

ADEA CAAPID® Applicant Quick Guide

ADEA Centralized Application for Advanced Placement for International Dentists

ADEA CAAPID Is Open March through January Each Year

ADEA CAAPID is the centralized application service to more than 40 U.S. advanced standing dental programs; these programs are typically shorter than traditional D.D.S./D.M.D. programs. Applicants are internationally educated dentists who wish to practice in the U.S. or Canada.

On average, applicants apply to 9–10 programs as they seek the best program for their education journey. Almost half of applicants each year are [reapplicants](#).

To [apply to ADEA CAAPID](#), applicants must:

- Submit an official dental school transcript evaluation from World Education Services (WES) or Educational Credential Evaluators (ECE) and transcripts for U.S. graduate coursework.
- Provide details for all experiences, including dental experience, employment, research, and community service, as well as for all achievements and professional licenses.
- Indicate up to three evaluators who can provide an evaluation (also known as a recommendation) electronically. Choose individuals who are familiar with the applicant and understand the admissions process.
- Submit a written personal statement about their motivation to pursue a career in oral health.
- Send relevant standardized test results and scores.
- Complete all sections of the ADEA CAAPID application. Programs may also require additional information or documentation in the Program Materials in the application.
- Pay for each ADEA CAAPID application.

Program's admissions processes may include requirements beyond completing the ADEA CAAPID application. Look for messages from programs about secondary applications, fees, and/or hand skills testing.



Suggestions for a Strong Application:

- Apply as early in the cycle, especially to schools with rolling admissions. It takes time to obtain transcripts, send official test scores and for evaluators to submit letters. Plan ahead!
- Present a well-qualified academic background.
- Seek constructive feedback on the application from trusted colleagues.
- Use the ADEA CAAPID Program Finder to answer program-specific questions and determine program-specific requirements and eligibility.



The [ADEA CAAPID Program Finder](#) can help answer many questions, such as:

- Which dental schools offer advanced standing programs?
- Am I eligible for a program?
- Should I take a specific entrance exam?
- What is the application deadline?
- Do I need a WES or ECE evaluation?
- Is the TOEFL required?

Check out the ADEA CAAPID Program Finder

