

Bio 3A - Applying to Health Professional Schools

Dental Schools

Admission Requirements and Helpful Information

Number of schools in the United States: 58 (including Puerto Rico)

Dental School Admission Requirements:

Biology (w/lab)	1 to 1 1/2 years (At UCI Bio 93, 94, 97, 98, 99, *100 minimum). Many schools will require 3 labs. *BioSci 100 is a prerequisite for taking Bio labs at UCI. Some schools will require specific biology courses
General Chemistry	1 year with labs (at UCI, Chem 1A-B/LB-C/LC or Chem 1A-B-C/LC-LD)
Organic Chemistry	1 year with labs (at UCI, Chem 51A/LA-B/LB-C)
Physics	1 year with labs (at UCI Physics 3A-B/LB-C/LC)
Math	This varies from one course in college math to a full year of calculus. Most schools will require 1 semester or 2 quarters of calculus. (at UCI, Math 2A-B)
English	Varies, usually 1 semester to 1 year of English composition
Psychology	Varies, both UCLA and UCSF list an intro class as required
Other?	Each school usually also has a list of recommended courses.

** Check the Dental School Admission Requirements book for variations.

2009 average GPA accepted:

	<u>Cum</u>	<u>Sci</u>		<u>Cum</u>	<u>Sci</u>		<u>Cum</u>	<u>Sci</u>
UCLA:	3.62	3.59	UCSF:	3.66	3.65			
Loma Linda:	3.43	3.35	UOP:	3.46	3.38			
USC:	3.20	3.30	Western:	3.33	3.25	Nat'l avg.:	3.54	3.46

2009 average DAT scores:

	<u>Acad</u>	<u>PAT</u>		<u>Acad</u>	<u>PAT</u>		<u>Acad</u>	<u>PAT</u>
UCLA:	21	21	UCSF:	20	20			
Loma Linda:	19	20.1	UOP:	20	21			
USC:	20	20	Western:	18	19	Nat'l avg.:	19	19.4

Acronyms to know:

ADEA - American Dental Education Association

AADSAS - American Association of Dental School Application Service

DAT - Dental Admission Test

PAT - Perceptual Ability Test

RESOURCES

ADEA Official Guide to Dental Schools - Published by the ADEA, provides comprehensive admission information on every accredited dental school in the United States and Canada. A current copy is always available to read in the Bio Sci Student Affairs Office.

Internet Addresses:

For the ADEA -: <http://www.adea.org>

For AADSAS – <https://portal.aadsasweb.org/>

DAT: <http://www.ada.org/dat.aspx>

GoDental (for prospective dental students): <http://info.adea.org/dep>