

Pre-Dental Program

Dental school is just one of many options open to you when you earn a degree in Applied Science. UW-Stout's Applied Science program provides you with everything you need to enter dental school. However, some things you should keep in mind include:

- + Do you enjoy biology, chemistry, and math?
- + Are you prepared for the extracurricular activities that will enhance your application to dental school?
- + Are you willing to set aside time to become active in your community?



Dental schools are competitive and therefore look for well-rounded students. You should focus on several things, such as excelling in your courses, maintaining a good grade point average, and being active in your community. Regional examples of dental schools are listed below, but keep in mind many other choices exist. Check out other schools through the American Dental Association at www.ada.org.

Admission Statistics for Dental School

	Number Applied	Number Accepted	Avg. GPA	Avg. DAT
University of Minnesota-Twin Cities	1,071	98	3.6	19.8
Marquette	3,189	80	3.6	18.86
University of Michigan	1,751	110	3.46	19.5
University of Iowa	N/A	N/A	3.6	N/A

N/A- Not available

Semesters Required for Entrance Into Dental School

UW-Stout courses to fulfill requirements for entrance into dental school*

	Biology BIO-135,136	Physiology and Anatomy BIO-234	Advanced Physiology BIO-362	Microbiology BIO-306	Genetics BIO-332	Physics PHYS-241, 242	General Chemistry CHEM-135, 136	Organic Chemistry CHEM-201, 204/206	Biochemistry CHEM-311	Math MATH-153
University of Minnesota-Twin Cities	2	1				2	2	2	1	
Marquette	2					2	2	2		
University of Michigan	2			1		2	2	2	1	
University of Iowa	2		R	R		2	2	2	R	R

*This is a general guideline that is subject to change.

R- Recommended

Note: Other upper level science courses are highly recommended by all professional dental programs. Courses such as English, social sciences, and humanities are also required for entry into dental school.

Important Factors to Consider

Internship The Applied Science program requires an internship to graduate, so students interested in dental school should seek an experience in that field.

Volunteer Experience It is recommended that students show an interest in the dental profession through volunteer experiences within the community.

Research Research experiences are provided to enhance a student's professional development. Students should seek out research activities early on to provide opportunities to publish peer-reviewed papers and present at regional and national meetings.

Testing-DAT You will normally take the Dental Admission Test (DAT) in the fall or spring of your junior year. It is a standardized test covering many of your required courses. It has sections covering biology, organic chemistry, inorganic chemistry, reading comprehension, quantitative reasoning and perceptual ability. Checkout more information on the DAT at www.ada.org/prof/ed/testing/dat/index.asp.