



Dentistry Schools – Canada

ONTARIO:

<p>University of Toronto Dentistry Program Faculty of Dentistry www.dentistry.utoronto.ca</p>	<p>University of Western Ontario Dentistry Program Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry www.schulich.uwo.ca/dentistry</p>
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OTHER PROVINCES:

<p>University of Alberta Dentistry Program Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry www.med.ualberta.ca</p>	<p>University of Manitoba Dentistry Program College of Dentistry www.umanitoba.ca/dentistry</p>
<p>University of British Columbia Dentistry Program Faculty of Dentistry www.dentistry.ubc.ca</p>	<p>McGill University Dentistry Program Faculty of Dentistry www.mcgill.ca/dentistry</p>
<p>Dalhousie University Dentistry Program Faculty of Dentistry www.dentistry.dal.ca</p>	<p>University of Saskatchewan Dentistry Program College of Dentistry www.usask.ca/dentistry</p>

Relevant Websites

- Canadian Association of Orthodontists: www.cao-aco.org
- Canadian Dental Association: www.cda-adc.ca
- Ontario Association for Public Health Dentistry: www.oaphd.on.ca
- Ontario Association of Orthodontists: www.oao.on.ca
- Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario: www.rcdso.org
- Toronto Academy of Dentistry: www.tordent.com
- Commission on Dental Accreditation of Canada: www.cda-adc.ca/cdacweb/en/



FAQ – Dentistry Schools Canada

Below is some general information to help you with your applications for Dentistry school. Remember, if you have specific questions contact the school directly.

What are the academic requirements of the Dental Schools in Ontario?

University of Toronto

- Completion of 3 years of a full time undergraduate study
- Completion of required courses listed on the school website
- Minimum GPA of 3.0 (8 on the McMaster scale)
 - The accepting average for the 2015 admission cycle was 3.85 (~10.8 on the McMaster scale)
- Completion of DAT within 2 calendar years of the application deadline
 - Mean DAT scores: Academic Average (AA) → 22, Perceptual Ability Test (PAT) → 21
- Proficient in written and spoken English
- The application deadline is December 1st of every year for entry the following September
- <https://www.dentistry.utoronto.ca/admissions/doctor-dental-surgery-dds/academic-requirements>

Western University

- Completion of final year or in completion of final year of undergraduate degree program leading to a four-year undergraduate degree
- Completion of required courses listed on the school website with a minimum grade of 74.5% (8 on the McMaster Scale)
- Minimum average of 80% (10 on the McMaster scale) in each year of the two academic years considered
 - The class average based on the 2 best undergraduate years for the class of 2018 was 89% (~11 on the McMaster scale)
- Completion of DAT
 - Mean DAT score: Reading →22, Academic Average(AA) → 21
- The application deadline is December 1st of every year for entry the following September
- https://www.schulich.uwo.ca/dentistry/future_students/doctor_of_dental_surgery_dds/index.html

What are the non-academic requirements of Dental Schools in Ontario?

University of Toronto

- Interview

Western University

- Interview
- Reference Letter/Personal Statement may be submitted

How long is will Dental School take to complete?

- A minimum of 4-5 years depending on whether students pursue a dental specialty
- There are nine nationally recognized dental specialties in Canada:
 - Dental Public Health: www.caphd.ca
 - Endodontics: www.caendo.ca
 - Oral Maxillofacial Surgery: www.caoms.com
 - Oral Medicine and Pathology: www.cda-adc.ca/jcda/vol-69/issue-9/568.pdf
 - Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology: <http://caomr.org>
 - Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics: www.cao-aco.org
 - Pediatric Dentistry: www.capd-acdp.org
 - Periodontics: www.cap-acp.ca
 - Prosthodontics: www.prosthodontics.ca



FAQ – Dental Aptitude Test (DAT)

Is the DAT required to apply to Canadian Dental Schools?

- The DAT, conducted by the Canadian Dental Association (CDA) is required for admission to the 10 (including 2 French-only) Canadian Dental Schools
- Canadian DAT scores are accepted by most US dental schools, but the US DAT conducted by the American Dental Association is not accepted by Canadian Schools

When should I take the DAT?

- The DAT is recommended to be completed 1 year prior to entering dental school
- The test is offered 2 times per year in November and February

How many times can I take the DAT?

- You are allowed to take the DAT an unlimited number of times
- Only the results of your last attempt & total number of attempts will be recorded on your official DAT transcript

What is involved with the DAT?

- The DAT is designed to measure general academic ability, comprehension of scientific information, perceptual ability and manual dexterity
- The test assesses the applicant's knowledge of biology and general chemistry

How many questions are on the DAT?

- There are a total of **210** questions on the English DAT, plus the Manual Dexterity Test
- The Survey of the Natural Sciences section consists of 40 Biology and 30 General Chemistry multiple choice questions
- The Perceptual Ability Test section consists of 90 multiple choice questions
- The Reading Comprehension Test section (English only) consists of 50 multiple choice questions

Dental Aptitude Test Information (Canadian Dental Association): www.cda-adc.ca/dat