

Dental School Application Procedures

FRESHMAN YEAR

- Make sure you are registered for the correct science classes (science majors' science courses) at Orientation.
- Attend the Pre-Med Orientation before the start of classes.
- Stop by or call Pre-Professional Advising to be placed on our list-serv. Do this soon as you arrive on campus.
- Inform your academic advisor that you are a pre-dental student.
- Focus on your grades; get off to a good start by honing your time management and study skills.
- Begin reviewing for the Dental Admission Test (DAT).
- Visit ADEA's website at www.adea.org to learn about applying to dental school.
- Visit OPPA to review the *ADEA Official Guide to Dental Schools*
- Identify individuals to write letters of recommendation.
- Take the DAT during late spring or early summer.
- Prepare to submit the ADEA Associated American Dental Schools Application Service (ADEA AADSAS) application. Applications become available on or around June 1.
- Submit your ADEA AADSAS application as soon as possible after the June open date and submit the appropriate supplemental documents.

SOPHOMORE YEAR

- Begin getting exposure to health care through community service, part-time employment, and shadowing. The OPPA offers day-long experiences through the MedView Shadowing Program on our website.
- Consider joining the Pre-Dental Club
- Contact the Office of Community Service Programs at 7-7130 to explore community service options.
- Get to know your professors! You will need letters of recommendation next year.
- Come by the OPPA to make sure you are on track and go over your plan. Drop-in hours are Tuesdays 1 - 4 p.m. and Wednesdays 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. We have many resources in our office.

JUNIOR YEAR

- Schedule a volunteer or paid dental-related opportunity.

SENIOR YEAR

- Make sure all of your letter-writers upload their letters directly through AADSAS.
- Inquire at each dental school to ensure all materials have been received.
- Respond to any dental school interview requests immediately.
- Schedule a mock interview at the OPPA.
- Attend interviews with schools.
- Notification of acceptances begins December 1.
- Notify all dental schools offering you admission of your decisions as early as possible.
- Please inform our office about acceptances and where you will matriculate. Good luck!