



# Pre-Dental Quick Facts

## Advised Pre-DAT

Biology - BIOL 1107/L & 1108/L  
General Chemistry - CHEM 1211/L & 1212/L  
Organic Chemistry - CHEM 2211/L & 2212/L  
Physiology - VPHY 3100 / CBIO 3710 / PMCY 4020  
or BOTH CBIO 2200 & 2210 (with labs)

DAT Cost - \$560\*

## Recommended Pre-DAT

Statistics - STAT 2000 / BIOS 2010  
Biochem - BCMB 3100  
Art Courses - ARST 1080 (3D Design)  
Genetics - GENE 3200  
Calculus - MATH 2250

\*Offered multiple times per year, plan to take the DAT only once.

Average  
Matriculant  
Numbers

Overall GPA: 3.6  
Science: 3.5 | BCP: 3.5  
DAT Averages (AA/PAT/SNS): 430 / 430 / 430

## Grade Trends

- Strong science and overall GPAs are essential.
- Positive grade trends matter
- Negative grade trends are cause for concern (repeated withdrawals, poor science grades, excessive science coursework outside UGA).

Show you can handle rigorous scientific content.

## Typical Dental School Prerequisites

Biology - BIOL 1107/L & 1108/L  
General Chemistry - CHEM 1211/L & 1212/L  
Organic Chemistry - CHEM 2211/L & 2212/L  
Physics - PHYS 1111 & 1112 or 1211 & 1212  
Calculus - MATH 2250 (at some schools)  
Biochemistry - BCMB 3100  
Microbiology - MIBO 3500 & 3500L  
Anatomy - CBIO 3010/L or CBIO 2200/L & CBIO 2210/L  
Psychology - PSYC 1101

UGA Course Equivalents Listed - always verify with your target schools! (This is not a definitive list)

There is no single "best" major for pre-dental students—choose a field you truly enjoy, as you're more likely to succeed in it. Be sure to meet with a pre-health advisor in the Pre-Professional Advising Office to create a plan that fits your goals.

Note: You **MUST** become a general dentist before you become a specialist.

## Dental School Application Information

Applying early minimizes the chances of available interview slots being depleted. Completing and submitting your application the first week of June enhances your chances of admission. No dental schools are allowed to issue an acceptance before December 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.

### 1st & 2nd Year

Build Credentials  
Shadow, Volunteer,  
Network with Faculty  
and Students  
Do not wait until  
junior year to begin!

### 3rd Year

Fall: Cont. Experiences,  
Study for DAT, Draft  
Personal Statement  
Dec-May: Register for  
DENTPIN, take DAT  
Feb-April: Ask for  
Letters of Evaluation  
May: Begin AADSAS  
Application

### Summer Before 4th Year

Early June: Submit  
AADSAS (ASAP - even if  
DAT score or LOEs are  
not in)  
June/July: Prepare  
secondary applications  
July/August: Complete  
secondary applications

### 4th Year

Fall: Interview in late  
August through  
Spring  
Continue Experiences  
(Shadowing,  
Research,  
Volunteering, etc.)  
Spring: Graduate!



# Shadowing

- Start early, summers and breaks are an ideal time to shadow.
- Build a connection for a letter of evaluation.
- Most of your shadowing hours must be with a general dentist.
- Check the requirements of each school you a plan to apply to.
- Don't just pay attention to the patient interactions. Learn all you can about running a business, teaching, and manual dexterity.

Step outside your comfort zone, cold call, email and network to secure opportunities.

# PPAO Involvement

- Check out our website for more Pre-Dental info.
- Join our pre-Dental Listserv to stay updated about Dental focused events.



WEBSITE



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LISTSERV

Join the Pre-Dental Society



ugadental@gmail.com

# Volunteering

- Shows service-mindedness & empathy
- Gains experience in diverse social issues
- Focus on long term involvement
- Look for leadership roles when possible

Do what you are passionate about.  
It doesn't need to be Health/Wellness related!

# Undergraduate Research

(Optional)

- Start as early as freshman/sophomore year
- Commit to at least a year to a specific lab/project
- Be ready to explain your work on multiple levels: Elevator pitch vs In-depth discussion

# Letters of Evaluation

- Large lecture classes make it harder to connect, so be intentional in building relationships with professors
- Attend office hours regularly
- Engage during class & labs
- Develop relationships over a period of time for a strong letter

## Choose Letter Writers Wisely

- Pick people who know you well
- Choose strong, specific letters over generic letters
- Ask early and give plenty of notice

LOE Sources	Additional Notes
Science Faculty	Biology, Chemistry, etc. – often required. Lecture, not lab.
Research Mentor	Great addition, but <u>may not</u> count as a science faculty letter.
General Dentist	Often Required
Non-Science Faculty	Optional for most, but shows well-roundedness
Other Strong Options	Volunteer coordinators, employers, etc.

Check the requirements of each school you plan to apply to. If no guidelines are given, generally aim for two science letters, one general dentist letter, and one additional professional letter. Some schools draw a distinction between mentorship and class instruction. Don't be afraid to reach out to your target schools for clarification!