The Road to Dental School...

This process will include:

- Researching Dentistry and dental schools
- Meeting with a Pre-Health advisor
- Completing prerequisite courses
- Engaging in extracurricular activities
- Shadowing a dentist.

1. Take the Dental Admission Test (DAT)
The DAT is administered by the American Dental Association and you should contact them regarding the times that the test is offered and the locations.

2. Submit an application to the ADEA Associated American Dental Schools Application Service (AADSAS).
   AADSAS collects, verifies and processes or delivers your application information to each of the schools you have chosen to apply to. Individuals should check with each school they are interested in to find out the deadline date for the application. Deadline dates vary by school.

   Note: Applicants who are Texas residents wishing to apply to dental schools in Texas will use the Texas Medical and Dental Schools Application Service (TMDSAS).

3. Submit additional materials requested by each dental school.
   There are a number of schools that seek additional information from applicants in the form of a secondary application. This is in addition to the ADEA AADSAS application and is sent directly to the school

4. Participate in interviews.
The majority of dental schools require an interview be considered for entrance into a class. The process and timing will vary by school and can be in the form of one-on-one, group or multiple mini interviews. Please contact the HPAO at CSUF and the Career Center on campus for a practice mock interview.

Intent to Apply
The HPAO at CSUF offers this service to all dental applicants each cycle. This service helps the student obtain a committee letter from the Health Professions Committee on campus and forms the student’s committee packet for professional dental schools. The HPAO will also upload the committee packet to AADSAS and assist you on filling out your application. The Intent to Apply cycle always starts in February. Please contact the HPAO for more information.

Resources:
On Campus: CSUF Pre-Dental Society, SHPA
CSUF Career Center- http://www.fullerton.edu/career/
Off Campus: American Dental Education Association- http://www.adea.org/
American Student Dental Association- https://www.asdanet.org/
ADEA Official Guides to Dental Schools- http://www.adea.org/officialguide/
Student National Dental Association- http://www.sndanet.org/
Dentistry
Advising Sheet

Dentistry is a branch of medicine that is dedicated to helping patients enhance and maintain their oral health. Dentists diagnose, treat, and help prevent diseases, injuries, and malformations of the teeth and gum. Graduates of dental school may hold either a Doctor of Dental Surgery (D.D.S.) degree, or a Doctor of Medical Dentistry (D.M.D.) degree –both equally recognized.

Dental programs are four-years long, with the first two years spent learning basic sciences, and last two years diagnosing oral disease, surgery, and clinical study; additionally, in the last year, students usually must complete a dental rotation externship. Beyond general dentistry, there are specialized postgraduate programs, such as orthodontics and pediatric dentistry, which can take two to six more years to complete. Some dental schools also offer joint degree programs that can include the study of Dental Medicine with a dual degree in JD, MPH, or MBA.

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**Specialties:**

General Dentistry
Dental Public Health
Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology
Endodontology
Orthodontics
Dentofacial Orthopedics
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
Oral Maxillofacial Radiology