

## **Doctor of Dental Surgery Program: Academic Coursework and Pre-Requisite Experiences**

Non-science as well as science majors are encouraged to apply. Applicants should be able to show evidence that they have undertaken a challenging program in their respective disciplines, supplemented by a broad selection of courses in the social sciences, humanities and arts. Experience in the development of fine manual dexterity is strongly recommended. Applicants are expected to have knowledge and understanding of the nature of the profession acquired through observation of dental practice and by reading appropriate literature.

While the Committee on Dental Recruitment and Admissions **strongly** encourages applicants to earn a bachelor's degree prior to dental school matriculation, applicants who have successfully completed at least three academic years (90 credit hours) in an accredited university may be considered for admission. Applicants are encouraged to complete their bachelor's degree at an accredited university. No more than 60 of the minimum required credits will be accepted from a community college or junior college. Furthermore, these credits must have been validated (i.e., accepted for transfer credit) by an accredited college of arts and sciences.

All applicants' undergraduate curriculum must include, at a minimum, **three semester hours of biochemistry, six semester hours of english composition, eight semester hours each of: general biology, inorganic chemistry, organic chemistry, and physics, including laboratories.** Applicants are urged to complete these courses at a four-year university. Since these courses best predict performance in the biological sciences of the dental curriculum, applicants are expected to achieve superior grades. All admission requirements must be completed by June 30 prior to the desired date of admission. Applicants will not be admitted with unabsolved conditions or unabsolved failures. **The Committee on Dental Recruitment and Admissions reserves the right to modify the prerequisites when additional courses are necessary to improve an applicant's preparation for dental school.** Admission requirements are subject to change without prior notice.