

Dental Medicine

Dentists manage dental issues, conduct routine check-ups, diagnose and treat diseases/malformations of the teeth and gums. They may perform procedures, preventative care, or fit various appliances.

Some dentists may further specialize in areas such as orthodontics, endodontics, or pediatric dentistry.

| What can I do in High School? | What can I do in College? | What about Dental School? |
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| <p>1. Take the ACT and SAT. Verify individual school requirements to see if standardized tests are required.</p> <p>2. Complete the FAFSA to determine eligibility for federal financial aid.</p> <p>3. Complete College Applications: The Common Application</p> <p>4. Ask for letters of recommendation.</p> <p>5. Check out the CFNC, a free resource that helps students plan, apply, and pay for college in NC.</p> <p>6. Be aware of transcripts and transfer credit such as: Early College, AP, IB, CLEP, or Transfer Credit.</p> <p>7. Participate in extracurricular activities such as: sports, jobs, clubs, organizations, and volunteering.</p> <p>8. Pay attention to deadlines and start planning early!</p> | <p>Dental schools require you to have at least a Bachelor's degree. You can transfer from a NC community college to a public NC university and still go to dental school.</p> <p>Picking a major does not affect your acceptance into dental school as long as you have the general course requirements.</p> <p>Generally:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 year of Biology + labs 1 year of General Chemistry + labs 1 year of Organic Chemistry + labs 1 year of Physics + labs 1 year of English. <p>Be sure to look at individual school requirements.</p> <p>You will need to submit transcripts, DAT score(s), letters of recommendation, a personal statement, and descriptions of work/activities in your primary application to dental schools.</p> <p>Other opportunities to distinguish your application include: Shadowing, volunteering, clinical experiences, research, and extracurriculars.</p> <p>If available, utilize your school's pre-health advising services.</p> | <p>Dental schools require you to take the DAT exam at least one year before entering dental school</p> <p>ADEA AADSAS is the application service for dental school.</p> <p>Applications open about one year before entering dental school. The application process includes: the primary application, secondary applications, and interviews.</p> <p>Dental school is four years. There are 2 dental schools in North Carolina at UNC and ECU.</p> <p>No residency is required for general dentistry, but some dentists choose to do one. Some specialties take longer, such as Orthodontics.</p> |

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