

Admission After 2 Years - Dentistry

DENTISTRY

(S.586, S.691, S.1639, S.2503, S.2555, S.3837, S.90-87, S.90-184, S.93-20, S.93-267, S.94-215, S.95-274, S.96-64, S.10-25, S.13-165)

Academic Handbook users are advised that a policy **Statement on Potential Health Risks / Immunization Requirements** has been approved for Dentistry. Please refer to:
http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/admission/healthrisks.pdf

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Admission to Dentistry is based on academic ability and personal qualities, as evidenced by scholastic records and aptitude tests. Because facilities for preclinical and clinical instruction are limited, it is necessary to restrict enrolment to applicants who, in the opinion of the Faculty, are best qualified to meet the mental and physical demands of the curriculum, and who are most likely to complete successfully the full course of study. The presentation of the minimum requirements for admission will not assure acceptance.

Applicants are advised that it is to their advantage to take a program which includes at least 5.0 courses in each academic year, taken concurrently. Special years must contain 5.0 courses, including a minimum of 4.0 honors courses or equivalent (i.e., honors-level courses at Western numbered 2000 or higher). An academic year in which fewer than 4.0 courses are taken will not be considered. Courses taken during one of the Spring/Summer sessions normally will not be counted as part of the 5.0 courses.

Applicants are advised further that the Dental Aptitude Test (DAT) administered by the Canadian Dental Association is required and will be a consideration for admission. Only the score of the most recent DAT, completed within the two years prior to the application deadline of December 1 will be used.

Primary consideration will be given to the two best academic years and the DAT scores. However, overall academic performance (consistency, trend), honors degree (if applicable), and graduate education will be used as selection criteria also.

The School of Dentistry reserves the right to require an interview as part of the admissions process.

(S.10-25, S.13-165)

Applicants to the DDS program must:

1. be in the final year of, or have successfully completed, an undergraduate degree program leading to a four-year undergraduate degree at a recognized university. Applicants in this category are advised that the following courses are mandatory: at least 0.5 laboratory course in organic chemistry and at least 0.5 course in biochemistry, and 1.0 course in human or mammalian physiology. It is to their advantage to have successfully completed 1.0 laboratory course in biology, chemistry and physics. For applicants who have completed an undergraduate degree and who are in the final year of (or who have recently completed) a subsequent undergraduate degree, grades earned during the previous degree(s) will not be considered. The most recent degree must be equivalent to a four-year degree. Courses taken during the application cycle are not considered towards GPA.
OR
2. be in the final year of, or have successfully completed, a graduate degree program at a recognized university. Graduate degree candidates must complete all requirements for their graduate degree (including a successful thesis defense, if applicable) by June 20 of the year of entry. It will be the students' responsibility to assure confirmation by their Faculty of Graduate Studies no later than June 20 that all requirements for the degree have been met. No deferred admission will be granted. Applicants in this category are advised that the following courses are mandatory: at least 0.5 laboratory course in organic chemistry, at least 0.5 course in

biochemistry, and 1.0 course in human or mammalian physiology. It is to their advantage to have successfully completed 1.0 laboratory course in biology, chemistry, and physics.

Editorial Note added in 2008 to update the course numbers and information referred to in the original policy with regard to courses in organic chemistry, biochemistry and human or mammalian physiology:

- Biology 1222 or 1223 satisfy the Biology requirement. Chemistry 1050 or 1024A/B satisfy the Chemistry requirement. Physic 1020, 1021, 1024, 1026 or the combination of Physics 1028A plus 1029B satisfy the Physics requirement. Equivalent prerequisites taken at outside universities must meet approved standards.
- Chemistry 2213A/B satisfies the Organic Chemistry requirements of this Faculty. Biology 2280A satisfies the biochemistry requirement' Physiology 2130 or 3120 each satisfies the Physiology requirement.
- In their choice of options, students are urged not to anticipate dental school courses. rather, they should seek a broad background of education in keeping with their ow interests.

Research Category With Deferred Admission

(S.96-63)

Deferred admission to the undergraduate dental program may be offered to candidates who are accepted to a dentally-oriented graduate program leading to a master's or PhD degree, at the commencement of that graduate program, following a determination of acceptability by the School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies and the School of Dentistry. For more information, please contact the Admissions Coordinator at 519 661-3744.

Policy on Admission to Second Year

(S.4180, SCAPA-09JAN)

These regulations apply to students currently enrolled in approved undergraduate dental programs.

1. Admission beyond the second dental year is not permitted and admission to second dental year will be considered only if a vacancy exists for that year.
2. Applicants must be Canadian citizens or permanent residents of Canada.
3. Applicants for whom English is not a first language are required to prove their understanding of the English language, see the policy on Proof of English Proficiency in the Admission Requirements section.
4. Applicants to second dental year are not required to take the Dental Aptitude Test administered by the Canadian Dental Association.
5. Applicants who have been required to withdraw by a dental school for academic or other reasons usually will be ineligible for admission to second year.
6. Applicants to second year must satisfy the general admission requirements of The University of Western Ontario and/or the transfer regulations adopted by Senate.
7. Applicants may be required to be present for an interview and/or submit letters of reference.
8. Graduates of non-accredited dental programs should consider taking the DDS for Internationally trained dentists.

Transfer Students' Application Deadline

(SCAPA 09FEB)

The application deadline for the second-year transfer competition will be July 1.

DDS PROGRAM FOR INTERNATIONALLY TRAINED DENTISTS

(S.97-40, S.06-75)

Effective May 1, 2006, the Dental Qualifying Program was be replaced by the DDS Program for Internationally Trained Dentists. Students enrolled in the Certificate program as of May 1, 2006, and

students admitted to the Certificate program for September 2006, were transferred to the new DDS Program for Internationally Trained Dentists. Students in the Certificate Program who graduated in June 2006 did so with a DDS.

Admission Requirements for Internationally Trained Dentists

(S.06-204)

Application to the Prior Learning Assessment is considered to be an application to the DDS ITD Program. Application must be made by completing the official application form available from the ITD Program Office, Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry or from the Web site. The completed form and supporting documents are to be mailed to:

Program Co-coordinator
DDS Internationally Trained Dentists Program
Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry
The University of Western Ontario
Room DSB 1000
London, ON
N6A 5C1

All requests for information concerning the DDS ITS Program should be directed to the Program Co-Coordinator at the address above or:

TELEPHONE: (519) 661-3582
FAX: (519) 661-3879
WEBSITE: <http://www.schulich.uwo.ca/dentistry/ITD>
EMAIL: itdprogram@schulich.uwo.ca

Applicants must satisfy the general admission requirements of The University of Western Ontario including proof of English proficiency.

Proof of English proficiency can be achieved in one of the following ways:

The Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) together with the Test of Written English (TWE). The minimum score required is 88 for the Internet Based test, with 22 in each category or 230 (computer based) on the TOEFL together with a 5 on the TWE.

The Michigan English Language Assessment Battery (MELAB) test is an acceptable alternative to TOEFL/TWE. An average score of 85% must be earned with not less than 80% in any section. The International English Language Testing Service (IELTS) is an acceptable alternative to TOEFL/TWE. An overall band score of 6.5 is required with not less than 6.0 in any section.

It is the responsibility of the applicant to submit proof of English proficiency, as stated above, to the ITD Program Office before an offer of admission can be made.

Upon acceptance to The University of Western Ontario DDS ITD Program the applicant will be required to obtain a credential evaluation of his/her degree/diploma (document by document) through World Education Services (WES), available at the following website: <http://www.wes.org/ca> , 1-866-343-0700.

If for some reason the applicant is unable to have his/her credentials validated to the satisfaction of the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, the offer of admission is withdrawn.

Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for admission to the DDS ITD Program:

- (a) Candidates must have graduated from a minimum four-year University dental program which is not recognized (approved) by the Canadian Dental Association.
- (b) Candidates must also complete successfully the Eligibility Examination sponsored by the Association of Canadian Faculties of Dentistry with a score of 60% or above.
- (c) Candidates must have permanent resident status.

Selection will be based on the results of an Eligibility Examination, Prior Learning Assessment and an

interview offered by the School of Dentistry, The University of Western Ontario.

The purpose of this assessment is to ensure that applicants have sufficient knowledge and skill to begin patient care and take third-year courses. Completion of this assessment does not guarantee admission to the DDS ITD Program.

Applicants who have been required to withdraw by a dental school for academic or other reasons usually will be ineligible for admission to the DDS ITD Program.

The decision of the School of Dentistry concerning admission to the DDS ITD Program is final. No appeal mechanism exists.