Pre Dental

Prerequisite courses needed for entry into dental school can satisfy requirements for many different majors. This provides an opportunity for students to choose a major that best suits their interests. Dental schools require students to have 90 credit hours completed prior to application and encourage the completion of a baccalaureate degree. Curriculum offered at Texas Wesleyan helps students meet these admission requirements.

Dental school applicants are highly competitive. To improve chances for admission, students should strive for high grades; applicants often have GPAs over 3.5, and involvement in extracurricular activities. Applicants are required to take the <u>Dental Admission Test (DAT)</u>.

The dental schools in Texas have standard prerequisite course requirements for admission, summarized below. Students should verify the up-to-date requirements for professional schools to which they intend to apply before beginning their junior year.

| Discipline | Required Hours | Texas Wesleyan Courses |
|----------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| Biology | 14 semester hours | BIO1321, BIO1121 BIO1322, BIO1122 |
| General Chemistry | 8 semester hours | CHE1315, CHE1115 CHE1316, CHE1116 |
| Organic Chemistry | 8 semester hours | CHE2316, CHE2116 CHE2317, CHE2117 |
| Biochemistry | 3 semester hours | CHE4326 |
| Physics | 8 semester hours | PHY1401 PHY1402 |
| English | 6 semester hours | ENG1301 ENG1302 |
| Statistics | 3 semester hours of statistics | MAT3311 |
| DAT | http://www.ada.org/en/education-careers/dental-admission- test/ | |

Requirements

*While any Bachelor's degree is acceptable, typical Degrees are listed below. Typical Degrees:

Biology Pre-Dent B

Biochemistry Pre-Dent

Texas Medical & Dental Schools Application Service (TMDSAS)

The TMDSAS is the centralized application processing service for applicants to the first-year entering classes at all of the public medical, dental and veterinary schools in the state of Texas.