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The College of Dentistry offers the Doctor of Dental Medicine (D.M.D.) degree and six post-doctoral programs. The mission of the College of Dentistry is to improve oral health and general health through teaching, research, and service. The mission is supported by collaborative engagement and by networking with community and academic partners to promote oral health literacy and reduce health disparities within Kentucky and beyond.

The College educates health professionals to become active citizen leaders who are conscious of their personal and professional responsibilities in a global society. The College values diversity within its community, which includes diversity of thought and experience, in order to promote a humanistic approach to education, patient care, and community service. The College of Dentistry and all of its programs are accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association.

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

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

The College of Dentistry seeks to enroll individuals whose academic preparation, personal qualities, and other qualifications suggest that they will experience success in the curriculum and afterwards in the dental profession. Currently, the College admits 40 Kentucky residents and 17 non residents into its four-year curriculum leading to the Doctor of Dental Medicine (D.M.D.) degree.

The University of Kentucky College of Dentistry 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 College's Academic Performance Committee will monitor each student's demonstration of such knowledge and skills; specific standards are included in the *College Bulletin* and *Student Handbook*. Applicants are not required to disclose the nature of their disability(ies) to the Admissions Committee; however, any applicant with questions about these technical standards is strongly encouraged to discuss the issue with the Admissions Committee Chair before the interview. Upon the

request of an applicant or a student, reasonable accommodations will be provided.

Pre dental Preparation

Prospective applicants are encouraged to contact the Office of Admissions and Student Affairs early in their undergraduate careers for guidance on admission requirements. The College desires applicants who have the requisite academic preparation to meet the challenges of a rigorous curriculum. In addition to earning a bachelor's degree, these individuals should complete courses in both science and non-science subject areas to increase their likelihood of success in the dental program. Although many applicants each year major in the biological and natural sciences, students who pursue studies in other majors also are invited to apply for admission. The College will work with students to advise them on ways to become competitive applicants. The College also works closely with the UK Pre-Dental Society. For more information, call (859) 323-6071.

Application Process

An application for admission may be obtained from the American Association of Dental Schools Application Service (AADSAS). Candidates for admission are encouraged to apply early to receive the strongest consideration. The AADSAS electronic application becomes available in June. You may contact AADSAS at:

www.adea.org
(202) 789-7201
AADSAS
1400 K Street NW, Suite 1100
Washington, D.C. 20005

The College uses a "rolling admissions system" whereby applicants are interviewed beginning in late August, the first offers of admission are made on December 1, and the Admissions Committee continues to interview applicants until the class is filled. The membership of the entering first-year class is usually confirmed by mid-March. Candidates who apply early in the admissions cycle are at a distinct advantage over those who wait much later to submit their AADSAS application and other credentials. The priority deadline for consideration is October 1 with a final deadline of December 1. The Office of Admissions and Student Affairs can provide applicants information and sound advice to insure that they complete the process in a timely way.

Letters of Evaluation

Three letters of evaluation must be included in each candidate's admission credentials from individuals who are able to provide information regarding the applicant's potential for success in the dental curriculum. Two letters should come from faculty members and/or preprofessional advisors. The third letter may come from another faculty member, a dentist or someone else who knows the applicant well and can provide an assessment of the individual's academic qualifications, personal qualities and potential. A pre-professional committee evaluation of a candidate may be substituted for the three letters. Applicants must forward the letters to AADSAS when they submit their packets; hard copy letters of evaluation sent to the Office of Admissions and Student Affairs will not be connected to the application.

Dental Admission Test

Every applicant must take the Dental Admission Test (DAT). The DAT scores are considered, along with a candidate's academic record and other criteria, in the admissions decision. The exam is offered nationwide by computer through Prometric Testing Centers. The DAT results should not be more than two years old and the highest set of scores will be used. Information on the DAT is available by contacting the American Dental Association at:

www.ada.org
(312) 440-2689
Dental Admission Testing Program
American Dental Association
211 East Chicago Ave.
Chicago, IL 60611-2678

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

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