

General Admission Requirements

The UIC College of Dentistry participates in the Associated American Dental Schools Application Service (AADSAS). Applications must be submitted through this service at <https://portal.aadsasweb.org>.

Applications for admission through AADSAS can be submitted between June 1 and November 15th of the year prior to matriculation. In addition to an AADSAS application, which should include three letters of recommendation, a UIC online application and \$85.00 fee is required. Generally, letters of recommendation consist of two science academic references and one professional reference. One committee letter of recommendation will satisfy the three-letter requirement. It is required that letters of recommendation be submitted electronically through AADSAS. Paper letters of recommendation will not be accepted.

A rolling admissions process is used, with preference given to earlier applications. Admission to the College of Dentistry is competitive, and it should be recognized that not all candidates who apply will be admitted. (New classes enroll in the fall only, usually in mid-August.)

Dental Admissions Test

All applicants for admission are required to take the Dental Admission Test (DAT) sponsored by the American Dental Association. It is strongly suggested that applicants complete this test prior to the year they wish to enter school. Information concerning the DAT can be obtained by contacting the ADA Department of Testing Services via the Web at www.ada.org.

Shadowing

Applicants to the UIC College of Dentistry are expected to demonstrate passion for the field. This is often obtained through shadowing experiences and exposure to dentistry. Students are encouraged to shadow a variety of dentists, including general practitioners. It is recommended that applicants obtain 100 or more hours by the time of application submission.

Community Service/Volunteer Work

The UIC College of Dentistry prides itself on serving the underserved. Applicants are expected to have obtained a variety of experiences, including community service and volunteer work. These experiences further expose applicants to diverse populations and develop selfless giving, empathy skills, and compassion for others.

Selection of Students

Since the college has a limited capacity, it must be selective in choosing students. The selection is based upon a holistic review of the applicant's credentials, letters of recommendation (especially from teachers in the laboratory



sciences and a dental professional), and information obtained during the application and interview process.

Transfers

Transfers are considered by the college only under exceptional circumstances. If you are interested in transferring, please contact the Office of Admissions at (312) 996-1020.

Under the Americans with Disabilities Act

Access and reasonable accommodations can be arranged for students with various types of documented disabilities. Students with disability/ access needs or questions may contact the Disability Resource Center at (312) 413-2183 or (312) 413-0123 (TTY only).

Urban Health Program

The primary aims of the Urban Health Program (UHP) in the College of Dentistry are to assist minority and disadvantaged individuals aspiring to become dentists and to increase the number of underrepresented minority enrollees at the college. Information about the program may be obtained by contacting the Office of Admissions via e-mail at bespin1@uic.edu or at (312) 355-0320.

Financial Aid

Although the cost of an education at the University of Illinois at Chicago is moderate, it can still be beyond the financial resources of many students and their families. The Office of Student Financial Aid provides a wide range of financial services designed to help students and their families meet the cost of attending the university. Additionally, students enrolled in professional/graduate programs may obtain a computer generated listing of available scholarships in the Office of Student Financial Aid. For application materials, please visit the Web site at financialaid.uic.edu or call (312) 996-3126.

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The University of Illinois at Chicago College of Dentistry is changing the future of oral health through excellence in education, patient care and research.

UIC College of Dentistry (COD) is a leader in:

Education

The UIC COD is a leader in dental education with ~125 DMD students and ~100 post-graduate students graduated annually through an innovative curriculum model. Our students have a 100% board exam pass rate. They have performed higher than the national average on the basic science and clinical science exams over the past 5 years.

Research

UIC COD is a level-1 research institution, with more than 40 faculty performing research and funding of over \$5 million annually. We ranked in the top 20 for National Institute Dental and Craniofacial Research funding. Over 50% of our faculty are engaged in scholarly and research publications.

Patient Care

UIC COD students and residents treat over 26 thousand patients each year. World-class care is provided by nationally recognized clinicians, many of which are board certified and perform research.

Community Health

Our students address oral health disparities, locally and globally. They deliver 12 thousand community-based patient treatments annually across sites in the Chicagoland area,

Wisconsin, Washington, Colorado and several international sites.

Our students spend half of their 4th year serving and learning at community health centers.

Academic Innovation

We are preparing the “next-generation” of oral health professionals through academic programs that integrate education, patient care, research and community service-learning.

This is how our curriculum is changing the future of oral health.

Comprehensive and Specialized Oral Health Training & Research programs

In addition to the DMD, UIC College of Dentistry offers a PhD, MS, Advanced Specialty Programs, and the Multidisciplinary Oral Science Training (MOST) research education program to combine clinical training with research experiences.

Innovative Curriculum Combined With State-of-the-Art Technology

The College offers comprehensive and advanced dental education and research opportunities, powered by innovative SGL (small group learning) methods and cutting-edge technology, and enriched by a diverse and collaborative community of faculty, staff and students.

Pre dentistry Requirements

DMD applicants must have a minimum of a bachelor's degree conferred no later than June of the matriculation year from a United States institution. A baccalaureate degree is required to matriculate into the DMD program at the UIC College of Dentistry. All course requirements must be from an accredited United States college or university and be completed no later than June of the matriculation year. There are no limitations on junior college work, but it is recommended that most work be

completed at a four-year institution. Specific **required** courses include:

Chemistry—A minimum of 14 semester hours (or 21 quarter hours) with at least four semester hours (or six quarter hours) of organic chemistry. Each of the basic inorganic and organic chemistry courses must include credit for laboratory work.

Physics—A minimum of six semester hours (or nine quarter hours). Each physics course must include credit for laboratory work.

Biological Sciences—A minimum of six semester hours (or nine quarter hours). Each course must include credit for laboratory work.

English—A minimum of six semester hours (or nine quarter hours).

Biochemistry— A minimum of three semester hours (no lab required).

All required courses taken must be a grade of “C” or better.

In addition to the minimum required science courses, **strong preference** is given to applicants who have completed course work in at least four of the following science courses: physiology, histology, human anatomy, microbiology, immunology, genetics, molecular biology, and cell biology. The UIC College of Dentistry does not accept Advanced Placement (AP) courses as meeting course requirements. If basic-level biological sciences, chemistry, and physics course requirements are satisfied with AP credit, students may take the specified number of credit hours in each area from upper-level science courses.

Generally, applicants must present credentials well above the minimum for their application to be competitive. The University of Illinois at Chicago accepts applications from in-state and out-of-state residents. As a state-supported institution, strong preference is given to Illinois residents. The PhD/DMD program accepts both in-state and out-of-state applications.

The UIC College of Dentistry assesses each candidate's ability to fulfill safety and technical standards; applicants and students must possess the skills and abilities that will allow them to successfully complete the course of study and receive the full benefit of the education. In the process, the student is required to treat patients of the UIC College of Dentistry. The UIC College of Dentistry is responsible for ensuring the safety of the patients. This includes completion of treatment safely and within acceptable time limits. The Safety and Technical Standards form and specifics are located on our website at dentistry.uic.edu.