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The College of Dentistry offers the Doctor of Dental Medicine (D.M.D.) degree and six post-doctoral programs. The major College mission is to educate and prepare dental practitioners to meet the oral health needs of the people of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and beyond. The College is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation.

For further information on the D.M.D. and post-doctoral programs, refer to the *College of Dentistry Bulletin* at: [www.mc.uky.edu/Dentistry/](http://www.mc.uky.edu/Dentistry/).

## Admission – Doctor of Dental Medicine (D.M.D.)

The College seeks to enroll students whose backgrounds, personalities, and motivations indicate that they will make capable future practitioners. The College gives preference to qualified applicants who are residents of Kentucky. However, highly qualified out-of-state applicants are considered each year and such candidates are encouraged to apply.

The College will consider for admission any applicant who demonstrates the ability to perform or to learn to perform, the skills listed in the College's Technical Standards policy. The specific standards are included in the *College Bulletin* and *Student Handbook*. Applicants are not required to disclose the nature of any disability, but an applicant with questions about these technical requirements is strongly encouraged to discuss the issue with the Assistant Dean of Admissions and Student Affairs. If appropriate, and upon the request of the applicant, student or faculty, reasonable accommodations for a disability will be provided.

## Prerequisite Preparation

The College strongly recommends that applicants gain a broad liberal arts education with a solid foundation in the sciences. Information on prerequisite course work may be obtained from the College's Office of Admissions and Student Affairs. Gaining admission is a competitive process and completing a baccalaureate degree prior to matriculation is an expectation.

Prospective dental students should contact the Office of Admissions and Student Affairs early in their undergraduate careers for guidance. The College will work with students to advise them on ways to become competitive applicants. The College also works closely with the UK Pre-Dentistry Society. For more information, call (859) 323-6071.

## Application

The College participates in the American Association of Dental Schools Application Service (AADSAS), a centralized electronic application service. The address is listed below.

**AADSAS**  
**1400 K Street NW**  
**Suite 1100**  
**Washington, D.C. 20005**  
**(202) 289-8123**  
**[www.adea.org](http://www.adea.org)**

Application for admission should be submitted to AADSAS between June 1 and November 1 of the year preceding the fall in which admission is desired. Candidates are advised to complete their applications early since interviews begin in September. Applicants are offered admission beginning December 1 of each year, and those applying near the application deadline are at a disadvantage due to the time required to fully process an application.

## Letters of Evaluation

Applicants must submit three evaluation letters from individuals (or a college committee) who know the applicant well and can provide meaningful comments about the applicant's academic potential, sense of responsibility, social sensitivity, community orientation, and awareness of social problems. Two of the three letters should be from undergraduate faculty.

## Dental Admission Test

The Dental Admission Test was developed and adopted by the Council on Dental Education of the American Dental Association ([www.ada.org/](http://www.ada.org/)) as one means of determining an individual's potential for dentistry. It is a multiple-choice examination that includes the following sections: Survey of Natural Sciences (biology, general chemistry and organic chemistry), Perceptual Ability, Reading Comprehension and Quantitative Reasoning. The Dental Admission Test is administered at Prometric/Sylvan Technology Centers nationwide in a computerized format. The applicant should take the test the first time in the spring of the junior year. Many applicants will take the Dental Admission Test more than once. The college will recognize the highest set of scores.

Direct questions regarding admission or arranging a visit to the college to:

**Office of Admissions  
 and Student Affairs  
 College of Dentistry  
 D-155 Chandler Medical Center  
 University of Kentucky  
 Lexington, KY 40536-0297  
 (859) 323-6071  
[www.mc.uky.edu/Dentistry/](http://www.mc.uky.edu/Dentistry/)  
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