

DENTISTRY PROGRAM
AT THE
UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE MEMPHIS

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS AND PREREQUISITES

Requirements and Prerequisites	Total Hours	
English Composition	6	<i>Grades less than "C" in required courses are not acceptable at UT Memphis. Required courses earning grades less than "C" must be retaken.</i>
Biology (General)	8	
Chemistry (General)	8	
Chemistry (Organic)	8	
Physics	8	
Electives	52	
Total Semester Hour Credits	90	

OTHER RECOMMENDED ELECTIVE COURSES

Elective courses should be chosen from the following: biochemistry, upper division biology courses (genetics, comparative anatomy, developmental biology, cell biology, histology, microbiology, molecular biology, physiology, and neurobiology.) A minimum of 2 of these electives must be taken before matriculation at the UT Memphis College of Dentistry.

Suggested electives are in the areas of the social sciences, philosophy, psychology, business administration, economics, public speaking, and computer science.

IS A DEGREE REQUIRED? YES X NO (COMMENTS ABOUT TRENDS)

Three years of college work will be necessary to complete the requirements for UT Memphis. UT Memphis prefers that a four-year degree be completed.

"The usual pre-professional education requirement for admission to dental school stipulates at least two academic years of liberal arts study; however, many dental schools in the United States require three years of college. Applicants should be aware that 89 percent of the first-year dental class completed four years of pre-professional education and that 76 percent of the first-year dental class received a baccalaureate degree prior to dental school enrollment."- *from the American Dental Association website.*

IS CLINICAL EXPERIENCE REQUIRED OR HELPFUL? IF SO, HOW MANY HOURS?

Not required, but considered by the admissions committee. In order to be competitive, the applicant should have observing and volunteering hours to report to the admissions committee.

AVERAGE GPA OF LAST ENTERING CLASS

Overall GPA: 3.27

Prescribed GPA: 3.15

(A minimum GPA of 2.50 is expected. Applicants should strive to maintain a GPA well above 3.00 in order to be competitive.)

AVERAGE SCORE OF ENTRANCE EXAM OF LAST ENTERING CLASS

DAT academic average: 18

DAT Perceptual average: 17

(Please log on to www.ada.org/prof/ed/testing/dat.asp for Dental Aptitude Test (DAT) information.

A minimum score consistent with the national mean is expected.)

UT MEMPHIS DENTISTRY WEBSITE:

<http://www.utmem.edu/dentistry/>