

Dental School Applicant eGuide

“100 Best Jobs of 2018”: DENTIST is #2
U.S. News & World Report

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THREE REASONS TO CONSIDER A DENTAL CAREER

- 1** **Dentists improve patients' lives**, protecting their oral and overall health.
- 2** **Dental school graduates have many career and practice options.** Graduates may practice immediately, pursue residency education in general dentistry or in one of nine recognized dental specialties, or take steps toward a teaching career.
- 3** **Dentists earn top wages in the United States**, far more than most other health care professionals.



ADEA AADSAS® (Associated American Dental Schools Application Service) is a centralized application service for dental schools that simplifies the application process, allowing students to save time by completing a **single application** accessible to up to 67 North American dental schools.

A View of the ADEA AADSAS Application Cycle

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Applicants:

1. Submit the ADEA AADSAS application online and designate dental schools.
2. Mail all official college transcripts to:
ADEA AADSAS
PO Box 9110
Watertown, MA 02471
3. Specify who is writing the letters of evaluation.
4. Schedule a date to take the Dental Admission Test (DAT), administered by the American Dental Association (ADA).
ada.org/dat

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ADEA AADSAS:

1. Verifies all transcripts and calculates the ADEA AADSAS GPA.
2. Imports DAT scores from the ADA as available.
3. Processes and submits the final application to the designated dental schools.

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Dental schools:

1. Review completed applications and supplemental materials.
2. Schedule interviews.
3. Make individual admissions decisions.

ADEA AADSAS closes in early February.

Schools notify applicants of provisional offers of admission starting December 3.

Tips

FOR ADEA AADSAS APPLICATION READINESS

1. **Research dental schools** with the help of a health professions advisor and determine which schools are the best fit.
2. **Complete and submit the ADEA AADSAS application early**, as the application process takes up to six weeks.
3. **Collect copies of all transcripts** and have these available for reference.
4. **Secure letters of evaluation.**
5. **Write a strong personal statement.**
6. **Be precise**, be accurate and do not overstate throughout the application process.

Resources

FOR DENTAL SCHOOL APPLICANTS

1. **ADEA Official Guide to Dental Schools**
adea.org/officialguide
Learn about each of the 76 dental schools in North America and how to apply. (This publication is updated every two years.)
2. **ADEA GoDental Virtual Fairs**
adea.org/godentalvirtualfairs
Free online opportunity to connect with dental school admissions officers, learn more about the application process and network with other individuals interested in dentistry.
3. **ADEA GoDental**
adea.org/godental
Information and guidance for individuals interested in applying to dental school.
4. **ADEA Dental School Explorer**
adea.org/officialguide
This online resource contains profiles of the 76 North American dental schools featured in the printed edition—all searchable by keyword and filters.