

CLAS Academic Advising Center

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Dental School Application Process

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ADEA Official Guide to Dental Schools

<http://www.adea.org/publications/Pages/OfficialGuide.aspx>

Admissions Test: DAT

DAT Program Guide: http://www.ada.org/sections/educationAndCareers/pdfs/dat_examinee_guide.pdf

Fee: \$285 per test

Payment by credit card, money order, or certified check; fees are non-refundable and non-transferrable
Fee includes official score transcripts to all schools requested; \$25 per school for those added after test date

Unofficial score report will be given to you upon leaving the testing center

Limit: 90 days between tests; maximum of 3 tests or special permission

Subtests	
Tutorial (optional)	15 minutes
Survey of Natural Sciences	90 minutes
Perceptual Ability Test	60 minutes
Break (optional)	15 minutes
Reading Comprehension Test	60 minutes
Quantitative Reasoning Test	45 minutes
Post Test Survey (optional)	15 minutes

Scoring: 1-30, standardized with a national average of 17

Writing: No writing sample

Practice Tests: http://www.ada.org/sections/educationAndCareers/pdfs/dat_test_sampleitems.pdf

http://www.ada.org/sections/educationAndCareers/pdfs/dat_sample_test_order_form.pdf

Application Service: AADSAS

AADSAS Instructions:

http://www.adea.org/dental_education_pathways/aadsas/Applicants/GeneralInstructions/Documents/2011%20ADEA%20AADSAS%20General%20Instructions%20Booklet.pdf

Use your FULL legal name, know your DENTPIN

Print a copy of your completed application for your reference; turn one in to CLAS Advising for your file

Fee: \$227 for one school; \$72 for each additional school

*Fee is non-refundable, can be paid online by credit card, or mailed with payment form for check or money order

*Fee assistance must be approved BEFORE submitting online application

Transcripts: Transcript Matching Form (MUST accompany official transcripts by application deadline)

*You need a separate form for EACH school you have attended; each form has a unique barcode that links to your application so PAY ATTENTION!

Repeat Grades: Enter ALL attempts at courses, regardless of repeats or grades of W, ALL coursework is used in GPA calculations

Re-applicants: Your information will not be carried over from year to year, you must submit a new application

Personal Statement: Write a brief statement expressing your motivation or desire to pursue dental education, be sure to describe any activities requiring manual dexterity and if you have any relatives who are in the dental field
4500 characters, including spaces

Letters of Recommendation (LORs): 4 letters may be submitted and MUST be accompanied by the Recommendation Request form, even for Committee Letter
MUST be submitted by letter writer and received by application deadline
*Look at individual schools for specific requirements of number and type of letters

Supplemental Applications: Supplemental applications vary by school, make sure you are meeting deadlines set by schools

Verification: Takes 4-6 weeks once ALL required materials are received

Acceptances: Make sure you are meeting any university deadlines and withdraw applications from all schools following a final decision on attendance

Application Cycle (dates are estimated based on 2010-2011 cycle)	
Throughout the year	DAT Test dates are scheduled by individual tester, more information will be given when you register for a DAT Test
June 1	AADSAS Launches
September 1	First application deadline
February 1	Last application deadline, AADSAS Closes

FAQ:

Information on AADSAS: www.youtube.com/user/AADSASanswers

Insight into the application process: www.youtube.com/adeavideomentors

This form serves only as a guideline to the application process, it is up to you as the applicant to make sure you are meeting any deadlines or requirements outlined by the application and testing services, as well as individual school requirements.