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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> (also available to view in the CLAS Advising Center—C-1-140 MAK)

Admissions Test: DAT (Dental Admissions Test)

DAT Program Guide: <http://www.ada.org/en/education-careers/dental-admission-test/dat-guide>

Registration Timeline: Tests are administered year round. You must first apply for and obtain a DentPIN (<http://ada.org/dentpin.aspx>). After your DentPIN application is processed, you may contact a Prometric Test Center (www.prometric.com) to schedule your test date

Release Scores: Prior to signing up for the test, you have the option of releasing your scores to an undergraduate pre-health advisor. If you miss this step, please print an official score report and send to the GVSU pre-professional advisor.

Fee: \$445 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 at the time of test registration; \$36 per school for those added after test date (please list pre-professional advisor as score recipient)

Fee Assistance: Partial fee waivers are available for first-time test takers which cover 50% of the DAT fee; see DAT Program Guide for more information—must apply BEFORE scheduling test date

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

Subtests	
Tutorial (optional)	15 minutes
Survey of Natural Sciences: Biology (40 items), General Chemistry (30 items), Organic Chemistry (30 items) = 100 total items	90 minutes
Perceptual Ability Test: 90 items	60 minutes
Break (optional)	15 minutes
Reading Comprehension Test: 50 items across 3 reading passages	60 minutes
Quantitative Reasoning Test: 40 items	45 minutes
Post Test Survey (optional)	15 minutes
Total time	5 hours

Scoring: 1-30, standardized with a national average of 18 (scores are based on the number of correct responses, so there is no penalty for guessing). Unofficial score report will be given to you upon leaving the testing center; official scores will take 3-4 weeks to be reported and will be reported electronically.

- **Practice Tests:** <http://www.ada.org/dat.aspx> (\$37 per single purchase)

CLAS Advising File

***File and Application Waivers:** Complete and submit to CLAS Advising to open your application file

***Photo:** Stop in at C-1-140 MAK to have your photo added to your file (for CLAS Academic Advising Center use only)

***veCollect:** Open a veCollect account and create profiles for letter-writers; pay \$5 activation fee

(online payments: www.gvsu.edu/clasadvising/payment)

***Student Information Sheet:** Complete Student Info Sheet and upload to veCollect

***Copy of Application:** upload PDF of complete, submitted application to veCollect (see instructions under veCollect above)

***These documents and veCollect instructions can be found here:** <http://gvsu.edu/clasadvising/ready-to-apply-233.htm>

A complete file (**due the first day of August**) in veCollect initiates your GVSU Committee Letter (completed file includes a minimum of three letters of evaluation, signed file/application waivers, student information sheet, and copy of submitted application)

NOTE: Students who have graduated from GVSU may still be eligible for a committee letter if they are not currently attending another institution for a post-baccalaureate or graduate program. However, if a student has gone on to another program, a committee letter and letters of evaluation should be sought from the current program.

Application Service: AADSAS – Follow them on Facebook and/or Twitter @adeaweb for important updates!

Contact AADSAS customer service with questions: 617-612-2045 or aadsasinfo@aadsasweb.org

AADSAS 2018 Instructions Use your FULL legal name; know your DENTPIN:

http://www.adea.org/uploadedFiles/GoDental/The_Application_to_Dental_School_ADEA_AADSAS/2018ADEAAADSASInstructions_4.2017.pdf

Fee: \$245 for one school; \$99 for each additional school

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

*Fee assistance is available and provides a \$443 fee waiver that covers up to 3 total schools; it must be applied for and approved BEFORE submitting the application (allow 10 business days for approval)

Re-applicants: You can choose to import some portions of a previous application. There is space in AADSAS to explain what changed since you last applied to dental school.

Transcripts: Transcript Request 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.

Repeat Grades: Enter ALL attempts at courses, regardless of repeats or grades of W; ALL coursework is used in GPA calculations (including initial and repeated coursework)

Personal Statement: Up to 4500 characters, including spaces; express your motivation or desire to pursue dentistry

Professional Experience: Space to enter relevant dental shadowing, extracurricular activities, employment, research, volunteer, and any academic enrichment programs (i.e. SMDEP/SHPEP); **600 characters** are allotted for each activity description. You can select up to 6 experiences to highlight as “most important.” There is a separate section for entering achievements (i.e. awards/honors/scholarships) and certifications (i.e. RDH, CDA, CDT—can upload a copy of the certificate). You can select up to 4 “most important” achievements.

Letters of Evaluation (LOEs): Up to four letters or one committee letter packet may be submitted in AADSAS.

List **Julie Amon-Mattox** as the letter writer in AADSAS for committee letter.

*Letters are included as part of secondary/supplemental application, AADSAS can be submitted prior to receipt of all letters so verification process can begin

*Look at individual schools for specific requirements of number and type of letters (rule of thumb is 3 faculty who have taught you in class (two science, one non-science) & one practicing dentist (preferably one who has observed you in a clinical setting)

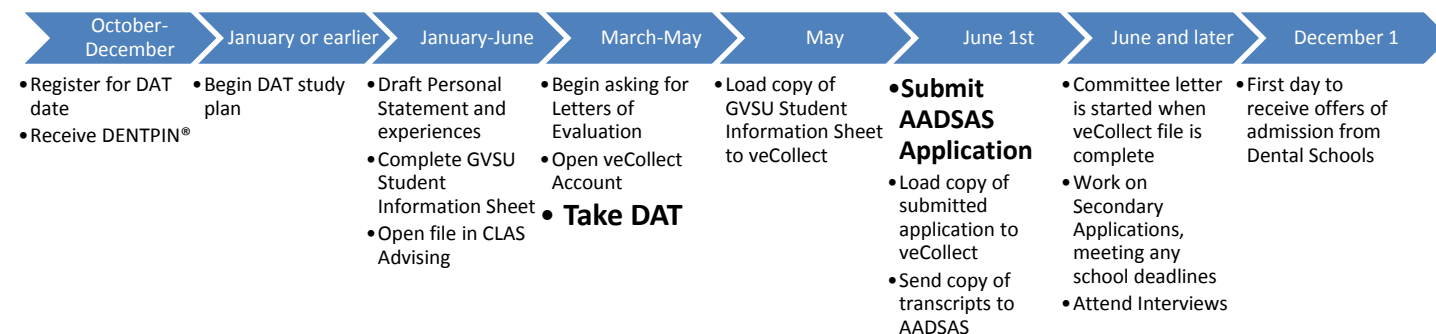
*GVSU uses a Committee Letter format. Once your veCollect file is complete, your individual LOEs, application, and student info sheet will be used to compose a committee letter that summarizes your application and all LOEs. Individual letters are then ranked in order of strength and compiled into one file to be submitted by Julie Amon-Mattox to schools through AADSAS.

Verification: Process of verification of grades through AADSAS takes 4-6 weeks once ALL required materials are received (this excludes LOEs and supplemental applications)

Supplemental Applications: Supplemental applications vary by school and generally include additional fees and essays, make sure you are meeting deadlines set by schools as these are submitted after the initial application. Some supplemental apps require you to submit a photo of yourself; therefore it’s a good idea to have a nice/professional photo taken of yourself wearing business-style clothing.

Acceptances: Make sure you are meeting any school deadlines and withdraw applications from all schools following a final decision on attendance. **Schools also include a criminal background check and undergraduate disciplinary checks prior to final matriculation.**

Application Process General Timeline



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.