

Pre-Dental Plan

Students are free to choose any major while pursuing their undergraduate degree and fulfilling pre-dental requirements. When selecting a major, students should consider subjects they find interesting and challenging, and those in which they perform best. Dental schools do not require a specific major to enter the professional program, but they do have minimum entrance requirements. Most students accepted to dental school earn a bachelor's degree while satisfying pre-dental requirements.

Currently the minimum requirements for entering dental school in the state of Kentucky are:

- 2 semesters of college English or intensive writing courses
- 2 semesters of biology with labs*
- 2 semesters of general chemistry with labs
- 2 semesters of organic chemistry with labs
- 1 semester of physics with labs
- 1 semester of microbiology (required by the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry and recommended by the University of Louisville School of Dentistry)
- 1 semester of biochemistry (required by the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry and highly recommended by the University of Louisville School of Dentistry)

*The University of Louisville School of Dentistry has additional biology requirements.

Other dental schools in the country may have different prerequisite courses. Check specific dental schools for admissions requirements.

In addition, students are encouraged to take course work in areas such as anatomy, biochemistry, cell biology, calculus, genetics, histology, immunology, physiology, psychology, and statistics.

Students interested in dental school should meet with a Pre-Dental advisor at least once a year while pursuing their undergraduate curriculum, attend Pre-Dental information sessions, visit the Pre-Dental Web site at dentistry.uky.edu/students, and to contact an advisor by emailing chioma.brown@uky.edu. Students can also subscribe to the Pre-Health listserv by contacting ukcareercenter@uky.edu.