

PRE-DENTAL ADVISEMENT WORKSHEET 2009-2010

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DENTAL SCHOOL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Academic requirements for admission to dental schools vary. To be eligible for most U.S. programs, you are advised to complete the following:

2 semesters of English composition	2 semesters of organic chemistry w/lab
2 semesters of general biology w/lab	2 semesters of physics w/lab
2 semesters of inorganic chemistry w/lab	

Additional requirements do exist and they must be met or the applicant will not be considered. (Beware: CLEP and/or AP hours are not always acceptable).

For example, academic requirements for admission to the University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry include certain coursework, a minimum grade point average of 2.5 in at least 90 semester hours, and an acceptable score on the Dental Admission Test (DAT). The course requirements may be met by the following specific courses at UCO:

Inorganic Chemistry	General Biology*	English
CHEM 1103 + 1112	BIO 1204	ENG 1113
CHEM 1223 + 1232	BIO 1404	ENG 1213
	BIO ----4	
Organic Chemistry		Psychology
CHEM 3303 + 3312	General Physics	PSY 1103
CHEM 3323	PHY 1114	
Biochemistry	PHY 1214	Recommended: Speech and business
CHEM 3403		

* The University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry requires a minimum of sixteen (16) hours of biological science, but recommends that prospective students take 20-24 hours in order to become more competitive applicants and to be better prepared to succeed in dental school. Suggested biology electives include: cell biology, genetics, histology, microbiology, embryology, physiology and anatomy.

Students planning to apply to dental schools other than OU need to check the specific admission requirements of those schools by consulting their pre-dental advisor.