UNC HEALTH SCIENCES *at* MAHEC

ALLIED HEALTH
DENTAL MEDICINE

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MY TIMELINE

What Can I do in High School?

Take the ACT and SAT

Complete College Applications:
The Common Application
CFNC and
Individual applications.

Be aware of transcripts and transfer credit such as: Early College, AP, IB, CLEP or Transfer Credit.

Participate in extracurricular activities: Sports, jobs, clubs, organizations, volunteering.

What Can I do in College?

Dental schools require you to have at least a Bachelor's Degree. You can transfer from a NC community college to public NC university and still go to dental school.

Picking a major does not effect your acceptance into dental school as long as you have the general course requirements. Generally: 1 year of Biology + labs, 1 year of General Chemistry + labs, 1 year of Organic Chemistry + labs, 1 year of Physics + labs, 1 year English.

Other opportunities to distinguish your application include: Shadowing, volunteering, clinical experiences, research.

What about Dental School and Residency?

Dental schools require you to take the DAT exam at least one year before entering dental school.

AADSAS is the application service for dental school.

Applications open about one year before entering dental school. The application process includes: applications and in-person interviews

Dental school is four years. There are two dental schools in North Carolina at UNC and ECU.

No residency is required for general dentistry, but some dentists choose to do one. Specialties take longer such as Orthodontics.
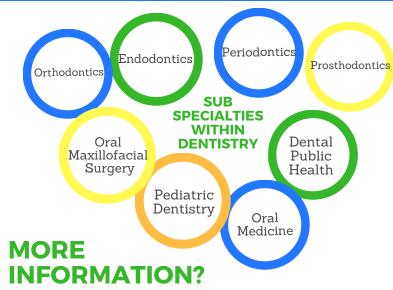
DENTISTS...

Advocate for patients in the health care system

Can be either DDS or DMD

Care for patients of all genders

Are needed in Western North Carolina

Manage dental issues, coordinate with specialists, promote healthy lifestyles, conduct routine check ups, AND MORE!

SUB SPECIALTIES WITHIN DENTISTRY

- Orthodontics
- Endodontics
- Periodontics
- Prosthodontics
- Oral Maxillofacial Surgery
- Pediatric Dentistry
- Dental Public Health
- Oral Medicine

MORE INFORMATION?

US Bureau of Labor Statistics
Application Fee Assistance
For Future Dentists
Pre-Dental Student Resources
My Next Move—General Dentistry
Why Be a Dentist?