**DENTAL -- Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS)**

**RECOMMENDATIONS ONLY**

### Schools Referenced
- University of Iowa--Iowa City, IA
- University of Minnesota--Twin Cities, MN
- University of Nebraska Medical Center--Omaha, NE

### Notes
- Although the minimum academic requirement for admission to the program is the completion of 90 semester hours of coursework, most students complete a baccalaureate degree.
- A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 is required; mean GPA for entering students at the University of Iowa is 3.70/4.00.
- Dental Admission Test (DAT) required, [http://www.ada.org/dat.aspx](http://www.ada.org/dat.aspx). Average score at Iowa and Minnesota is a 21.
- ADEA Associated American Dental Schools Application Services (AADSAS) [https://portal.aadsasweb.org/](https://portal.aadsasweb.org/)
- AADSAS factors all grades into the GPA calculations.
- Summer Health Professions Education Program; [www.shpep.org](http://www.shpep.org)
- There are 76 dental schools in the U.S. that participate in ADEA AADSAS.
- University of Iowa is one of 2 programs that offers all areas of specialization.

### Biology
- **General Biology: Organismal Diversity**--BIOL2051
- **General Biology: Cell Structure and Function**--BIOL2052

### Chemistry
- **General Chemistry I**--CHEM1110
- **General Chemistry II**--CHEM1120
- **Organic Chemistry I**--CHEM2210
- **Organic Chemistry II**--CHEM2220
- **Organic Chemistry Lab**--CHEM2230
- **Biochemistry I**--CHEM4510

### Physics
- **General Physics I**--PHYSICS1511
- **General Physics II**--PHYSICS1512

### Math
- College level math such as:
  - **Pre-calculus**--MATH1140
  - OR **Math for the Biological Sciences**--MATH1120 & **Trigonometry**--MATH1130
  - OR **Calculus I**--MATH1420
  - OR **Statistics**--STAT1772 OR **Biostatistics**--BIOL4157

### Psychology
- **Introduction to Psychology**--PSYCH1001

### Suggested Electives
- **Anatomy & Physiology I**--BIOL3101
- **Anatomy & Physiology II**--BIOL3102
- **Vertebrate Anatomy**--BIOL3106
- **Vertebrate Physiology**--BIOL4137 (odd falls)
  - OR **Comparative Animal Physiology**--BIOL4114 (even falls)
- **Genetics**--BIOL3140
- **General Microbiology**--BIOL3151
- **Cell Biology**--BIOL4128
- **Art -- sculpture or 3D drawing course**

### Experiential Component
A minimum of 50 hours of shadowing a variety of dentists, volunteering in a dental clinic, science research or related service organizations. Volunteering with a leadership role is an even better way to strengthen your application.
ALABAMA
University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Dentistry

ARIZONA
Arizona School of Dentistry & Oral Health
Midwestern Univ. College of Dental Medicine – Arizona

CALIFORNIA
University of California, Los Angeles, School of Dentistry
Univ. of California, San Francisco, School of Dentistry
Loma Linda University School of Dentistry
Univ. of the Pacific, Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry
H Ostrow School of Dentistry/Univ of Southern California
Western Univ. of Health Sciences College Dental Med

COLORADO
The University of Colorado School of Dentistry

CONNECTICUT
University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Howard University College of Dentistry

FLORIDA
Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Med. School of Dental Med
Nova Southeastern University College of Dental Medicine
University of Florida College of Dentistry

GEORGIA
Georgia Regents University College of Dental Medicine

ILLINOIS
Midwestern University College of Dental Medicine-Illinois
Southern Illinois University School of Dental Medicine
University of Illinois at Chicago College of Dentistry

INDIANA
Indiana University School of Dentistry

IOWA
University of Iowa College of Dentistry & Dental Clinics

KENTUCKY
University of Kentucky College of Dentistry
University of Louisville School of Dentistry

LOUISIANA
Louisiana State University School of Dentistry

MAINE
University of New England College of Dental Medicine

MARYLAND
University of Maryland School of Dentistry

MASSACHUSETTS
Boston University Goldman School of Dental Medicine
Harvard School of Dental Medicine
Tufts University School of Dental Medicine

MICHIGAN
University of Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry
University of Michigan School of Dentistry

MINNESOTA
University of Minnesota School of Dentistry

MISSISSIPPI
Univ. of Mississippi Medical Center School of Dentistry

MISSOURI
Missouri School of Dentistry & Oral Health
University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Dentistry

NEBRASKA
Creighton University School of Dentistry
Univ of Nebraska Medical Center College of Dentistry

NEVADA
Univ. of Nevada, Las Vegas School of Dental Medicine

NEW JERSEY
Rutgers: State Univ. of NJ, School of Dental Medicine

NEW YORK
Columbia University College of Dental Medicine
New York University College of Dentistry
Stony Brook University School of Dental Medicine
Touro College of Dental Medicine at NY Medical College
University at Buffalo School of Dental Medicine

NORTH CAROLINA
Univ. of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Dentistry
East Carolina University School of Dental Medicine

OHIO
Case Western Reserve Univ. School of Dental Medicine
The Ohio State University College of Dentistry

OKLAHOMA
University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry

OREGON
Oregon Health & Science University School of Dentistry

PENNSYLVANIA
Maurice H. Kornberg School of Dentistry, Temple Univ.
University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine
University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine

SOUTH CAROLINA
Medical Univ. of South Carolina/College of Dental Medicine

TENNESSEE
Meharry Medical College School of Dentistry
Univ. of Tennessee College of Dentistry

TEXAS
Texas A&M University Baylor College of Dentistry
The University of Texas School of Dentistry at Houston
Univ. of Texas San Antonio School of Dentistry

UTAH
Roseman University of Health Sciences College of Dental Medicine - South Jordan, Utah
University of Utah School of Dentistry

VIRGINIA
Virginia Commonwealth University School of Dentistry

WASHINGTON
University of Washington School of Dentistry

WEST VIRGINIA
West Virginia University School of Dentistry

WISCONSIN
Marquette University School of Dentistry

PUERTO RICO
University of Puerto Rico, School of Dental Medicine