

ADEA Associated American Dental Schools Application Service

Information for Applicants to Dental School for the 2012 Entering Class

Pathways to a Career in Dentistry

Dentistry is an exciting, challenging, and rewarding profession. It attracts motivated, scientifically curious, intelligent, ambitious, and socially conscious health professionals. It encompasses not only those who provide direct patient care, but those who teach, conduct research, and work in public and international health. All these roles are vital to promoting social and economic change as well as individual well-being.

There are more than 176,000 professionally active dentists in the United States, and the need for new dentists is expected to increase in tandem with the population, number of retiring dentists, national need to improve access to oral health care, and growing demand for dental services. Dental schools are strengthening their efforts to recruit and retain all highly qualified students, especially women and underrepresented minorities.

Why Consider a Dental Career?

Not only are dentists part of a dynamic, stimulating field that offers a variety of professional opportunities, but:

- The dental profession offers a wide range of clinical, research, and academic opportunities. Dentists are at the head of important research substantiating the relationship between oral health and systemic health.
- Dentists are generally able to enter practice directly upon graduation from dental school. The average net income for dentists has doubled in the last decade and is in the highest 5% for U.S. family incomes. The lifestyle of a private practice dentist is typically predictable and self-determined.
- Dentistry is not generally subject to the effects of managed care and federal funding reductions that have affected other health care professions.

About ADEA

As the voice of dental education, the mission of the American Dental Education Association (ADEA) is to lead the dental education community to address contemporary issues influencing education, research, and the delivery of oral health care for the health of the public. Its members include all U.S. and Canadian dental schools and many allied and postdoctoral dental education programs, corporations, faculty, and students. ADEA's activities encompass a wide range of research, advocacy, meetings, and communications like the ADEA Official Guide to Dental Schools, ADEA Opportunities for Minority Students in the United States, and the Journal of Dental Education, as well as the dental school admissions services ADEA AADSAS, ADEA PASS, and ADEA CAAPID.

About ADEA AADSAS

The American Dental Education Association (ADEA) sponsors Associated American Dental Schools Application Service (AADSAS), which is a centralized application service for individuals applying to dental schools. ADEA AADSAS simplifies the application process for both applicants and schools by allowing applicants to complete only one application form. ADEA AADSAS serves as an information clearinghouse and does not influence any school's evaluation or selection of applicants, nor does ADEA recommend applicants to dental schools.

The ADEA AADSAS 2012 application becomes available online at <http://portal.aadsasweb.org> on June 1, 2011. Dental schools receive applications from ADEA AADSAS starting in late June and continuing through each school's application deadline. All applications submitted to ADEA AADSAS on or before a dental school's deadline—provided all supporting documentation is received from the applicant—are processed and sent to that school.

In addition to submitting an ADEA AADSAS application, the dental school application process entails substantial planning and time management

Be sure to plan for:

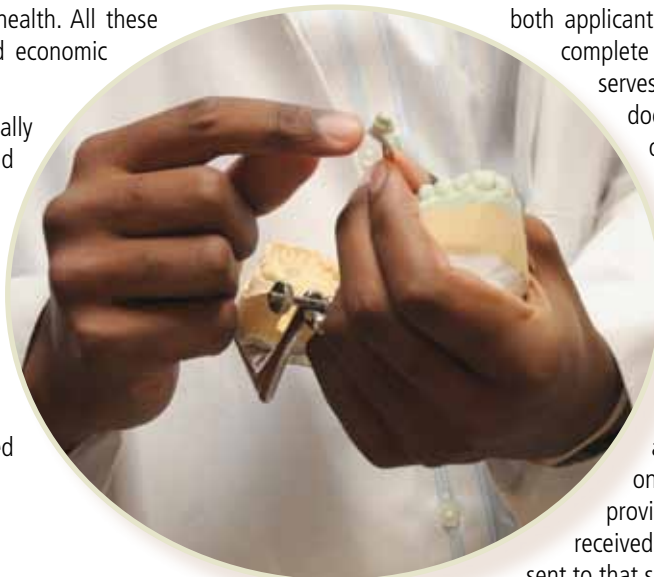
- Taking the Dental Admission Test (DAT) or Canadian Dental Aptitude Test
- Submitting supplemental materials requested by schools in a timely manner (check the Participating Dental Schools list in the ADEA AADSAS application)
- Costs related to travel and professional dress for admissions interviews, required by most dental schools as part of the admissions process

ADEA AADSAS Application Processing Fees

Check the ADEA website (www.adea.org) for 2012 ADEA AADSAS application fees. ADEA AADSAS offers a Fee Assistance Program (FAP) for applicants who demonstrate extreme financial need. Details about this program can be obtained in the ADEA AADSAS section of the ADEA website, <https://portal.aadsasweb.org>.

Tips for a Successful ADEA AADSAS Application

- Apply early!
- Read all instructions carefully before completing the ADEA AADSAS application



- Print a copy of your ADEA AADSAS application for your records
- Monitor your application online, and check for messages from ADEA AADSAS by email or inside your online ADEA AADSAS application
- Remember that ADEA AADSAS considers your application complete and begins processing your application after receiving:
 - Your submitted ADEA AADSAS application
 - An official transcript from every college and university you have attended
 - Application payment

Questions?

ADEA AADSAS Customer Service representatives are available Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Eastern time, except federal holidays. Call 617-612-2045 or email us at aadsasinfo@aadsasweb.org.

More Help from ADEA



GoDental will be the official web resource, sponsored by the American Dental Education Association, for up-to-date and cutting-edge information for the dental education pipeline. The site will provide an interactive experience for social networking, creating community, and encouraging dialogue. Current and future students can learn important information about dentistry and the dental education process. In addition, students

can read current articles, comment on blogs, interact with students and dental professionals in the dynamic forum DentNetworks, and view videos in DenTube (a resource that hosts videos on current events, applying to dental school, and much more). Follow us on Facebook and Twitter. Experience GoDental in Spring 2011 by visiting www.GoDental.org.

ADEA Publications

ADEA publishes two comprehensive guidebooks for those considering a dental career. They can be ordered online at www.adea.org.

ADEA Official Guide to Dental Schools

Updated annually, this is the most authoritative information available about applying to and attending dental schools in the United States or Canada.

ADEA Opportunities for Minority Students in U.S. Dental Schools

This book contains information of interest to minority students considering dental school, including tools to manage the application process.

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How ADEA AADSAS Works

