Admissions Information Guide
2017-2018

APPLICATION DEADLINE: DECEMBER 1, 2016

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

The College of Dentistry at the University of Saskatchewan offers a fully accredited 4-year Doctor of Dental Medicine (OMD) program. This document provides information for applicants seeking admission for 2017-2018. NOTE: admissions requirements are subject to change from year to year. Applicants are encouraged to refer to http://www.usask.ca/dentistry/admissions/index.php for the most accurate information.

II. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

A. Academic Requirements

1. Completion of THREE (3) 30 credit-unit academic years of university level course work towards the requirements of an undergraduate degree. An academic year is defined as TWO standard academic terms consisting of eight (8) consecutive months (September – April).
2. A cumulative weighted average of 75% over the TWO best academic years of study.
3. Completion of 36 credit units of required pre-dentistry courses (or equivalents) with a minimum overall average of 70%.

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<td>Social Sciences / Humanities</td>
<td>PPHY 303.3</td>
<td>Six credit units of social science and/or humanities courses</td>
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Applications may schedule their pre-dentistry courses as they wish (i.e. in the summer) provided a 30-credit unit course load is maintained per academic year. All pre-dentistry course work must be completed by April of the year in which admission is being sought.

If the pre-dentistry overall average is below 70%, students may improve their average by taking approved higher-level courses, which must be completed no later than the end of the previous academic year prior to application. Approved courses are higher-level courses that have the applicable pre-dentistry courses as a prerequisite.

Applications whose pre-dental education was completed outside of Saskatchewan are eligible for consideration provided they have completed the equivalent of the listed required pre-dentistry courses. A list of course equivalents can be found on our website at http://www.usask.ca/dentistry/admissions/pdf/course_evaluations_list.pdf.

Applicants from institutions outside of Saskatchewan may be required to submit a course syllabus to determine equivalency with the required pre-dentistry courses. The syllabus must include the course description, list of course topics, list of assessments, and required texts/readings.

B. Dental Aptitude Test

All applicants are required to take the Dental Aptitude Test (DAT) administered by the Canadian Dental Association. The Canadian DAT is offered twice per year (February and November). Results are valid for a period of three (3) years up to November of the year of application. Valid DAT scores for admission for 2017-2018 include the period of February 2014 to November 2016. If an applicant has taken the DAT more than once, the single best overall score will be used.

C. Interview

All eligible applicants seeking admission are required to interview as part of the selection process. Interviews are granted based on the academic average of the applicant’s TWO best years and the best overall DAT score. Courses taken during the application year will NOT be included in academic average calculation. All offers will be conditional upon the successful applicant maintaining a minimum academic average of at least 75% and 70% on any pre-requisite courses during the year of application.

In the interview selection process, applicants will not be considered for admission if they have, in their best DAT score, achieved any of the following:

- An Academic Average score of less than 15 or
- A Perceptual Ability score of less than 14 or
- A Reading Comprehension score of less than 14

In order to be considered for an interview, applicants must demonstrate a minimum DAT average (average of the Academic Average, Perceptual Ability and Reading Comprehension scores) as determined by the Admissions Committee. Over the past three years, the minimum DAT averages were as follows:

- Saskatchewan residents: 17.00 (2015), 17.00 (2014), 15.00 (2013)
- Out of Province applicants: 20.00 (2015), 19.00 (2014), 18.00 (2013)

The interview is conducted using the multiple mini interview (MMI) format. The MMI exposes applicants to a series of stations each 10 minutes in length. Applicants are provided with a question at each station and given two minutes to read the question and prepare an answer. After two minutes, the applicant discusses their response with the interviewer for eight minutes before moving on to the next station.
D. English Language Proficiency

The language of instruction at the University of Saskatchewan is English. Applicants whose primary language is not English must present evidence of proficiency in English. The following is an excerpt from the University of Saskatchewan website and will be accepted as satisfactory evidence. Please refer to http://explore.usask.ca/admissions/elp.php for more detailed information.

1. Completion of high school (secondary) studies in English:
   - At least 3 years of full-time study in an approved English-medium secondary program including Grades 10, 11, and 12, as well as successful completion of Grade 12 English Language Arts A30 and B30 (or equivalents).
   - Students from overseas schools offering a Canadian education system curriculum in English require a minimum grade of 65% on their Grade 12 English course(s).
   - At least 2.5 years of full-time study in an approved English-medium secondary program including Grades 11 and 12, as well as successful completion of Grade 12 English Language Arts A30 and B30 (or equivalents) with minimum final grades of 70%.
   - At least 2 years of full-time study in an approved English-medium secondary program including Grades 11 and 12, as well as successful completion of Grade 12 English Language Arts A30 and B30 (or equivalents) with minimum final grades of 80%.
   - If completion of secondary standing occurred more than five years ago, additional proof of English proficiency may be required.

2. Completion of post-secondary studies in English:
   - Successful completion of at least one year of full-time study in a degree program from a recognized post-secondary institution where English is the official language of instruction and examination.
   - Successful completion of a minimum two-year diploma from a recognized post-secondary institution in Canada where English is the official language of instruction and examination.
   - Successful completion of a minimum three-year diploma from a recognized post-secondary institution outside of Canada where English is the official language of instruction and examination.
   - The post-secondary institution must declare English to be the only language of instruction and examination throughout the institution, not just in select departments. If post-secondary study occurred more than five years ago, additional proof of English proficiency may be required.

3. Completion of an accepted standardized test of English proficiency:

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4. Completion of an approved English language training program:
   - University of Saskatchewan Language Centre
     - Successful completion of U-Prep 2
     - Successful completion of U-Bridge 2
   - University of Regina
     - Successful completion of English as a Second Language (ESL 050) program

5. Completion of one of the following qualifications:

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<td>Advanced Placement (AP) English</td>
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<td>International Baccalaureate (IB) English A1 or A2 Higher Level</td>
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<td>GCSE/IGCSE/GCE O-Level English, English Language, or English as a Second Language</td>
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*Please note acceptable tests of English language proficiency and/or minimum required scores are subject to change from year to year. Please ensure you refer to http://explore.usask.ca/admissions/elp.php for the most accurate information.*
**E. Criminal Record Check**

Self-declaration of an adult criminal record is required of all applicants on the application form. Applicants accepted into the program are required to complete and submit a Criminal Record Check with Vulnerable Sector Screening after the date of offer and no later than August 12. There are currently some Canadian provinces that will not license a dentist to practice if they have a criminal record. Applicants are encouraged to contact the respective provincial dental association for further information.

**F. Immunization Requirements**

Successful applicants must comply with the University of Saskatchewan’s policy on immunization, which states that all students attending a Health Science College must provide documented proof of immunization. Immunization records for accepted applicants must be received by the date stated in the letter of offer.

### III. CATEGORIES OF APPLICANTS

The College of Dentistry admits 28 students to the program each year. A minimum of 22 places are reserved for residents of Saskatchewan and up to 6 places for all other applicants regardless of residency. Applicants must designate their category on the on-line application form. All applicants must be Canadian citizens or landed immigrants at the time of application.

**A. Saskatchewan Residents**

To be eligible as a Saskatchewan resident, applicants must have resided in Saskatchewan for at least FOUR years immediately prior to September 1 of the year admission is being sought. For 2017-2018, applicants must have resided in Saskatchewan since September 1, 2013. Applicants who have left the province, but previously lived in Saskatchewan for an accumulated period of 15 years (permanent residency), will be considered residents. Applicants who have previously lived in Saskatchewan for an accumulated period of less than 15 years and who do not qualify under the four-year requirement will receive credit of one year toward the four-year requirement for every four years of residency in the province. There are NO EXCEPTIONS to the four-year Saskatchewan residency rule.

In order to support a claim as a resident of Saskatchewan, the following proof and circumstances will be taken into account:

- **Date of issue** of your Saskatchewan Health Card\(^1\) **AND** either the date of issue of your Saskatchewan Drivers' License\(^2\) OR Saskatchewan Income Tax Forms confirming taxes paid in Saskatchewan.
- Applicants who have completed four years of full-time study at a Saskatchewan post-secondary institution immediately prior to the year admission is being sought are considered Saskatchewan residents. Official transcripts must be submitted by the document deadline to support this claim.
- Reasons for any break in continuity of residence, which includes attendance at an out-of-province educational institution, summer employment where applicable and any other reason deemed to be relevant
- Saskatchewan high school transcript (if you are NOT currently registered at the University of Saskatchewan or the Yukon, Northwest or Nunavut Territories).

\(^1\) If the date of issue of your Saskatchewan Health Card is newer than the original date of issue, a letter from Saskatchewan Health confirming the date of issue is required.

\(^2\) If the date of issue of your Saskatchewan Drivers License is newer than the original date of issue, a Drivers Abstract is required.

**B. Canadian Applicants**

Applicants are required to complete courses equivalent to those listed in Section II A. Equivalent course work will be evaluated based upon submission of official transcripts.

**C. Aboriginal Equity Access Program**

There is a separate category in which THREE (3) first year spaces are reserved for persons of Canadian Aboriginal Ancestry. Applicants must meet the minimum admission requirements:

1. Completion of THREE (3) 30 credit-unit academic years of university level course work towards the requirements of an undergraduate degree. An academic year is defined as TWO standard academic terms consisting of eight (8) consecutive months (September – April).
2. A cumulative weighted average of 75% over the TWO best academic years of study.
3. Completion of 36 credit units of required pre-dentistry courses (or equivalents) with a minimum overall average of 70%.

Applicants must achieve an acceptable interview score and complete the Dental Aptitude Test (DAT). Applicants wishing to apply in this category must identify themselves on the on-line application form. Applicants must provide proof of Aboriginal Ancestry by the document deadline.

Acceptable proofs of ancestry include a certified copy of:

- Indian Status or Treaty Card
- Métis Membership Card
- Nunavut Trust Service Card
- Inuit roll number

The following are unacceptable proofs of ancestry:

- uncertified copies of the above noted cards
- family trees
- letters or notes from relatives
- photographs of grandparents, parents, relatives, etc.

**D. Foreign Trained Dentists**

There is a separate category in which ONE (1) first year space is reserved for a foreign trained dentist. Applicants in this category will compete in a separate pool and must meet **ALL** of the following requirements:

1. Applicants must have earned a dental degree from a recognized dental school outside of Canada or the USA.
2. Proof of degree and official transcripts must be provided.
3. Applicants must meet the Saskatchewan residency rules as outlined in Section III A.
4. If applicable, applicants must present satisfactory evidence of proficiency in English as stated in Section II C.
5. Applicants must take the Canadian Dental Aptitude Test (DAT) administered by Canadian Dental Association and meet the minimum DAT requirements for all applicants as outlined in Section II B.
6. Applicants must interview at the University of Saskatchewan for the year in which admission is being sought. **Please note:** Candidates may be disqualified
1. Academic Average (65% Overall Weighting)

The full weighting of 65% is given to the cumulative weighted average of the TWO (2) best academic years of study. Each academic year must have no fewer than 30 credit units of university level course work. Applicants must have achieved a minimum cumulative weighted average of 75% over their TWO best academic years of study and must maintain an average of 75% in their current year of study. Courses taken during the application year will NOT be included in the academic average calculation. Applicants will not be considered if they have not met the minimum number of credit units or the minimum cumulative weighted average.

Please note that a minimum cumulative weighted average of 75% does not guarantee admission.

2. Dental Aptitude Test (15% Overall Weighting)

The applicable scores from the DAT will be earned on:

- Reading Comprehension – 1/3
- Perceptual Ability – 1/3
- Academic Average – 1/3

Applicants will not be considered if they have not met the minimum DAT requirements stated in Section II B.

3. Interview (20% Overall Weighting)

A personal interview is required of all competitive applicants annually. Interview selection is based on academic average of the TWO best academic years of study and the single best overall DAT score.

Interviews for admission for 2017-2018 are scheduled for Saturday, March 25, 2017. Applicants selected to interview will be contacted via email by early March. Applicants offered interviews should note that interviews are scheduled only once per year. Rescheduling, regardless of the reason, cannot be accommodated.

Applicants not selected to interview will not be re-evaluated for final selection in the current year. Applicants may be disqualified from the admission competition for the year under consideration if their interview score is significantly below the mean of the current pool of applicants. Interview scores will not be released to applicants and specific feedback will not be provided.

IV. SELECTION CRITERA

It is the duty of the Admissions Committee to select applicants that have the ability to succeed in the program. The Admissions Committee reserves the right to review the applicant's entire application submission, including all written/verbal communication with the College of Dentistry, and to deny entry to applicants whose academic background or history indicates a diminished probability of success.

Applicants must have a minimum overall average of 70% in the required pre-dentistry courses completed by the end of the previous academic year prior to application but may complete any outstanding pre-dentistry courses during the year of application. The overall pre-dentistry average and academic average at the end of the previous academic year, and the best overall DAT score will determine the applicant’s eligibility for further admission consideration. All required pre-dentistry courses must be completed by the end of April of the year of application with an overall average of at least 70% to be eligible. Applicants who have not met this requirement will not be considered.

In addition to completing the required pre-dentistry courses, applicants must be working towards an undergraduate degree and choose courses that meet the requirements of the degree. This will ensure alternate career choices if dentistry is no longer a viable option. It is recommended that applicants pursue a degree in the natural sciences.

1. How to Apply for Admission

The College of Dentistry accepts on-line applications only. The on-line application is available August 1 – December 1 each year. You may access the on-line application at:

University of Saskatchewan Students
1. Login to PAWS and select the 'Academics' tab
2. Select the 'Admissions' link in the Admissions Channel
3. Choose 'College of Dentistry' in the application type list

Non-University of Saskatchewan Students
http://www.usask.ca/dentistry/admissions/apply_online.php
1. If you have previously applied, enter your Login ID and PIN and click Login
2. Otherwise, follow the First time user account creation instructions
2. Application Fee

A non-refundable application fee in the amount of $170 CAD is required and MUST be paid by the application deadline. The application fee may be paid on-line via Visa or Mastercard when completing the application, or by mail with certified cheque, bank draft, or money order made payable to the College of Dentistry.

VI. REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

Please refer directly to specific policies when confirming required documentation.

All of the following required documentation must be received no later than December 1:

☐ Completed on-line application with payment of $170 CDA application fee
  • Select ‘College of Dentistry’ from the drop-down menu, do not select ‘Canadian Transfer’

☐ TWO sets of official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended other than the University of Saskatchewan (including distance education classes) forwarded DIRECTLY from the appropriate institution(s) to:
  Admissions, Student and Enrolment Services
  University of Saskatchewan
  105 Administration Place
  Saskatoon, SK S7N 5A2
  • Applicants who previously or are currently attending the University of Saskatchewan are not required to submit official transcripts as their official record resides with this institution.
  • Transcripts issued directly to students or photocopies are not acceptable.

☐ Official DAT report of your best overall DAT score within the last 3 years (no older than February 2014 for the 2017-2018 application cycle).
  • November 2016 DAT scores are due as soon as they become available.
  • If re-applying for admission, DAT scores already submitted do not need to be re-submitted.

☐ If applicable, the following supporting documents:
  • Proof that you have resided in Saskatchewan for at least 4 years immediately prior to September 1 of the year in which admission is being sought
  • Proof of Aboriginal ancestry
  • Proof of permanent residence
  • Proof of English proficiency
  • Confirmation of enrolment if you are currently enrolled in any required pre-requisite courses in Term 1 of the year of application. If you are completing required pre-requisite courses in Term 2 of the year of application, confirmation of enrolment must be submitted by February 1.

Send DAT scores and required proofs to:

Admissions, College of Dentistry
University of Saskatchewan
105 Wiggins Road
Saskatoon, SK S7N 5E4

VII. NOTIFICATION OF APPLICATION STATUS

Applicants will be informed in writing, via email, of their application status by early April. To accept an offer of admission, applicants must pay a non-refundable deposit of $4,944 (15% of tuition) by the deadline date stated in the offer letter. The deposit will be applied towards tuition fees at the time of registration. Applicants who withdraw their admission acceptance after paying the fee forfeit the deposit.

If offered admission, applicants are required to submit the following documentation:

☐ TWO sets of official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended other than the University of Saskatchewan forwarded DIRECTLY from the appropriate institution(s) due no later than June 5 to:
  Admissions, Student and Enrolment Services
  University of Saskatchewan
  105 Administration Place
  Saskatoon, SK S7N 5A2

Final marks for all course work completed during the year of application, including all deferred examinations, MUST be reported on this transcript.

All offers of admission are conditional upon the successful applicant maintaining a minimum academic average of at least 75% and 70% on any pre-requisite courses during the year of application.

☐ Criminal Record Check with Vulnerable Sector Screening due no later than August 15 to

Admissions, College of Dentistry
University of Saskatchewan
105 Wiggins Road
Saskatoon, SK S7N 5E4

The Criminal Record Check with Vulnerable Sector Screening must be completed AFTER the date of the offer of admission.

VIII. COUNSELLING OF APPLICANTS TO DENTAL SCHOOL

The Admissions staff in the Office of Student Services is available to assist all applicants who seek counsel regarding admission to the College of Dentistry. However, it is the College’s policy not to instruct applicants as to a specific course of action they should follow, but rather provide the information needed for applicants to make their own choice with respect to the alternatives available.

Potential applicants should note:

• Admission is determined by the Admissions Committee on the basis of an annual competition.
• The College of Dentistry does NOT offer a qualifying program.
• There is no provision for considering or accepting advance standing or transfer applicants.
• Applications from international students are no longer accepted.
IX. ADMISSION & APPLICATION STATISTICS

For the 2015-2016 academic year, the mean academic averages of applicants admitted to the program were:

- Overall: 87.42%
- Saskatchewan Residents: 86.80%
- Out of Province applicants: 91.15%

X. DENTAL CURRICULUM

For a full description of course listings, please refer to the University of Saskatchewan Course and Program Catalogue, [http://www.usask.ca/calendar/coursecat/](http://www.usask.ca/calendar/coursecat/).

Year 1
Principles of Biomedical Science, Principles & Practice of Dentistry, Application of Dental Research, Oral Histology & Embryology, Operative Dentistry, Dental Materials I, Dental Anatomy & Morphology, Occlusion, Infection Control, Introductory Neuroanatomy, Ethics

Year 2
Oral Radiology, Human Oral Infectious Diseases, Communication Skills, Dental Research, Oral Microbiology, Immunology & Physiology, Orthodontics, Periodontics, Operative Dentistry, Dental Materials II, Pedodontics, Removable Prosthodontics, Fixed Prosthodontics, Diagnosis, Local Anesthesia, Endodontics, Pharmacology

Year 3
Oral Radiology, Orthodontics, Periodontics, Operative Dentistry, Pedodontics, Removable Prosthodontics, Fixed Prosthodontics, Diagnosis, Basic Internal Medicine, Endodontics, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Implant Prosthodontics, Dental Practice Management, Oral Pathology, Communication Skills

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XI. ESTIMATED EXPENSES

As a guideline, below are the estimated expenses for students registered in Year 1 of the DMD program. Please note these are estimates only and subject to change from year to year.

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XII. IMPORTANT DATES

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<td>• TWO sets of official transcripts</td>
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<td>• Confirmation of enrolment for Term 1 pre-dentistry courses</td>
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<td>February 1</td>
<td>Confirmation of enrolment for Term 2 pre-dentistry courses</td>
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<td>June 5</td>
<td>If offered admission, TWO sets of official transcripts for courses taken during the application year.</td>
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<td>August 12</td>
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XIII. IMPORTANT NOTES

Two sets of official transcripts sent DIRECTLY from all post-secondary institutions attended, including distance education courses, are required. Transcripts issued to students or photocopies are NOT acceptable. All transcripts and other official documents become the property of the University of Saskatchewan and will not be returned. Transcripts will be kept on file for a period of two years.

All transcripts must include final grades from all course work. All deferred examinations and grade appeals must be completed and final grades submitted by the document deadline.

Applicants seeking admission on the basis of official documents that are in a language other than English must submit notarized copies of their original documents attached to notarized, word for word, English translations. Calendars and/or course descriptions covering the completed courses must also be submitted.

All correspondence will be via email. Please ensure your email address is current and that your email account will accept email from the University of Saskatchewan (check your filters).

Applications are not complete until ALL required documents are received. It is the applicant’s responsibility to ensure that all required documentation is received. Applicants can check the status of their application online by logging in to their application. Please ensure that the Admissions Office, College of Dentistry has a current address, telephone number, and email address.

XIV. CONTACT INFORMATION

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Fax: 306-966-5126
Email: dentistry.admissions@usask.ca