

Pre dental Timeline

Freshman/Sophomore Years

- Work with your Prehealth Professions Advisor to plan courses and experiences that will help you to prepare to apply to dental school. To locate the health professions advisor on your campus, go to naahp.org
- Begin to complete Chemistry, Biology, Physics and Organic Chemistry requirements
- Check out your career center's dentistry-related resources
- Join a dental-related student organization to get exposure to the dental profession
- Consider job shadowing and/or volunteer experience
- Consider alternative career plans
- Attend your college's health-related career fairs

Junior Year

- Complete prerequisite requirements by end of 2nd semester
- Prepare and take the DAT (information at [ADA.org/DAT](https://ada.org/DAT))
- Apply for admission at least a year in advance
- Review dental school catalogs and/or websites such as:
 - *Official Guide to Dental Schools* at adea.org
 - *ASDA Handbook: A Resource for Pre dental Students* at ASDAnet.org
 - Dental School Listing link at [ADA.org/students](https://ada.org/students)
- Gather letters of evaluation from faculty and others

Senior Year

- Take advantage of "mock" interview practice with Career Center staff before dental school admission interviews
- Complete forms for financial aid
- Send thank you notes to evaluators and mentors