

**COLLEGE  
OF DENTISTRY**



**Welcome to the  
UIC  
Community!**

**Doctor of Dental Medicine (DMD)  
Class of 2021**



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## ***Welcome from the Associate Dean of Student and Diversity Affairs***



**Dr. Darryl Pendleton**  
**Director of the Urban Health Program**  
**Associate Professor**

**Welcome to the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Dentistry!**

**I would like to add my congratulations to you on your decision to pursue dentistry as a career and to attend our College.**

**The major role of the Office of Student and Diversity Affairs is to assist you in the curricular and extracurricular aspects of your education. We hope that you will see Student Affairs as a supportive and responsive place in which you can find help for your efforts in coping with the academic and personal demands of dental school. Helping dental students to develop into empathic, compassionate, knowledgeable dentists who are enthusiastic about their profession is one of our goals. We look forward to working with each of you.**

## *Welcome from Admissions*



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The Admissions staff hopes that you are enjoying the winter season and that your preparations for the start of dental school are going well. As you all know, **August 15th, 2017** (*the first official day of D1 classes*) is just around the corner, and the beginning of your professional education and career will be here before you know it!

In an effort to help you prepare for orientation and classes, the Office of Student and Diversity Affairs will be sending updates throughout this period to remind you about important items that you will want to address before orientation on **Monday, August 7th — Friday, August 11th, 2017**. Please be sure to read each update in its entirety, as there will be information for which we will be requiring your response. This is the first of several updates that you will be receiving covering topics pertinent to your matriculation in August 2017.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Office of Admissions if you have any questions. We look forward to working with each of you to prepare for your professional education. You have made a wonderful choice in your decision to attend the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Dentistry. The staff in the Office of Student and Diversity Affairs looks forward to helping make this a smooth transition and an enriching, fun, and rewarding educational experience.

# Financial Aid

Please be reminded that if you are planning on financing your education with loans, you should file a 2017-2018 (**Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**) form. This should be done as soon as possible as it opened in October. The FAFSA should be filed no later than March 1, 2017. If you have not yet done this already, please do so immediately! **UIC's Title IV Code is 001776.** This is an online application which you can access through the FAFSA web-site at: <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>.

You can also find additional information on completing the FAFSAS 2017-18, Free Application for Federal Student Aid at:

<http://studentaid.ed.gov/sites/default/files/2017-18-completing-fafsa.pdf>

Federal Student Aid Information Center, 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243).

The completed FAFSA form will be sent to the University Financial Aid office, award notifications will be sent to students in late March 2017. Disbursement will be on or around: Friday, August 11th, 2017. If you have questions regarding the status of your FAFSA form or Student Aid Report, please contact Mrs. Hua Kao at [hkao1@uic.edu](mailto:hkao1@uic.edu) or at 312-996-3126 in the interim while Mr. T.J. Hardaway at (312-996-3126, [tjhard@uic.edu](mailto:tjhard@uic.edu)) is out of the office on leave.

**UIC Financial Aid website** —<http://www.uic.edu/depts/financialaid/>

In order to help you to better prepare financially for the approaching school year, below are *estimated* figures for the **Fall 2017 and Spring 2018**. **Please note that the numbers listed below may not reflect the exact amount that you will receive, financial aid funds are based on your individual circumstances.** Financial aid funds are disbursed **in thirds** (fall, spring, summer) every semester.

Check your aid status <https://my.uic.edu/common>, UIC Financial Aid Homepage <http://www.uic.edu/depts/financialaid>

**ESTIMATED COST OF ATTENDANCE (COA), this information is subject to change.**

## **FALL 2017**

**Fall Books/Supplies— \$2675 (est)**

**Tuition instate \$16,692/out of state\$30,037**

**Loan Fees— \$ 1500**

**Personal Expenses—\$ 1104**

**Transportation —\$736**

**Housing/Food Expenses—\$5519**

**Mandatory Fees- \$ 5,741**

**TOTAL instate \$33,967/oos \$47,312**

## **SPRING 2018**

**Spring Books/Supplies—\$2675 (est)**

**Tuition instate \$16,692/ out of state \$30,037**

**Loan Fees \$ 1500**

**Personal Expenses—\$1104**

**Transportation —\$736**

**Housing/Food Expenses—\$5519**

**Mandatory Fees- \$5,741**

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# Financial Aid Continued...

The American Dental Education Association (ADEA) has developed a set of videos to assist new students through financial planning. Paul Garrard, consultant and financial aid expert who works with ADEA, has recorded a presentation on how to Finance your Dental Education. Additionally, Mr. Garrard has other Youtube videos that we recommend that you watch.

- ⇒ **Financing Your Dental Education.** [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tslbMqXCG\\_0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tslbMqXCG_0)
  
- ⇒ **Introduction: Key messages and important items to consider as you view the presentation.** <http://youtu.be/q5do5y6Y0M8>
  
- ⇒ **Part 1: Detailed look at actual out-of-pocket costs for dental school and the real cost of borrowing.** <http://youtu.be/NVziSm4leT8>
  
- ⇒ **Part 2: Important information about what you will be borrowing, terms and conditions, repayment examples, and why dental school graduates are well known for responsible repayment.** [http://youtu.be/25\\_H\\_a1\\_x9c](http://youtu.be/25_H_a1_x9c)
  
- ⇒ **Part 3: Changes to loan programs and things to keep on your radar screen during dental school that may impact your repayment strategy.** <http://youtu.be/t9FchUgky0A>
  
- ⇒ **Part 4: Relationship between student loans and credit, and how they can help you build a positive credit history.** <http://youtu.be/iaCdMiVsqFo>
  
- ⇒ **Part 5: Some common sense ways to keep on top of your borrowing during dental school and resources to help.** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CnQhVXXN368>

## OTHER RESOURCES:

National Student Loan Data Systems (NSLDS), [www.studentloans.gov](http://www.studentloans.gov)

AAMC/ADEA Dental Loan Organizer and Calculator (DLOC), <https://www.aamc.org/services/fao-first/godental/>

# Orientation and Summer Meeting

Orientation will be held from **Monday, August 7 – Friday, August 11, 2017**. Please note that **orientation is mandatory for all incoming DMD students; there are no exceptions to this requirement. If a student fails to show up to the first day of orientation, they will be automatically withdrawn from the program.** Additionally, you should plan to be at the College of Dentistry Monday through Friday from 8:00am - 5:00pm during orientation. Our colleagues in the Student Services area will provide you with a more detailed agenda of events once the schedule is finalized.

## Spring /Summer 2017

Friday, March 17, 2017: Background check & Supplemental Application due

Thursday, June 8, 2017: D1 Summer Meeting

Wednesday, June 28, 2017: Transcripts with Degree posted due

July 1, 2017 Deadline to obtain I Card

Monday, July 3, 2017: Immunizations Tracker due

Monday to Friday, August 7-11, 2017: D1 Orientation

## Fall Term 2017

Monday, August 14:, 2017 D1 Classes Begin

Monday, August 28, 2017 Classes Begin (D2, D3, D4, A1, A2)

Monday, September 4, 2017: Labor Day - Closed

Monday to Friday, November 20-24: Fall Break no classes or Clinics\*

December 15, 2017: Classes & Clinics End \*

## Spring Term 2018

Tuesday, January 2, 2018: Classes & Clinics Begin

Monday January 15, 2018: MLK Day - Closed

March: Spring Break - 1 Week TBA – no classes or clinics

Friday, April 20, 2018 Classes & Clinics End\*

\*Due to construction, schedule subject to change

June 2017						
Su	Mo	Tu	W	Th	Fri	Sat
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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August 2017						
Su	Mo	Tu	W	Th	Fri	Sat
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27	28	29	30	31		



# My.UIC Student Account/University Resources

## Access my.UIC Account

All newly admitted students should log on to “my.UIC “ the University of Illinois at Chicago portal for incoming students. As a newly admitted student, this site will serve as your gateway to the University from now through graduation. Please click on “Activate” your portal account. You will need your UIN (University Identification Number) and a Token. Tokens are sent to all newly admitted students via email approximately 7 days after admission.

<https://my.uic.edu/common/>

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Please be reminded that as incoming students at UIC, you have **numerous** campus resources available to you. *The Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs* is another wealth of information for our UIC student population. Their mission is as follows:

*“Our mission is to foster student success and affinity by creating experiences that engage students in programs and services that support their learning and personal development.”*

<http://www.uic.edu/depts/ovcsa/>

All of the offices listed below are located in the **Student Services Building (SSB)**

1200 West Harrison Street (corner of Racine and Harrison, across the street from the UIC pavilion the East side of campus.

**The Disability Resource Center (located in SSB).** <https://drc.uic.edu/>

**The Academic Center for Excellence (located in SSB):**

<http://www.uic.edu/depts/ace/strategies.shtml>

**The UIC Counseling Center (located in SSB) is available at:**

[http://www.vcsa.uic.edu/MainSite/departments/counseling\\_center/home/](http://www.vcsa.uic.edu/MainSite/departments/counseling_center/home/)

# Transcripts and Registration

## What transcripts do I need to submit?

As you are aware, our dental school requires proof of an earned Bachelor's or Master's degree as reported on your AADSAS application. All newly admitted D1 students should submit an **official** copy of all transcripts. We *cannot* obtain copies from AADSAS. The transcripts **must have the degree posted**. Students should also submit master's degree transcripts and any other college or university transcript that posts prerequisite coursework or science coursework for dental school. All transcripts with degrees posted should be in our office **no later than WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28TH, 2017**. Please send them to: UIC College of Dentistry, ATTN: DMD Admissions, Carolyn Feller, 801 S. Paulina Street, Room 104, Chicago IL 60612.

## Class Registration

The College of Dentistry Office of Academic Affairs will send you registration information over the Summer. Once you set-up your UIC student account, you will be able to use this portal to register for classes too. For further information please review the DMD Curriculum registration guide:

<https://dentistry.uic.edu/sites/default/files/IMCE/academics-training/DMD-Courses-Oct2016.pdf>

Instructions on how to register will be provided by Academic Affairs once course information is available.

## When will we be notified about our small groups (SGL) and clinic assignments?

D1 SGL group and clinic assignments will be made the week of orientation. Students will be notified by Academic Affairs accordingly.

# HOUSING — Living in Chicago

## ON-CAMPUS HOUSING

UIC has both an on-campus and off-campus Housing office located on the second floor of the Student Residence Commons, 700 S. Halsted Street, Room 2026. You may visit the UIC Housing department website <http://www.housing.uic.edu>, to obtain additional information.

The office provides housing information and offers many services that you may find helpful in making your living arrangements. The College of Dentistry is located on the west-side of UIC's campus. The residence hall for graduate health professional students is located on the medical campus, 3 blocks west of the dental school. This facility is called ***Single Student Residence (SSR)***.

### About Single Student Residence (SSR)

This building is mainly for graduate and professional students, as well as for undergraduate students 24 years of age or older. This building is apartment style, with each student having an individual bedroom and sharing a kitchenette and bathroom within each unit. Each bedroom has a private telephone line (must be activated; additional fees may apply). As this building is for graduate and professional students, the entire building is intensive study.

#### Contact

**For more information specifically about SSR, please contact:**

**Shannon Mullally**, Resident Director,  
smullall@uic.edu, (312) 355-6407



# HOUSING —Living in Chicago

## OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING

Based on past dental student classes, we have found that many students choose to live off-campus. If you decide to live off-campus, we recommend that you research the neighborhood in which you are interested in. Chicago is a big city with many diverse neighborhoods; this helpful website will assist you in exploring the many diverse neighborhoods.

<http://www.dreamtown.com/neighborhoods/chicago-neighborhoods.html>

Another great resource is the UIC Off-campus Housing database system. This site is for the use of UIC students, staff and faculty, as well as landlords who wish to lease property to UIC students. <http://www.housing.uic.edu/offcampus/>

The UIC Commuter Student Resources Center also has an off-campus housing site:

<https://commuter.uic.edu/housing/>

**City Living**—If you are interested in living close to the college consider doing a search for these areas: ***Little Italy, University Village, UIC/Medical District/Tri-Taylor, West Loop and South Loop.*** There is an apartment complex close by: Medical District Apartments (866-908-5885, <http://www.medicaldistrictapts.com>)

***A word of advice:*** If finances are a concern, we recommend that you do not rush into signing a housing contract (lease) until you are aware of all your housing options. Calculate carefully what you can realistically afford before making your decision. Be aware that heating costs may not be included in your rent and may be a separate expense. Due to the climate in Chicago, this can be expensive. Following are helpful websites that may be of use to you in your search.

[www.padmapper.com](http://www.padmapper.com)

<http://chicago.craigslist.org>

<http://www.chicagoreader.com>

# Living in Chicago

**Safety in Chicago** - Many students have questions and concerns about safety in Chicago. Please visit the city of Chicago Police Department (CPD) website, <http://gis.chicagopolice.org> The CPD website has a web application called CLEARMAP CRIME INCIDENTS that enables you to search the Chicago Police Department’s database of reported crime.

**Transportation**— Chicago’s most popular way of getting around are via bike or car; walking and public transportation (commonly referred to as the “L”). Please visit the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) website to obtain information about bus and elevated/subway train services. <http://www.transitchicago.com/maps/>

**Education**- If you need information about K-12 education please visit the State of Illinois web-site:



# Background Check, Immunization Forms & DMD Supplemental Application

The University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) College of Dentistry requires that all students complete a background check prior to matriculation into the Doctor of Dental Medicine (DMD) Program. Information regarding the College's policy on background checks has been attached to this email. To facilitate this process, the College has identified an independent vendor, Castlebranch, to provide the required background screening. A document providing direction on how to proceed with the background check accompanies this newsletter. The deadline to complete the background check is **Friday, March 17, 2017.**

## **Immunization Forms**

Attached please find information about the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Dentistry Immunization policy, Frequently Asked Questions and a Castlebranch instruction sheet. Please have your healthcare provider complete the Immunization form NOW and obtain the appropriate lab tests, as some vaccination series take months to complete. Once your forms and labs are complete, you will upload them into a secure web-based program (Immunization Tracker) that will review your records and let you know if anything is missing. The deadline to upload all forms and reach compliance is **Monday, July 3, 2017.**

**Supplemental Application**—All students should submit a completed form along with a copy of an official form of identification, by **Friday, March 17, 2017** to **cfeller@uic.edu**. You can also mail the documents to our office at DMD Admissions, 801 S. Paulina Street, Room 104, Chicago IL 60612.

# Collection of Teeth

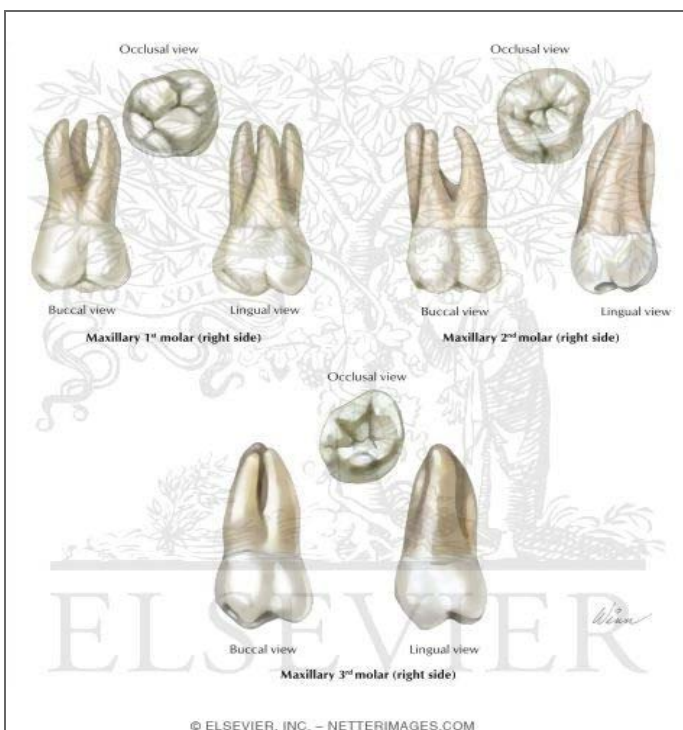
As part of the first year fall and spring semester dental curriculum, you will take courses entitled Dentistry-Applied Oral and Behavioral Sciences (DAOB). In these courses, you will learn about the biology of the human dentition and practice preparing teeth for restoration. The laboratory portion of these and other subsequent courses depend heavily on a collection of extracted human teeth.

Again, in your D-2 year you will learn root canal therapy mainly by performing root canal procedures on extracted human teeth that you collect. You will need many average size, intact, hydrated, (not dry/brittle) teeth of all types: maxillary and mandibular molars, premolars and anterior teeth (restored teeth are acceptable).

It is important that you begin collecting teeth now! Start with your family dentist. Ask your orthodontist about other dentists in your area who extract teeth (oral surgeons can be helpful). It is very important that you have a wide variety of teeth. All these dentists were once students too and learned their skills using extracted teeth they collected from practicing dentists, so they fully understand. The extracted teeth may contain restorations but should otherwise be of good quality (not severely broken down by decay or damaged during extraction), and must be hydrated. You should plan to collect teeth from several offices in order to obtain enough teeth for your dental education. You should collect at least 100 usable teeth in disin-

fection solution (and many more teeth are strongly recommended) by the time you matriculate. You should continue to collect teeth after matriculation to be prepared for future courses. Attached you will find a letter you may copy and provide to dentists you approach with storage instructions.

Please pay particular attention to the Guidelines for Infection Control in Dental Health Care Settings.



# Personal Computer & iPad

**A personal computer and an iPad are required for your dental school education.** For general communication, homework and network access, you will need a personal computer in order to be able to review the assigned weekly course requirements, using special course software. There are few computers available in the College for your use. However, should you decide to buy or update your own, the requirements to support the software include minimums of:

Platform:

(PC): Windows 7 Home or higher or (Mac): OS 10.8 or higher with Dual Intel processor

Hardware: 250 GB

Memory RAM: 4GB

Screen size: 13" or higher

Software: Microsoft Office - Word, Excel, PowerPoint

## iPad

With consideration of the College's innovative curriculum, you will need an iPad or iPad mini for all written and station examinations, pre-clinic huddle sessions and small group learning (SGL).

**\*\*An IPAD and detailed computer recommendations handout accompany this newsletter. \*\***





# UIC I-Card & Campus Care

ID cards: Once a student registers for classes, they can obtain an “I-card” which is the free UIC ID card. Please wait 48– 72 hours for eligibility following registration. There are two office locations to obtain your ID card. Please refer to the website for hours and address information. ***UIC and UIUC students, be sure to bring your OLD ID card with you or a replacement fee is charged.***

Student Services Building (830-5pm)  
1200 W. Harrison St., Room 1790  
Chicago, IL 60607 312-413-5940

Student Center West (830-4pm)  
828 S. Wolcott Ave., Room 241  
Chicago IL 60612 312-413-5944

<http://www.icardnet.uillinois.edu/appPublicWebsite/idcsChicago.cfm>



## Campus Care

The University of Illinois at Chicago requires that all eligible students be covered by health insurance and provides a plan for which the fee is automatically assessed along with other tuition and fees. Eligible students include all registered Undergraduate, Graduate, and Health Professional students. There is no enrollment form to complete. ***Students with comparable health insurance coverage, for example through a legal guardian or an employer, can waive out of the program by submitting an online waiver form.*** For additional information about Campus Care please visit their website: <http://www.uic.edu/hsc/campuscare/faq/aboutmenu.html>

# Parking and Lockers

**UIC Parking**—The phone number for the Campus Parking Office is (312) 413-5800. You can go online at <http://www.uic.edu/depts/avcad/parking> to review parking rates, the application form, maps, and other information. The College of Dentistry does not have any jurisdiction over parking assignments.

## **West Campus Parking Office**

**Student Center West, 828 South Wolcott Avenue, Basement, Room B5A**

**Chicago IL 60612      Phone : (312) 413-5850**

**Lockers**—During orientation, students will be assigned lockers that will be used for different activities at different times during the program. It is required that you bring locks for these lockers that are easy to use. Combination locks with easy to use numbers are recommended. Please bring two (2) locks with you at orientation. (No mini locks please).



# Scrubs

Some of you may be interested in purchasing scrubs prior to arriving in Chicago (and you are encouraged to do so). Below are some useful websites. The college policy indicates that, ***“all students are required to wear surgical scrubs to all labs and clinics. Scrubs must be clean, unwrinkled and of materials typically used in a healthcare setting. An appropriate solid color tee shirt should be worn under the scrub top”***. During orientation, you will receive the College Clinic Manual which will further detail the student policy.

Scrubs can be purchased at Walmart, Target and a variety of university bookstores.

**NEW! Located near campus: <http://www.chicagocrubs.com/>**

**1651 W. Roosevelt near Ashland (by the Jewel)**

Here are some websites that you can visit to shop for scrubs:

<http://www.scrubshopper.com/>

<http://www.scrubsandbeyond.com/>

<http://www.uniformadvantage.com/>



# Other Information

Last but not least, please take a few minutes to email the following information to Ms. Laura Macias at [lmacia2@uic.edu](mailto:lmacia2@uic.edu):

- 1) Are you left-handed or right-handed?
- 2) Are you proficient in any language in addition to English? If yes, what language (s)?
- 3) Please provide your height for locker assignments.
- 4) Do you have any special dietary restrictions? Please provide if applicable.

**We wish you well in preparation for your approaching D1 year! See you in June!**