Holistic Admissions:
A Framework for Advanced Dental Education Admissions?

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Excluding Potentially Well Qualified Applicants through Screening Process
What is Holistic Admissions?

- Flexible, highly-individualized process
  - balanced consideration is given to the multiple ways in which applicants may prepare for and demonstrate suitability as students/residents and future dentists/specialists

- Evaluation criteria:
  - institution-specific, broad-based, mission-driven
  - that are applied equitably across the entire candidate pool
Qualities Dental Schools Seek in Applicants

- Institution’s Mission
- Applicant
- Experiences
- Attributes
- Metrics
A Holistic Perspective of Applicants

Experiences:
• the “road traveled”
• educational background
• employment
• research experience
• dentistry-related experiences

Attributes:
• skills & abilities
• personal and professional characteristics
• demographic factors

Metrics:
• grade point averages
• test scores
• rank-in-class

Source: AAMC Roadmap to Diversity
Resources:
