the applicant has indicated the wrong waiver status, the applicant must delete the evaluator, correctly re-enter the evaluator’s name and other information and save. A new email requesting a letter of evaluation will be sent by ADEA AADSAS to the evaluator. This cannot be changed after the evaluation or application is submitted.
NOTE: You can see if the evaluation has been received if a **green** STATUS box appears under the Evaluators name. If the letter of recommendation has yet to be received an **orange** STATUS box will appear.

What does a LOE status of “Requested” mean? What about “Accepted”? A “Requested” status means that no information has been saved in the evaluator website, nor has that information been submitted electronically to ADEA AADSAS. Please confirm with your evaluator that they received the email request, then, inform your evaluator to log in to the evaluator website, complete and save the information, then click submit to complete their letter of evaluation. If your evaluator saves any information, including their name, the status will immediately update to “Accepted,” so you will be able to see the letter of evaluation is proceeding correctly.

An “Accepted” status on an evaluation means that the evaluator has accepted your evaluation request and may have saved information into the evaluation form, but has NOT yet submitted that information to ADEA AADSAS. Sometimes the evaluator mistakenly believes that by pressing “Save” they have completed the reference, when they are in fact required to click “Submit.” If your evaluator believes they have completed the letter of evaluation, please ask them to go back to the form and click “submit.” When they log back in, they will see your name listed under “My Applicants.” After clicking on your name, they can review their evaluation and click on the “Submit” button.

When this is done correctly, the evaluator’s status will immediately update to “Complete,” which you can see in your application. If your evaluator experiences any difficulty, they can contact ADEA AADSAS at aadsasinfo@aadsasweb.org or (617) 612-2045.
Experiences

Overview

In this section, you can enter your professional experiences in several categories, or types. Review the definitions below, consider the duties you performed, and choose the category that you think best fits the experience.

Note that since each program's definitions and requirements vary, ADEA AADSAS has no specific preference as to which category you choose. These categories are broadly based on feedback from various dental programs and are not a comprehensive list of every type of experience. Your experience's individual job description and responsibilities should determine the category you select; however, it is not guaranteed that your experience will be accepted by every program in the way you categorize it.

If you have any questions about your experiences fulfilling an individual program's prerequisite requirements, contact that program directly.

Although you can enter any experiences that you believe are relevant to your application, we recommend focusing on those experiences within the last 10 years and at the collegiate level and above. Enter only current and in-progress experiences (not planned experiences) and check your program's requirements regarding documentation.
Experiences

While ADEA AADSAS does not collect a resume, applicants are encouraged to use the experience section to provide detailed information about academic enrichment, dental shadowing, employment, activities, research and volunteer positions. This section allows you up to 600 characters to describe each experience.

- **Academic Enrichment**
  - Programs sponsored by colleges, universities, or other not-for-profit organizations; for example Summer Medical and Dental Education Program, Summer Health Professions Education Program, and Lessons in a Lunchbox.

- **Dental Experience**
  - Either paid or unpaid work in a dental field where you observed patient care, interacted with practitioners, or had responsibility for patient care.

- **Dental Shadowing (In-Person)**
  - Time spent officially following and observing a dental professional in an office or clinic.

- **Dental Shadowing (Virtual)**
  - Time spent officially observing a dental professional at work virtually.

- **Employment**
  - Paid work done outside of the dental field or a research lab; for example, a retail or restaurant job.

- **Extracurricular Activities**
  - Related activities you would like your selected programs to review; for example, academic clubs and competitive teams. Do not include paid work experience in this section.

- **Research**
  - Any experience working on a research project, preferably in addition to or outside of regular classroom work. This may include student research positions, research technician positions, summer research student, master’s rotational student, etc.

- **Volunteer**
  - Volunteer work done outside of the dental field; for example, working for Habitat for Humanity, tutoring students, participating in or working for a fundraiser walk or blood drive, etc.

**NOTE:** Include the name and address of each organization, supervisor, dates associated with the experience, title held by the applicant, average weekly hours, and a description of key responsibilities and a release for the dental schools if they choose to contact the organization.
Enter Your Experience:
1. Click **Add an Experience**.
2. Select the appropriate **experience type** from the drop-down.
3. Enter information about the organization where the experience took place.
4. Enter information about your supervisor at the organization. This is a person that programs can contact to verify that this experience occurred. If the experience was a student-organized group and there was no advisor, list a member who can verify your experience.
5. Enter the date or date range in which the experience took place. Note that your experiences will not display on your application in any specific order, regardless of the dates entered.
6. Enter additional details about the experience, including the title of the experience and the time commitments. Enter the average weekly number of hours that you completed for this experience during the date range that you indicated. Select **Yes** or **No** to indicate a release authorization to allow your selected programs to contact the organization.
7. Click **Save & Continue**.

Note that you cannot repeat hours between Experience types. So, if position duties encompass more than one section, enter the position in both sections and divide the hours and duties accordingly. For example, you shadowed Dr. D for 50 hours (Dental Shadowing) and the following summer you worked for 150 hours as a dental assistant in her office (Dental Experience).

Select Your Most Important Experience
Once you have added all your experiences, click the star icon next to an experience in the **My Experiences** list to mark it as your most important. You can select up to 6 experiences to highlight as your most important.

We recommend you compose the 600-character descriptions in a Word document and paste it into the application. Use the **AAMC Pre-Med Competencies** to guide the details in your descriptions. In a final sentence, tell what you learned in the experience. I am happy to review your experience descriptions. See my **experience description workshop slides** for guidance.
You will also have a description box that allows 600 characters to discuss your experience.
Utilize Core Competencies

- We recommend you utilize the AAMC Pre-Med Competencies (Association of American Medical Colleges) in writing your 600-character experience descriptions. Although this was created for pre-med students, it is still useful for your descriptions. A competency is an observable behavior that combines knowledge, skills, values, and attitudes related to a specific activity.

- The work and activities you are already involved with and your life experiences likely demonstrate these competencies. For example, you can demonstrate the scientific inquiry competency by excelling in scientific research, illustrate a service orientation competency by leading a service trip, or show capacity for improvement in a reflection at the end of your description.

- Use the competencies to guide your discussion on what you brought to and gained from your experience.

- Carefully compose and proof-read your descriptions.
PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCIES

• **Commitment to Learning and Growth:** Practices continuous personal and professional growth for improvement, including setting and communicating goals for learning and development; reflects on successes, challenges, and mistakes; pursues opportunities to improve knowledge and understanding; and asks for and incorporates feedback to learn and grow.

• **Cultural Awareness:** Appreciates how historical, sociocultural, political, and economic factors affect others’ interactions, behaviors, and well-being; values diversity; and demonstrates a desire to learn about different cultures, beliefs, and values.

• **Cultural Humility:** Seeks out and engages diverse and divergent perspectives with a desire to understand and willingness to adjust one’s mindset; understands a situation or idea from alternative viewpoints; reflects on one’s values, beliefs, and identities and how they may affect others; reflects on and addresses bias in oneself and others; and fosters a supportive environment that values inclusivity.

• **Empathy and Compassion:** Recognizes, understands, and acknowledges others’ experiences, feelings, perspectives, and reactions to situations; is sensitive to others’ needs and feelings; and demonstrates a desire to help others and alleviate others’ distress.

• **Ethical Responsibility to Self and Others:** Behaves with honesty and integrity; considers multiple and/or conflicting principles and values to inform decisions; adheres to ethical principles when carrying out professional obligations; resists pressure to engage in unethical behavior; and encourages others to behave honestly and ethically.
PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCIES (Continued)

- **Interpersonal Skills**: Demonstrates an awareness of how social and behavioral cues affect people’s interactions and behaviors; adjusts behaviors appropriately in response to these cues; recognizes and manages one’s emotions and understands how emotions impact others or a situation; and treats others with dignity, courtesy, and respect.

- **Oral Communication**: Effectively conveys information to others using spoken words and sentences; actively listens to understand the meaning and intent behind what others say; and recognizes potential communication barriers and adjusts approach or clarifies information as needed.

- **Reliability and Dependability**: Demonstrates accountability for performance and responsibilities to self and others; prioritizes and fulfills obligations in a timely and satisfactory manner; and understands consequences of not fulfilling one’s responsibilities to self and others.

- **Resilience and Adaptability**: Perseveres in challenging, stressful, or ambiguous environments or situations by adjusting behavior or approach in response to new information, changing conditions, or unexpected obstacles, and recognizes and seeks help and support when needed; recovers from and reflects on setbacks; and balances personal well-being with responsibilities.

- **Service Orientation**: Shows a commitment to something larger than oneself; demonstrates dedication to service and a commitment to making meaningful contributions that meet the needs of communities.

- **Teamwork and Collaboration**: Collaborates with others to achieve shared goals and prioritizes shared goals; adjusts role between team member and leader based on one’s own and others’ expertise and experience; shares information with team members and encourages this behavior in others; and gives and accepts feedback to improve team performance.
THINKING AND REASONING COMPETENCIES

• **Critical Thinking**: Uses logic and reasoning to identify the strengths and weaknesses of alternative solutions, conclusions, or approaches to problems.

• **Quantitative Reasoning**: Applies quantitative reasoning and appropriate mathematics to describe or explain phenomena in the natural world.

• **Scientific Inquiry**: Applies knowledge of the scientific process to integrate and synthesize information, solve problems and formulate research questions and hypotheses; is facile in the language of the sciences and uses it to participate in the discourse of science and explain how scientific knowledge is discovered and validated.

• **Written Communication**: Effectively conveys information to others using written words and sentences.
• **Living Systems:** Applies knowledge and skill in the natural sciences to solve problems related to molecular and macro systems including biomolecules, molecules, cells, and organs.

• **Human Behavior:** Applies knowledge of the self, others, and social systems to solve problems related to the psychological, socio-cultural, and biological factors that influence health and well-being.
We deliver art programs to area senior citizens. As Vice President, I coordinate interactions between members and the community to cultivate relationships between different groups through art. For example, I collaborated with the executive board to plan monthly activities with local nursing home residents, guiding them through crafts and facilitating conversations. During the pandemic, we maintained membership connections by shifting to a remote approach, creating projects together over Zoom to give to the residents. We use the power of a shared interest to bridge diverse communities.
Employment

Reliability and Dependability, Collaboration, Teamwork, Oral Communication, Critical Thinking, Social Skills, Resilience and Adaptability

As a host, I was responsible for greeting and seating 50 groups of customers per shift. I coordinated with the wait staff to balance service stations and ensure that customer needs were met. During peak hours I communicated with the team to help any sections that were overwhelmed while also cleaning tables as needed to seat more patrons. After 4 months I was promoted with the added responsibility of training new wait staff and resolving customer complaints. I learned how to deescalate tension and think clearly in stressful situations.
Experiences FAQs

- I haven’t begun my experience, but plan on doing so soon. Can I report that?
  - No, you cannot report anticipated experience. Once you have accumulated the experience, however, you can add new experiences to your application, even if you have already submitted it.

- I have plans to add experiences after I submit my application. Can I add new experiences after I submit?
  - Yes, new experiences can be added to the application.

- I’ve begun my experience, but plan on accumulating more hours before dental school begins. Can I include those?
  - In the experience sections, you may only document (in hours/weeks, etc.) the time already completed. Once you submit your application, you may update hours to an “ongoing” experience. TIP: Discuss your expected future time commitment in the description and send any updates directly to the schools which you are applying.

FAQ

Where do I send documentation of my experience hours?
ADEA AADSAS does not collect any documentation for the experience sections. If any schools require documentation, it should be submitted directly to them.

What is my “Title”? Who is my supervisor?
If you did not have an official title, you enter the type of activity you did; for example, “Dentist Shadow” or “Nurse Shadow,” etc. The organization is the location where or for whom the work took place and the supervisor is the person who was responsible for you or was in charge of your activity.
Achievements

Overview

In this section you can enter any relevant professional or academic achievements in several categories, or types. Review the definitions below, consider the achievement you earned, and choose the category that you think best fits.

Although you can enter any achievements that you believe are relevant to your application, we recommend focusing on those achievements within the last 10 years and at the collegiate level and above.

Achievement Types

Awards: Awards received as a prize, such as trophies and medals.

Honors: Honors received as a special distinction for work done, including Dean’s List and memberships in honor societies.

Scholarships: Scholarships earned based on academic, athletic, and other achievements.

Add an Achievement

Click Add An Achievement.

Select the type of achievement.

Enter the name of the achievement.

Enter the name of the organization that presented the achievement, if applicable.

Enter the issued date.

Enter a brief description, especially if the achievement is not clear based on its title. You can also note if any special circumstances surrounded it. If your achievement was awarded multiple times (e.g., Dean’s List), use this field to explain that instead of creating multiple instances.

Click Save This Achievement. Your saved achievements will not display in any particular order, regardless of the order or dates you enter.

Note that once you submit your application, you cannot edit or remove your achievements; however, you can continue to add new achievements, as needed.

Add Your Achievements

Select Your Most Important Achievement

Once you have added all your achievements, click the star icon next to an achievement in the My Achievements list to mark it as your most important. You can select up to 4 achievements to highlight as most important.

FAQ

How far back in my career should I list achievements?

It is recommended to include important achievements from during and after college.

Can I add new achievements after I submit?

Yes, new achievements can be added but existing achievements cannot be updated after the application is submitted.
**CERTIFICATIONS/LICENSES**

- Provide information about certification. Types include registered dental hygienist (RDH), certified dental assistant (CDA), certificated dental technician (CDT) and other. List only valid certifications.

**Licenses**

In this section, you can add any current professional licenses that you have. Note that ADEA AADSAS does not verify the information entered here. Contact your individual programs to determine if they require official documentation of any license listed in this section.

**Add a License**

1. Click **Add a License**.
2. Select the type of license from the **Type** drop-down.
3. Enter a number, if applicable.
4. Enter the date on which the license was issued.
5. Select the country where the license is held in.
6. Upload a copy of the license.

Note that once you submit your application, you cannot edit or remove licenses; however, you can continue to add new ones, as needed.

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**FAQ**

**Can I add new certifications after I submit?**

Yes, new certifications can be added but existing certifications cannot be updated after the application is submitted.

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I do not have a certification, but was trained in various health-related activities as part of my work experience. Can I list that here?

No. If you completed courses as part of on-the-job training, these can be listed under the appropriate job in the “Experiences” section of the application.

I do not have a transcript for my certification. What do I do?

Transcripts are not required for certifications. Even transcripts for certificates or Associate programs in Dental Hygiene or Dental Assisting don’t include the certifications on them, as the certifications are usually granted by state boards or similar organizations, not the schools themselves.
PERSONAL STATEMENT

- 1 page, 4,500 characters including spaces
- Answer the question: Why do I want to pursue a dental career?
- Things to express: motivation, academic preparedness, articulate, socially conscious, and knowledgeable about dentistry.
- Write about your experiences and any qualities that will make you stand out.
- Do not personalize your personal statement for one particular school. Keep it general.
- Do not exceed the maximum length: Refer to the number below the field in the application. This is the number of characters (not words) that you can use in your essay. As you type, you can see how many characters are still available. Characters include spaces, carriage returns, and punctuation. You cannot save your essay if it exceeds the character limit.

FAQ

Why won’t the formatting in my Personal Statement save in the text box? Since the personal statement section is composed of a text box, formatting such as tabs, italics or multiple spaces cannot be saved. In order to delineate paragraphs, you should type a double return between paragraphs. This delineation does not always show in the print preview version, but it will separate your paragraphs in the version submitted to your schools.

I made a mistake in my Personal Statement, but I already submitted! Can I go back and make a change? Unfortunately, no. It is the applicant’s responsibility to ensure that their personal statement is entered completely and correctly prior to submitting the application. Once you submit your application, you may not re-enter, update or otherwise edit your personal statement. If there are corrections which need to be made to your essay, you should submit those corrections directly to the programs to which you are applying.
Writing Your Personal Statement for Health Professional School

There is no one way to write a personal statement, but there are some best practices and core elements of personal statements. Use some of this information to start writing; consider attending a personal statement workshop or setting up an individual appointment with your Career Consultant to fine-tune your statement.

Structuring Your Statement
Organize your Personal Statement just like you would any other essay: introduction, body, conclusion. Each body paragraph should be structured using P.E.E.L.:

- **P**: Point: topic sentence - what is the point you want to make?
- **E**: Evidence: evidence points - what evidence supports your point?
- **E**: Explanation: explain your point - why is this relevant to the program you are pursuing?
- **L**: Link: link your point to the next paragraph.

4 Key Components of Your Statement

1. **Motivation**
   Why do you want to pursue this career? Think about your initial aspiration and your ongoing preparation.

2. **Fit**
   How do you know this is the right career for you? Think about the values and personal qualities you possess that make you a good fit for this career. Consider how they match the profession.

3. **Capacity**
   How do you know that you have what it takes to be successful in this field? Assess your skills, strengths, weaknesses, and challenges. Put them in context of this profession.

4. **Vision**
   How do you want to impact the profession? Consider broad and specific goals.

Do's & Don'ts

**DO**: Tell a story, find an angle, be specific.

**DO**: Write well and proofread!

**DO**: Use a clean, professional format.

**DO**: Stay within the word/character limit.

**DON'T**: Speak in clichés or generalities.

**DON'T**: Preach, white, condescending, or repeat info from your resume.

**DON'T**: Submit supplemental materials unless they are requested.

Top 10 Tips for Writing Success

1. **Plan ahead** - time and content. Give yourself more time than you think you need to write your document. Identify the main points you wish to include before you start writing.

2. **Narrow your purpose**. Be sure you understand the directions you were given, and choose a narrow focus. Each sentence and paragraph should support your purpose and consider your audience.

3. **Start in the middle**. Introductions and conclusions often prove to be challenging to write. Start in the middle and just begin writing.

4. **Embrace terrible first drafts**. Allow yourself to make mistakes. Just write, knowing that you may throw our drafts entirely or make significant revisions. Remember that writing is a process.

5. **Use strong action verbs**. Limit state of being verbs ("is," "are," "was") to only two or three per paragraph. Instead, use strong action verbs to make your writing more interesting.

6. **Write in active voice**. Using active voice instead of passive voice makes your writing easier to read. For example, write "I used Adobe InDesign to create engaging and creative publications" instead of "Adobe InDesign was used to create engaging and creative publications."

7. **Streamline your words**. Avoid chatter, ensuring that each word adds to your purpose. At times, fewer words lead to strong sentences. For instance, "There are many people who are affected by a fear of public speaking" could be improved by writing "Many people fear public speaking."

8. **Use variety of sentence structures and lengths**. Using the same sentence structure and length over and over again leads to dull writing. Instead of writing "I went to the grocery store and bought some delicious chocolate chip cookies," try "I went to the grocery store and bought some delicious chocolate chip cookies."

9. **Use transitional words and phrases**. Transitions ensure that your sentences and paragraphs flow nicely for the reader. Simply repeating select words from one paragraph to the next serves as a useful transitional tool. Words like "additionally," "however," "therefore," and "consequently" can help with transitional flow as well.

10. **Start and end strong**. Capture your reader's attention with an interesting opening that introduces your topic and supports your purpose of writing. A strong conclusion sums up your purpose and leaves the reader with a positive impression.

Reflective Writing Prompts

Use these prompts to practice writing personal content with details and structure.

1. If I could talk to my childhood self, the one thing I would say is...
2. What surprised you most about your life or life in general?
3. Write about a moment in your life you wish you could freeze and preserve.
4. Imagine living the day as someone else.
5. Write about a promise you want to make to yourself and keep.
6. I feel most energized when...

Adapted from the University of Minnesota "Personal Statements for a Health Program," 2017
Program Materials Section

The Program Materials section includes additional information and requirements for the programs you selected in the Add Programs section. Each program's requirements may vary, so it's important you review this section in detail.

Your selected programs appear on the left side of this page; click each program's name to begin your review. Note that depending on your program's requirements, you'll see one or more of the tabs outlined below.

Home

The Home tab contains the Program Details provided by each program at the start of the application cycle. It includes deadlines and other information specific to the program. Be sure to review this page carefully for any additional instructions, information, and/or requirements.

Documents

The Documents tab is only available for certain programs. If applicable, you can upload documents that will only be visible to that particular program. Documents that do not have a red asterisk are optional and do not need to be uploaded for you to submit your application.

Contact the program directly if you have any questions about their specific requirements.

If your program provides a PDF form to fill out and upload in this section, you must save and upload it as an image. Depending on your computer's operating system, there may be multiple ways to do this; a Google search can point you in the right direction.

Once your application is submitted, you cannot re-upload, update, or edit the documents in any way; however, you can upload new documents.

FAQ

Is the Program Materials section required?
Yes, you must complete this section in order to submit the ADEA AADSAS application. Some questions, though, will be optional depending on the dental school's selection.

Does completing this section mean that I don’t have to submit a supplemental application to the school directly?
The answer depends on the dental school. Please check with each school to determine if information, fees, or documents are required outside of ADEA AADSAS.
The Prerequisites tab is only available for certain programs. In it, you can assign courses you took (or plan to take) to fulfill the program's required prerequisites. You must complete Transcript Entry and Transcript Review in order to complete this section. Note that assigning these courses does not necessarily mean you meet the program's prerequisite requirements; the program wants you to self-identify these courses for their review. Contact each program directly if you have questions about these prerequisites.

**Assign a Prerequisite**

Click Assign Course.

Click the plus sign next to the course(s) that you believe fulfill the prerequisite. You can match multiple courses to one prerequisite, if applicable.

Click Save and Exit.
• Click ASSIGN COURSE to choose from all the courses listed from your Transcript Entry section.
• Click on the course and it will turn green to show it was selected successfully.
Program Materials Section Cont.

- **Questions**
  - The **Questions** tab is only available for certain programs. Here, you can answer questions specific to each program. Questions may be multiple choice or open-ended text boxes. Some programs require an additional essay. Contact each program directly if you have questions.
  - Select your answers for each question and then click **Save My Responses**. If copying a response into a text box, check for possible formatting changes. We suggest using simple formatting, as tabs, italics, multiple spaces, etc., will not be saved. To delineate paragraphs, type a double return between each paragraph.
Submit ADEA AADSAS Application

Before Submitting

- You can make limited changes after you submit your application. You can add new items to certain areas of the Academic History, Supporting Information, and Program Materials sections (e.g., test scores, experiences, optional documents, etc.), where applicable, but you cannot edit existing entries. You can also update evaluations with "new" or "in-progress" statuses and select additional programs to apply to. All other sections are read-only.

- You can submit your application before your transcripts and evaluations are received. Please note, however, that ADEA AADSAS will not review your application until all your transcripts, payments, and evaluations are received.

- Do not wait until the last minute. You can submit your application up until 11:59 PM ET on the deadline date; however, ensure you allow for time to complete the required payment section. You must click Submit and complete the final payment information before the deadline in order to guarantee your submission is accepted. Additionally, be aware that during their busiest times you may experience page loading delays, and these may occur outside of customer service’s hours of operation. ADEA AADSAS cannot grant deadline extensions if you miss your deadline; contact your programs directly for more information.

Fee Assistance Program

- Check the ADEA AADSAS Application Fees section before submitting to see if you qualify for the available Fee Assistance Programs.

Submitting Your Payment

- When you are ready to submit your application, go to the Submit Application tab and click Submit. Payments can only be made in the application via a credit card. They accept Visa, Mastercard, American Express, and Discover. Credit card payments cannot be made over the phone.

- Once you submit your application and payment, click View Payment History for each program on the Check Status page to confirm your payment’s receipt.
Completing Your ADEA AADSAS Application

- Your application must be considered "complete" to be placed in line for verification. In general, an application is complete when:
  - All official transcripts have been received and posted to your application.
  - If you used the Professional Transcript Entry (PTE) service, you have approved the work completed.
  - Your application fee payment was submitted and marked as received.
  - You submitted your application and received an email confirming it was successfully submitted.
  - Your application Program Status is "Complete."

- Note that your selected programs may have specific requirements for completion (i.e., supplemental applications, official transcripts, document uploads, etc.). Contact your programs directly if you have questions about their requirements. Failure to submit all required materials may jeopardize your eligibility for admission consideration. Review each program's homepage in the Program Materials section to ensure you are meeting all requirements.

After Submitting

- You'll receive a confirmation email acknowledging that your application was submitted. Note that submitting does not mean your application is being reviewed by your programs. Depending on what materials were already received, submitting changes your application status from "In-Progress" to "Received" or "Complete."
What is Verification?

Definition
- Verification is the process used to ensure all of your coursework was entered correctly and consistently. Since credit values, grade values, and course subjects vary widely from school to school, your programs need some type of standardization so they can accurately compare applicants. This standardization is achieved by using your coursework to create a standard set of GPAs, ensuring you are compared to other applicants fairly and equally.

- Several things happen during verification:
  - Each course you entered in the Transcript Entry section gets placed under a specific course subject category.
  - Each grade you entered in the Transcript Entry section gets converted to an ADEA AADSAS grade value.
  - GPAs are calculated using the converted grade values.
  - Your degrees are confirmed as awarded, if applicable.

- If significant mistakes are found in your application during the verification process, your application will be undelivered, or returned to you for corrections.

Timeline
- Once all of your required application materials are received, your application’s status changes to Complete and your application is placed in line to be verified. Verifications occur in chronological order and on average take two weeks to complete. Once your application is verified, you will receive a notification and your application’s status will change to Verified.
How ADEA AADSAS Programs Receive Your Application

When Programs Review Your Application

- Once you pay for and submit your application, you'll receive a confirmation email and ADEA AADSAS will send your application electronically to your programs. Your programs choose when to review your application. Once your application is verified, contact the programs directly with any questions about your application’s status.

Why Programs Don’t Receive Your Application

- Programs don’t receive your application when the following occurs:
  - You did not submit your application to the program.
  - You did not submit payment.
  - Your application has an Undelivered status.
  - Your application has been placed on hold. Applications are placed on hold when:
    - You have created more than one application account for the cycle, and the duplicates are placed on hold.
    - You have chosen to withdraw your application for the cycle.
    - Your application has been suspended as a result of a code of conduct or ethics violation.
    - A credit card payment was charged back.

- If your application is on hold, contact ADEA AADSAS Customer Service for more information.
Calculating Your ADEA AADSAS GPAs

Overview
During verification, ADEA AADSAS uses the information you entered in the Transcript Entry section to calculate several GPAs, including GPAs for each institution you attended. To calculate these GPAs, each A-F or 0-100 grade you entered in the Grade field is first converted to a ADEA AADSAS numeric grade value, then multiplied by the attempted credits. The resulting product is Quality Points.

Your total Quality Points are then divided by your Attempted Credits to determine your GPA.

Non-graded credits are not included in your GPAs. Non-graded credits are earned credits for which you did not receive actual letter grades (e.g., advanced placement credits, "pass" or "satisfactory" credits, college board AP exams, etc.).

ADEA AADSAS calculates all GPAs in semester hours. Courses that were completed in quarter hours are converted to semester hours. The conversion ratio is 1.0 quarter hour = 0.667 semester hours.

Use the GPA Calculator to see how ADEA AADSAS will calculate your GPA.

CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT GPA CALCULATIONS. CLICK HERE FOR THE ADEA AADSAS GRADE VALUES CHART.

Do repeated courses factor into my GPA?
ADEA AADSAS must standardize applicant information throughout the country, and therefore does not recognize individual school or academic “forgiveness” policies in regard to repeated courses, as each college treats these situations differently. Some schools average the two grades together, other factor in the higher grades, some take the second grade even if it's lower than the first, and others don't recognize repeated courses at all. Therefore, ADEA AADSAS must factor both grades in your AADSAS GPA. Once your application arrives at your designated programs, they may or may not recalculate your GPA depending upon their own individual policies.

Where will I be able to view my GPAs?
Once coursework is verified, please log in to your account and visit the Check Status tab on the homepage of your application to download a PDF of your application and review your GPAs as your programs will see them.
Find Your GPA Calculations

You can view your ADEA AADSAS GPAs once your application has been verified. To view your ADEA AADSAS GPAs:

- From the application dashboard, navigate to the Submit Application tab.
- Click the download button located next to any program you applied to.
- Open the PDF and use the bookmarks to navigate to the Calculated GPA section.

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On the PDF bookmarks menu, select "Calculated GPA" to view your GPA charts.
Find Your GPA Calculations Cont.

Discrepancies:

- Because of the standardization that occurs during verification, it is not uncommon to see GPA discrepancies between what your schools calculate and what ADEA AADSAS calculates. Discrepancies occur because:
  - ADEA AADSAS does not recognize an individual school’s policies for forgiveness, academic renewal, or grade replacement for repeated courses. All grades earned for repeated courses are factored into your ADEA AADSAS GPA.
  - ADEA AADSAS’s numeric grade values differ from an individual school’s.
  - ADEA AADSAS calculates all GPAs in semester hours. Courses that were completed in quarter hours are converted to semester hours. The conversion ratio is 1.0 quarter hour = 0.667 semester hours.
  - ADEA AADSAS breaks down your GPA by academic year, not by college or university. Coursework completed at multiple schools for similar academic years get combined. For example, if you completed freshman coursework at College ABC and freshman coursework at College XYZ, ADEA AADSAS uses all of that coursework to calculate the GPA for your freshman academic year.

- Click [here](#) to learn how to dispute and correct ADEA AADSASS Course Subjects and GPAs
Overview

After you submit, you can make limited changes to your application and materials. Review the changes allowed for coursework, transcripts, and other sections below.

Updating Your Coursework and Transcripts

What is Academic Update?

Academic Update allows you to update planned or in-progress coursework that you completed since your application was originally verified. Academic Update is an optional process; check with your programs to determine if they require it. During the Academic Update window, you can also enter new planned/in-progress coursework for the upcoming term(s).

Am I Eligible for Academic Update?

You are eligible for AU if you have at least one program in the Verified status by February 2, 2024. You can find your application status under the Check Status tab. Updates are available within the following timeframes:

- August 14, 2024 and September 30, 2024
- December 2, 2024 and February 7, 2025

You will receive an email when the Academic Update periods are open and available.
Updates Cont.

What Happens When I Update My Coursework?

- Academic Update helps ensure your programs have the most up-to-date information about your coursework. If you update your coursework during the Academic Update window, ADEA AADSAS verifies your new courses, calculates updated ADEA AADSAS GPAs, and sends this information to your programs.

- Since updated coursework will be verified, you must arrange for your updated official transcripts to be sent directly to ADEA AADSAS as soon as you receive an email confirmation from ADEA AADSAS confirming that your Academic Update was successfully submitted. Do not request that transcripts be sent to ADEA AADSAS beforehand; they will not qualify for Academic Update and will need to be resubmitted.

- Once your new transcripts are received, your new coursework is placed in line to be verified. Verifications occur in chronological order and on average take two weeks to complete. You will receive an email when your Academic Update is verified.

- Note that your application status will remain as Verified throughout the Academic Update process.

Which Courses Should I Update?

- You can update any coursework you initially marked as in-progress or planned, as well as add courses that are planned for the next term. You cannot update terms that are already verified or add terms from previous years (e.g., you forgot to add a term from 2021). If you are updating coursework as a re-applicant, review Use an Existing ADEA AADSAS Account to Re-apply.

- Note that you can only update your grades once during the Academic Update period. For example, if you've listed fall coursework as in-progress or planned, wait until that term is completed and you've received your final grades before you submit your Academic Update. Be mindful of the Academic Update deadline and submit before it closes.
How Do I Complete the Academic Update Process?

- Academic Update is a three-step process:

Update Your Coursework

- Ensure your application’s status is Verified on the Check Status tab.
- Navigate to the Academic History section.
- Click Transcript Entry.
- Click Edit under the school you are updating.
- Click the blue pencil next to the term you are updating (if you need to add a new term, click Add Term).
- Change the In Progress/Planned box to Completed.
- Update your courses, credits, and grades.
- Click Save All.

Submit Your Application

- Click Submit My Updates to send the updated information to your programs no later than 11:59 PM ET on February 7, 2025.

Send Your Updated, Official Transcripts to ADEA AADSAS

- ADEA AADSAS must receive your official transcripts by February 12, 2025. Arrange for your updated official transcripts to be sent directly to ADEA AADSAS as soon as they are available.
Updates Cont.

Updating Other Application Sections

Once you submit your application, most sections are locked to prevent edits. Updates you can make include:

- Editing your contact information.
- Editing your profile information (username, password, etc.).
- Adding programs with deadlines that have not yet passed.
- Adding new evaluations (if you have not yet requested the maximum number of evaluations).
- Editing or deleting evaluations that remain incomplete.
- Adding new entries to certain areas of the Academic History, Supporting Information, and Program Materials sections (e.g., test scores, optional documents, etc.), where applicable (you are unable to edit or delete existing entries).
- Editing program materials for programs you have not yet submitted to.
- Adding optional documents to programs that you already submitted to (all other sections will be locked).

After making your updates, click Update my application to send the changes to your programs. If you have updates for other sections of your application, submit these updates directly to your programs.
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