

Dental Schools in New York State

This is an overview of the minimum course requirements and should in NO WAY substitute for personally reviewing the requirements of each school

Courses At Hunter	Columbia University	New York University	SUNY at Stony Brook	SUNY at Buffalo	Touro College
BIOL 100	X	X	X	X	X
BIOL 102	X	X	X	X	X
BIOL 300 (BioChem)	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	X	X	X
BIOL 203 (Genetics)	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	
BIOL 303 (Cell Bio)	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED		RECOMMENDED	
STAT 213	X		X ¹	RECOMMENDED	
MATH 150	X	RECOMMENDED	X ¹	RECOMMENDED	
CHEM 102	X	X	X	X	X
CHEM 104	X	X	X	X	X
CHEM 106	X	X	X	X	X
CHEM 222	X	X	X	X	X
CHEM 223	X	X	X	X	X
CHEM 224	X	X	X	X	
CHEM 225	X	X	X	X	
PHYS 110	X	X	X	X	X
PHYS 120	X	X	X	X	X

¹SUNY at Stony Brook School of Medicine requires a year of math beyond pre-calculus consisting of Calculus I and II or Calculus I and Statistics.

For all non-science course requirements, please visit each Dental School's website:

Columbia University College of Dental Medicine: <https://www.dental.columbia.edu/education/dds-program/admissions/prerequisites>

New York University College of Dentistry: <https://dental.nyu.edu/academicprograms/dds-program/admission-requirements.html>

SUNY at Stony Brook School of Dental Medicine:
<https://dentistry.stonybrookmedicine.edu/student/admissions>

SUNY at Buffalo School of Dental Medicine: <http://dental.buffalo.edu/education/dds-program/doctoral-of-dental-surgery--dds/admissions.html>

Touro College of Dental Medicine at New York Medical College: <https://dental.touro.edu/admissions--aid/academic-requirements/>

All of the schools mentioned above require applicants to complete the Dental Admissions test (DAT).

Each school has additional requirements in the social sciences, humanities, math, and writing. This document is only intended to be an overview of the science pre-requisites.

Dental school admissions committees prefer that applicants complete their courses at 4-year institutions with rigorous science programs. Students who have taken more upper level science courses are generally the preferred applicants. However, being well rounded in the social sciences and the humanities can also be important for admission to dental schools. Students might consider biology as a major, with a minor in a social science or humanities area.

While many dental programs will consider applicants who have completed 90 undergraduate

credits, the more coursework a candidate has completed, the stronger their application. Applicants seeking a Committee Letter must intend to complete a bachelor's degree at Hunter College. Students should strive to have at least a 3.3 science and mathematics GPA. This is also the minimum GPA required to receive a Committee Letter from the Hunter College Pre-Health Advisory Committee.

While not listed as a requirement, pre-dental students are strongly encouraged to obtain at least 100 hours of experience in dentistry. This can include shadowing a dentist or working as a dental assistant. A letter of recommendation from a dentist can be an important part of your application and this experience shows admissions committees that an applicant understands the true nature of the profession.

Research experience also makes for a good dental school applicant. Faculty in the Biology and Chemistry departments at Hunter may be able to provide students with research experience in their laboratories so prospective applicants should seek out opportunities to work as research assistants, particularly in these departments.

Dental schools also seek students who can demonstrate strong manual dexterity skills, such as those required to work effectively with fine tools in small spaces.

To be a strong candidate for dental school programs, your application should be accompanied by a Committee letter submitted on your behalf by the Pre-Health Professions Office. Therefore, you should open a file with the Pre-Health Professions Office by the second semester of your sophomore year (or during your first semester at Hunter College if you are a transfer student) and start collecting evaluations and recommendations from the appropriate faculty, instructional staff, and supervisors. You can do this by going to: <http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/prehealth/links-resources>. To learn more about committee letters and your Pre-Health file, please see the information on the Pre-Health Website at www.hunter.cuny.edu/prehealth.

Helpful Websites:

The American Dental Education Association

www.adea.org

Associated American Dental Schools Application Service

<https://portal.AADSASweb.org>