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# DOCTOR OF DENTAL MEDICINE NEWSLETTER

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Welcome  
DMD Class of 2029!

**UIC** DENTISTRY

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# Vision & Mission

The University of Illinois Chicago College of Dentistry is a worldwide leader in oral health education, clinical care and research that is patient-centered and evidence-based, with a foundation in preventive and public health sciences. We are a part of UI Health and the University of Illinois Chicago, Chicago's largest university and is one of the nation's top federally funded public research universities. Our strengths are founded in our college community, comprised of outstanding faculty, students and staff who share a commitment to the promise of public education, the advancement of knowledge, and the imperatives of doing good and giving back.

## **OUR VISION**

Better Oral Health through Transformative Innovation.

## **OUR MISSION**

Advancing oral health through transformative education, research, clinical care and advocacy within a diverse and inclusive environment.

# Welcome from the Associate Dean of Student and Diversity Affairs

Welcome to the University of Illinois Chicago College of Dentistry!

I would like to add my congratulations to you on your decision 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.

Dr. Darryl Pendleton, DMD  
Associate Dean of Student & Diversity Affairs  
Executive Director of the UIC Urban Health Program



# Office of Student & Diversity Affairs

*Welcome from the OSDA Team*



**Dr. Georgia Lymberopoulos**  
Director of Undergraduate Prudental Programs



**Braulia Espinosa**  
Senior Director of Student and Diversity Affairs



**Alia Mir**  
Director of the Resilience Center



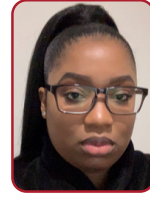
**Meah Rogers**  
Associate Director, DEIB



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Associate Director of Student and Diversity Affairs



**Natalie Mendez**  
Program Coordinator



**Erica Godfrey**  
Program/Student Advisor



**Millie Mendez**  
Special Programs

The Office of Student & Diversity Affairs hopes you are enjoying the winter and that your preparations for the start of dental school are going well. As you all know, August 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, we will be sending updates throughout this period to remind you about important items that you will want to address before orientation. Please make sure that you 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 2025.

Please do not hesitate to contact us 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 UIC College of Dentistry. The staff in the Office of Student & Diversity Affairs looks forward to helping make this a smooth transition and an enriching, fun, and rewarding educational experience.

# Financial Aid Information & Resources

Please be reminded that if you are planning on financing your education with loans, you should file a **2025-2026 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** form. This should be done as soon as possible as it opened December 2024). If you have not yet done that, please do so immediately! UIC's **Title IV Code is 001776**. This is an online free application which you can access through the FAFSA website at: <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>

You can also find additional instructions on completing the FAFSA 2025-2026. Free Application for Federal Student Aid at:

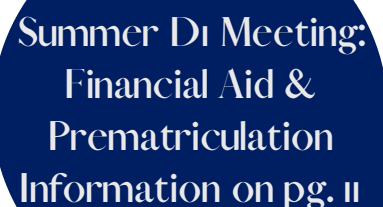
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1c1gNefSw78>

Federal Student Aid Information Center, 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243), this is a toll-free number.

**\*The completed FAFSA form will be sent to the UIC Financial Aid office, award notifications will be sent to students beginning in July 2025.**

If you have questions regarding the status of your FAFSA form or Student Aid Report, please contact the Financial Aid office via email. Please include your name and UIN in your email:

UIC Office of Student Financial Aid  
Email: [DENTFinaid@uic.edu](mailto:DENTFinaid@uic.edu)  
1200 W. Harrison St., Suite 1800 | (M/C 334)  
Chicago, IL 60607  
Phone: (312) 996 -3126



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Financial Aid &  
Prematriculation  
Information on pg. 11

# Financial Aid Information & Resources (Cont'd)

In order to help you to better prepare financially for the approaching school year, below are estimated figures for the 2025-2026 Academic School Year (Fall 2025, Spring 2026, and Summer 2026). *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, and Summer) every semester.*

Check your aid status: <https://apps.uillinois.edu/selfservice/>

- Select the UIC icon, and proceed to login
- Then you will select the financial aid tab at the top of the page

UIC Financial Aid Homepage: <https://financialaid.uic.edu>

Fall 2025	Spring 2026	Summer 2026
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*\*These numbers are an estimate and subject to change. The final numbers will be on your award notification letters that you will receive later this spring. Additional information will be available at the June D1 Summer Meeting.*

*\*The loan fees for the entire academic year \$14,000*



# American Dental Education Association (ADEA) Debt Management Materials

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 School Education: How Student Loans Work:** This dynamic and highly interactive student loan webinar recording, How Student Loans Work, features one of the nation's leading experts on student loans and educational debt management for health sciences students—including dental students and graduates. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gXfJ-rdPbfl>
- **Interest Rate Primer, Summer 2022:** This narrated presentation will help you understand how the interest rates work on your student loans, along with information on capitalization and how capitalization works on the loans you are likely to be taking out as a dental student. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vNIjNbKC2Zc>
- **Federal Loans vs. Private Loans:** Learn the difference between Federal Loans and Private Loans as it relates to attending dental school in the U.S. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B77e2Y\\_2vKY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B77e2Y_2vKY)

# American Dental Education Association (ADEA) Debt Management Materials (Cont'd)

To access videos and other resources that inform and support dental students, please visit the following link:

<https://www.adea.org/current-students/Education-Debt-Management.aspx>

The AAMC/ADEA Dental Loan Organizer and Calculator (DLOC) can also help, which can be located here:

<https://www.aamc.org/services/fao-first/godental/>

## **Other Resources**

National Student Loan Data Systems (NSLDS), <https://nsldsfa.ed.gov/> or <https://studentaid.gov>

# D1 Summer Prematriculation Meeting & Orientation



## **D1 Summer Meeting (In person)**

The Office of Student and Diversity Affairs will host a pre-matriculation meeting on **Thursday, June 5, 2025 from 8:00am — 3:30pm Central Standard Time (CST)**. This meeting will include a visit with the UIC Office of Financial Aid, the D1 faculty, and the Office of Clinical Affairs. **Attendance at the D1 Summer Meeting is required for all students.**

## **D1 Orientation Week (In person)**

Orientation is **Monday, August 18 - Friday, August 22, 2025**. Students should plan to be present on campus from 8:00am - 5:00pm for all orientation sessions and activities. Students may complete pre-matriculation tasks prior to orientation in late July (Dates To Be Announced). A detailed agenda of events will be provided in the finalized orientation guide. **Please note that orientation is mandatory for all incoming students; there are no exceptions to this requirement.** If a student fails to attend the entire orientation, they will be automatically withdrawn from the program.

**[Attendance at these events is required!](#)**

# WHITE COAT CEREMONY

DATE: September 19, 2025  
UIC Isadore & Sadie Dorin Forum



The White Coat Ceremony is an annual tradition marking the matriculating class of students entering the dental profession. It celebrates the choice to pursue a life in service to the health of society. During the Ceremony, UIC College of Dentistry deans and faculty members cloak students in their first white coat as a symbol of the trust bestowed upon them to carry on the healing profession of dentistry.

# COD Academic Calendar

## College of Dentistry Academic Calendar

For additional details regarding the UIC College of Dentistry calendar, please refer to the Final Calendar Academic Year 2020-2025 document on the COD website: <https://dentistry.uic.edu/academics/students/academic-affairs/academic-calendar/>

### Spring /Summer 2025

**Friday, March 28, 2025:** Criminal Background Check & Supplemental Application due

**Thursday, June 5, 2025:** D1 Summer Meeting

**Friday, June 27, 2025:** Transcripts with Degree posted due

**Friday, July 25, 2025:** Deadline to submit Photo to obtain I-Card

**Friday day, August 1, 2025:** Castlebranch Immunizations Tracker due

### Fall Term 2025

**Monday to Friday, August 18-22, 2025:** D1 Orientation

**Monday, August 25, 2025:** D1 Classes Begin

**Monday, September 1, 2025:** Labor Day—Closed

**Monday to Friday, November 24-28, 2025:** Thanksgiving Break - no classes or clinics\*

**December 19, 2025:** Classes & Clinics End \*

### Spring Term 2026

**Monday, January 5, 2026:** Classes & Clinics Begin

**Monday, January 19, 2026:** MLK Day - Closed

**Monday to Friday, March 23-27, 2026:**

Spring Break- no classes or clinics\*

**April 24, 2026:** Term End Date \*

**\*Schedule subject to change**

# myUIC/UIC Connect

## Access myUIC Account

All newly admitted students should log on to myUIC, 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 within 10 business days after admission.

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

*University Identification Number (UIN): Your 9 digit UIC UIN is an important identifying source for your records. Please include this number when emailing or speaking with any University office. You must use your UIC email address when corresponding.*

## Sign up for Direct Deposit

You will be able to access your financial aid award letter via your myUIC account. Once you have established your account, it is also recommended that you set-up direct deposit. In order to receive a refund you need to be enrolled in direct deposit. Below please find the instructions.

- <https://paymybill.uillinois.edu/DirectDeposit>

## Activate your UIC email account

After you activate your myUIC student account you can create your UIC student email account.

- <https://it.uic.edu/services/student/email/>

# Transcripts, Supplemental Application and Course Registration

## Transcripts

Our dental school requires proof of a US earned Bachelor's and/or Master's degree as reported on your AADSAS application. All newly admitted D1 students must submit **an official copy of all transcripts with the degree posted**. We cannot obtain copies from AADSAS. 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. Transcripts should be in our office no later than **Friday, June 27, 2025**. Electronic transcripts can be sent to Ms. Natalie Mendez (nmendez@uic.edu). Please send an email beforehand alerting us that you will be sending an OFFICIAL electronic copy to our email address. Physical copies can be sent to the address listed below:

**UIC College of Dentistry  
Office of Student And Diversity Affairs (M/C 621)  
ATTN: Natalie Mendez  
801 S. Paulina Street, Room 104 | Chicago, IL 60612**

## Supplemental Application

Students should submit a completed application along with a copy of an official form of identification, by **Friday, March 28, 2025**. Email document as a PDF attachment to: [UIC\\_Sup.0iymofdn351g2vvm@u.box.com](mailto:UIC_Sup.0iymofdn351g2vvm@u.box.com) and name it using the following format: **Last Name, First Name\_UICSupplementalApp\_DMD2029**.

## Course Registration

The College of Dentistry Office of Academic Affairs (OAA) 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. Instructions on how to register will be provided by (OAA) once course information is available.

# UIC Identification Card (I-Card)

## MyPhotoSubmit Upload for UIC I-Card\*

Students and employees are now allowed to upload their own photo for their I-Card using the *MyPhotoSubmit* portal. More information can be found via <https://www.icard.uillinois.edu/public/photo-submit.cfm>

## How MyPhotoSubmit works

You will be required to log in, upload a photo, and submit for review. When your eligibility is confirmed and your photo is accepted, your ID is printed. When your ID is ready for pickup, you will be instructed to pick up your ID at a Student Center so that you may claim and activate your ID. Most of the time, it takes only a few business days for an acceptable photo to be reviewed, accepted, and the ID printed. However, during fall and spring rush, the wait time can be longer. **\*Current UIC students who have I-cards that have not expired, will not need to submit a photo.**

## Getting your photo accepted

The single most frequent reason for "delays" in MyPhotoSubmit is failure to submit a photo that meets the requirements. The photo requirements are purposeful and precise: read them carefully. Think of it this way, your i-card is an official U of I System identification... *a yearbook photo or a Snapchat pic just won't do.*

You can cancel or change your photo any time before it's reviewed. **You are allowed three (3) attempts to submit an acceptable photo. If your photo is not approved after 3 tries, you will no longer be able to use the service, and instead you will be required to go to the ID center in Student Center East (SCE).** Please note that there is a \$20 replacement fee for lost I-Cards.



# Housing: On-Campus

## **UIC Housing Office**

The UIC Housing office provides information and offers many services that you may find helpful in making your living arrangements, whether on- or off-campus. For more information or for housing general questions including application and contract agreements, contact the UIC Housing Office.

**Phone:** 312-355-6300 | **Email:** [housing@uic.edu](mailto:housing@uic.edu)

**Hours:** Monday - Friday 8:30am - 5:00pm



## **ON-CAMPUS Housing**

The College of Dentistry is located on the west-side of the 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 dorm is called **Single Student Residence (SSR)**.

### **Single Student Residence (SSR) at West Campus**

**Location:** 809 S. Damen Ave | Chicago, IL 60612

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 may have 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. For more information please contact the housing office and or visit the SSR website at <http://housing.uic.edu/halls/ssr>.

# Housing: Off-Campus

## OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING

Many students may choose to live off-campus. A resource available to you is the *Off-Campus Housing Service*, the UIC off-campus directory which provides up-to-date listings accessible to students, faculty, and staff of UIC. The directory can be accessed via <https://offcampushousing.uic.edu>. All individuals with a NetID (created upon completion of your student account) are able to view these listings around the Chicagoland area. Users are also able to search for roommates, post listings for rental properties, and subletting.

## CITY LIVING

If you decide to stay off campus, you may choose to consider places that are within walking distance from the college. To do a search for areas close to the college please perform a search for the following Chicago neighborhoods: **Little Italy, University Village, UIC/Medical District/Tri-Taylor**. There is also an apartment complex within a 5 minute walk to the college, SCIO at Medical District Apartments. For info, please visit <http://www.sciochicago.com>.

Following are websites that may be of use to you in your search for an apartment:

- [www.padmapper.com](http://www.padmapper.com)
- <http://chicago.craigslist.org>
- <http://www.chicagoreader.com>
- <http://chicago.apartments.com>
- <http://www.apartmentpeople.com>
- [Facebook Marketplace](#)

# Living In Chicago

## Words of Advice

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>

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. We also recommend students visit Chicago to view the apartment and area in which they are interested in, prior to signing a lease. Calculate what you can realistically afford before making your decision. Be aware that heating/laundry costs may not be included in your rent and may be a separate expense.

## U-Pass & Additional Transportation

Full-time students have access to the U-Pass program for travel via the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) bus and elevated/subway train systems. Students traveling from the suburban areas may add transit value to the U-Pass/Ventra Cards for use with the PACE system. The Metra system accesses the suburban and outer city areas, and is not covered by the UIC UPASS. For additional information please visit:

- <https://idcenter.uic.edu/faq/u-pass-faqs/>
- <https://transportation.uic.edu/buses-and-shuttles/>
- <https://www.metrarail.com/>

# Campus Safety/Clery Act

## The Clery Act

Named in honor of Jeanne Clery, a college freshman of Lehigh University in Pennsylvania who was assaulted and murdered in her campus dorm room in 1986. After her death, Jeanne's parents advocated for federal legislation to make colleges and universities safer, resulting in the enactment of the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act, or Clery Act. The Act is a federal consumer protection law that aims to provide transparency around campus crime policy and statistics.

The Act requires colleges and universities that receive federal funding to disseminate a public annual report to employees and students every October 1st. The report must include statistics of campus crime for the preceding 3 calendar years, plus details about efforts taken to improve campus safety. Colleges and universities that have on-campus student housing facilities must also disseminate fire safety policies and statistics for their on-campus student housing facilities. UIC complies with the Clery Act by annually publishing the UIC Annual Security and Fire Safety Report (ASF SR). The ASF SR also includes policy statements regarding crime reporting, campus facility security and access, law enforcement authority, incidence of alcohol and drug use, and the prevention of/response to sexual assault, domestic or dating violence, and stalking. You can find additional information located on the UIC Campus Police website: <https://police.uic.edu/crime-data/clery-act/>. You can also obtain a copy of the UIC annual safety report by visiting: <https://police.uic.edu/crime-data/annual-safety-report/>.

# University Student Services

## **Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs (OVCSA)**

As incoming students at UIC, you have numerous campus resources available to you. *The Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs* has a wealth of information for students. Their 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." More information can be found below.

## **Student Services Building (SSB) | East Campus**

1200 W. Harrison St, Chicago, IL 60607

- Academic Center for Excellence | <https://ace.uic.edu/>
- Counseling Center | <https://counseling.uic.edu/index.shtml>
- Disability Resource Center | <https://drc.uic.edu/>
- Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs | <http://vcsa.uic.edu/>
- Office of Financial Aid | <https://financialaid.uic.edu/>

The above offices are located in the Student Services Building (SSB) on East Campus, along with a host of other offices and utilized by university students.

## **UIC Children's Center**

1919 W. Taylor St., Rm 116, Chicago, IL 60612 | <https://childrenscenter.uic.edu/>

The UIC Children's Center provides early childhood education and care to a limited amount of preschool children of UIC students, faculty, and staff. The children range in age from two years, nine months to six years. The Center is licensed by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children and participates as a community partner in the Chicago Public Schools Ready to Learn program.

# University Virtual Tours & Maps

Now that you are part of the UIC family, it is important that you become familiar with the school and city. Please take time to review the following University Virtual Tours, we specifically recommend that you view the link below which includes videos of the **Student Centers and the Recreation Facility**.

- <https://sa.uic.edu/virtual-tours/>

In addition, please review the WEST and EAST side University Maps. COD is located on the West Campus so it will be important to become familiar with the maps shown below.

- [www.uic.edu/uic/about/visit/map\\_west.shtml](http://www.uic.edu/uic/about/visit/map_west.shtml)
- <https://maps.uic.edu/>



# Background Check, Immunization Forms & Bloodborne Pathogen Policy

## Background Check

UIC College of Dentistry requires that all students complete a background check prior to matriculation into the Doctor of Dental Medicine and Advanced Standing Programs. Information about the College's **Policy Regarding Background Checks** can be found on the New Students page (<https://dentistry.uic.edu/academics/students/student-services/new-students/>). To facilitate this process, the College has identified an independent vendor to provide the required background screening. A document providing direction on how to proceed with the background check accompanies this letter. If US military questions arise please contact customer support. **The deadline to complete the background check is Friday, March 28, 2025.**

## Immunization Forms

Included in the website resources, you will find the **CastleBranch Background Check/ Immunization Instruction Sheet** and additional documents regarding **COD's Immunization Requirements** and **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**. Please have your healthcare provider complete the Immunization form NOW and obtain the appropriate lab tests, as some vaccination schedules take months to complete. Once your forms and labs are complete, you will upload them into a secure web-based program via the CastleBranch Immunization Tracker, that will review your records and confirm if anything is missing. *Information will be updated by Clinical Affairs as provided. Questions regarding immunization requirements should be directed to Ms. Jennifer Bereckis Jacobucci ([berekis@uic.edu](mailto:bereckis@uic.edu)).* **The deadline to upload forms and meet compliance is Friday, August 1, 2025.**

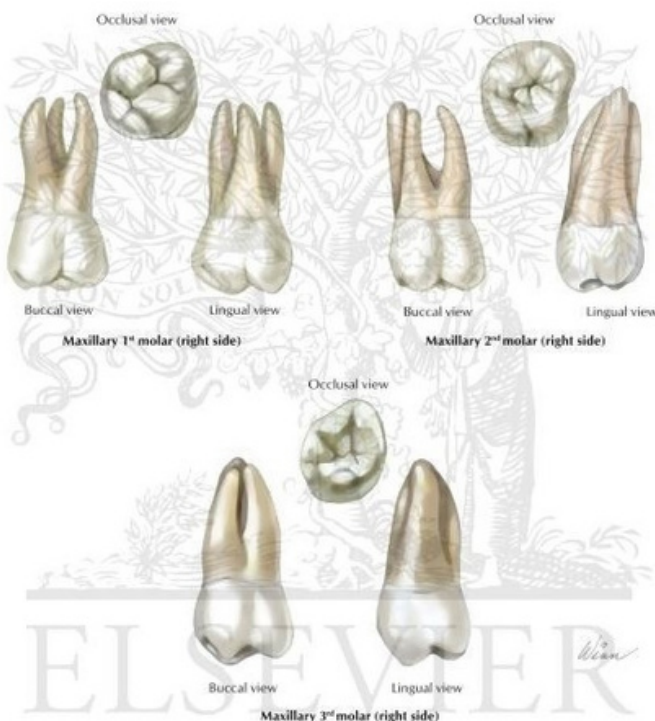
## Bloodborne Pathogen Policy

The COD is committed to providing a safe and healthful clinic environment. In pursuit of this goal, an exposure control plan (ECP) is implemented to eliminate or minimize occupational exposure to bloodborne pathogens in accordance with OSHA standard 29 CFR 1910.1030, "Occupational Exposure to Bloodborne Pathogens." Please review the Blood Pathogen Policy found on the website under the new Student Resources page.

# Collection of Teeth

As part of the dental curriculum, 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, pre-molars and anterior teeth (restored teeth are acceptable).

It is important that you begin collecting teeth now! Start with your family dentist. Ask an orthodontist about other dentists in your area who extract teeth (oral surgeons and periodontist 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 have at least a quart jar filled with usable teeth (and many more teeth are strongly recommended) by the time you matriculate.

The **New Students** page contains a letter that you may print and provide to dentists that you approach. **Please pay particular attention to the Guidelines for Infection Control in Dental Health Care Settings.**



# Laptop & iPad

**A laptop and an iPad are required for your dental school education.**

For general communication, homework, Axium and network access, you will need a laptop in order to be able to review the assigned weekly course requirements, using special course software.

With consideration of the College's innovative DMD curriculum, you will need an iPad for all written and station examinations, pre-clinic huddle sessions and small group learning (SGL). Please note that Android tablets are not an acceptable alternative as the software used at the College is specific to iPad only.

Students can receive discounts through Apple's Education Purchase Program: <http://www.apple.com/us-hed/shop/buy-ipad/ipad-pro>

Please review the Laptop and iPad requirements to ensure that the technology that you purchase will be compatible with College and University systems. For additional information, please contact the Office of Academic Affairs, [DentAcademicAffairs@uic.edu](mailto:DentAcademicAffairs@uic.edu). Please view the **New Students** page for more information: <https://dentistry.uic.edu/academics/students/student-services/new-students/>



# UIC Web Conferencing Technology

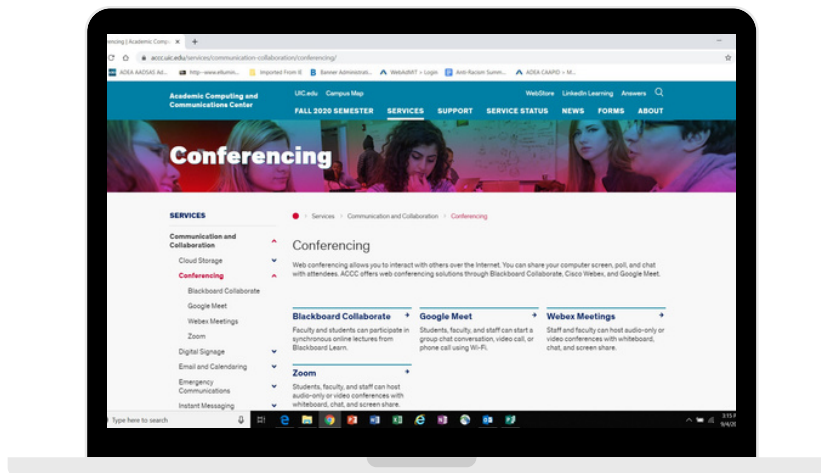
Due to the nature of the dental school curriculum, dental students are utilizing a variety of web conferencing platforms. The University Information Technology (IT) services offers a variety of Web conferencing tools that allow you to interact with others over the Internet. You can share your computer screen, poll, and chat with attendees. UIC IT offers web conferencing solutions through Blackboard Collaborate, Cisco Webex, Google Meet, Microsoft Teams and Zoom.

<https://it.uic.edu/services/faculty-staff/software-licensing/web-conferencing/>

Once you set up your UIC account you will be able to access these resources. We highly encourage you to become familiar with the different web conferencing platforms as you will be expected to utilize them. Faculty commonly utilize Blackboard. To begin browsing, please visit the website listed be familiarizing yourself with the different web conferencing platforms as you will be expected to utilize them once you matriculate. Faculty commonly utilize Blackboard. To begin browsing, please visit the website listed below:

<https://it.uic.edu/services/student/on-campus/technical-helpdesk/>

Once you access the IT services website you will be able to see Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) and a Quick Guide for Students for each platform.



# Campus Care, Parking & Lockers

## 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. UIC's student health insurance is called "Campus Care". 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 spouse, parent, 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>.

## UIC Parking

The UIC Campus Parking Office is located in the Wood Street Parking Structure (WSPS), 1100 S. Wood St., 122 WSPS Chicago, IL 60612. You will be able to purchase a parking pass once you obtain your UIC ID Card. To review parking rates, maps or the application please visit <http://www.uic.edu/depts/avcad/parking>. Please note that the College of Dentistry has no jurisdiction over parking assignments.

## Lockers

During orientation, you will be assigned two lockers that you will use for activities during your program. You will need to purchase **2 combination locks**. If combination locks are used, you are encouraged to program each of the locks with one combination or easy to remember combinations. **No mini or oversized locks please.**

# Scrubs

Please note the College of Dentistry's policy on scrubs. The UIC College of Dentistry DMD/AS Policy states, "**Students who have matriculated in August of 2018 and beyond are required to own one pair of navy scrubs with the embroidered UIC COD logo (navy dress scrubs), available for purchase only at the UIC Bookstore**". These scrubs will be referred to as your navy "dress scrubs". Cohorts may be requested to wear them on occasion. *Unless notified in advance, students are permitted to wear navy scrubs from the vendor of their choice, the UIC COD logo is optional for these scrubs (not required).*

All students are required to wear navy blue scrubs while in the building. Scrubs must be clean; top and bottom must be of a matching navy color.

To purchase your **UIC COD navy dress scrubs** please visit the UIC Bookstore website.

## **The UIC Medical Bookstore**

828 S. Wolcott Ave. | Chicago, IL 60612

Mon 10AM - 4PM

Wed 10AM - 4PM

Fri 10AM - 3PM

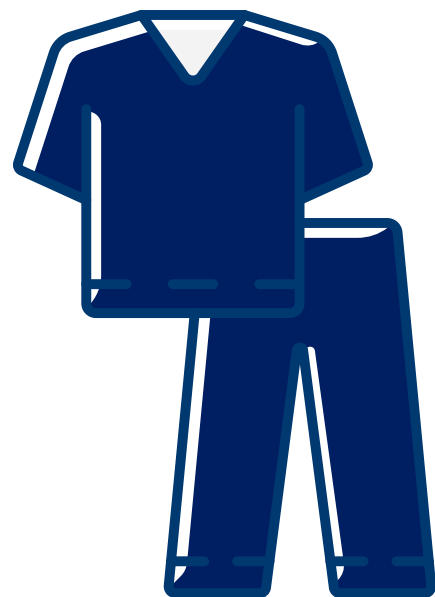
Tue/Thur/Sat/Sun- Closed

*\*summer hours vary*

Phone : 312-413-5550

*\*Hours may change, please call in advance.*

<https://www.bkstr.com/uicbookstore/home>



# DMD Resources Link and New Student Survey

## **DMD Class of 2029 Resources Link**

All new incoming Class of 2029 D1's will use a link posted on our College of Dentistry website to access preparation details. The newsletter, background check and other essentials can be found on the **New Students** page:

<https://dentistry.uic.edu/academics/students/student-services/new-students/>

## **New Student Information Survey—REQUIRED**

Our college collects essential information from students including height, being left or right handed, etc. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey listed below; please be sure to submit no later than **Friday, July 25, 2025**, or as soon as possible if you are accepted after this date.

[https://uic.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_9H0qGuttmD0hTsW](https://uic.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9H0qGuttmD0hTsW)

*Thank you for reading the entire newsletter! Please contact us if you have any questions. We wish you well in preparation for your approaching D1 year and look forward to seeing you at the D1 Summer Meeting!*





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