ADEA AADSAS℠

ADEA Associated American Dental Schools Application Service

Information for Dental School Applicants for the 2014 Entering Class

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The mission of the American Dental Education Association (ADEA) is to lead the dental education community and to address contemporary issues influencing education, research, and the delivery of oral health care for the public.

ADEA AADSAS℠ (Associated American Dental Schools Application Service) is a centralized application service for individuals applying to dental school. ADEA AADSAS simplifies the application process for both applicants and schools by allowing applicants to complete one application form.

Why Consider a Career in Dentistry?

- Dentistry was ranked #1 in the *U.S. News & World Report*'s 100 Best Jobs of 2013.
- The dental profession offers a wide range of clinical, research, and academic opportunities.
- Students have the option to enter practice immediately following graduation or to pursue residency training in general dentistry or one of nine recognized dental specialties.
- Dentists improve lives by bettering the oral and general health of individuals.
- Dentists are respected professionals and leaders within the health care community.
- Dentists are among the top wage earners in the U.S.

Resources for Applicants

ADEA Official Guide to Dental Schools

Access the most authoritative information available about admissions requirements for all U.S. and Canadian dental schools in this handy guide. It contains information for preparing for dental school, applying to dental school, and financing a dental education. The ADEA *Official Guide to Dental Schools* is available in print and electronic formats. Visit **www.adea.org/publications**.

NEW! *ADEA AADSAS Mobile Portal*

The ADEA AADSAS mobile portal is available for all applicants. The mobile portal enables applicants to view parts of their application such as DAT scores and receipt dates of transcripts and letters of evaluation on their smartphones. Access the mobile portal at **https://portal.aadsasweb.org/sessions/new**.

GODental®

GoDental® is a networking website for students interested in dentistry. The site provides an interactive experience for networking, creating community, and encouraging dialogue. Thousands of students continue to visit the website for advice on how best to pursue a dental career. For more information, visit **www.godental.org**.

Tips for a Successful Application

- Research dental schools with your pre-health advisor to discuss which schools are best for you.
- Gain leadership experience in the profession by shadowing a dentist and working in other volunteer positions.
- Take advantage of other resources on your campus, such as the predental society, to help you prepare to apply.
- Write a strong personal statement on why you wish to pursue a dental education.
- Register for the Dental Admissions Test (DAT), administered by the American Dental Association (www.ada.org).
- Be honest and truthful throughout the application process.
- Apply early, as the application process can take up to 6 weeks.
- Submit all supplemental materials to designated dental schools in addition to submitting the ADEA AADSAS application.

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ADEA AADSAS℠
Submitting Your 2014 Application

ADEA AADSAS opens June 3, 2013.

Applicants must:

- Complete the online ADEA AADSAS application and designate dental schools.
- Send all official college transcripts to ADEA AADSAS.
- Schedule to take the Dental Admissions Test (DAT).
- Indicate who is writing your letters of evaluation.

ADEA AADSAS receives these materials, and:

- Verifies all documents
- Imports DAT scores from the ADA when available
- Processes the final application
- Distributes application to designated dental schools

Dental schools receive the ADEA AADSAS electronically, and:

- Review complete applications
- Match to supplemental material
- Schedule interviews

ADEA AADSAS closes February 3, 2014.

Schools offer candidates admission beginning December 2, 2013 and continue to interview and notify applicants until the spring.