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**Doctor of Dental Surgery  
2019-2020 Admission Requirements**

**Program Details:** The Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) is an accredited four-year degree program. At least two pre-dental years at university are required before admission to this program. The program is comprised of an integrated curriculum, studying anatomical, physiologic, and health systems including lectures, laboratories, seminars and clinical practice.

**Quota:** 31 Students. Of the 31 seats in the program 85% are reserved for Alberta residents, 5% for international students and 10% for other Canadians. No non-resident of Alberta may be admitted who is less qualified than any Alberta resident who is denied admission. Besides the regular quota positions, an additional position per year is available in the DDS program for a qualified student of Aboriginal identity.

**Minimum Standards:** In order to be competitive, applicants should strive for a minimum GPA of 3.5 in their university studies. Students with a GPA of less than 3.0 will not be considered for admission. To meet minimum Dental Aptitude Test (DAT) requirements, a score of 15 or more must be achieved in each of: Reading Comprehension, Perceptual Ability, and Manual Dexterity.

Please note: meeting the minimum standards does not guarantee admission.

**Admission Requirements:**

I. Prerequisite Courses:

The minimum requirement for admission to the DDS Program is the satisfactory completion of ★60 of transferable postsecondary work, of which ★30 must be taken during one Fall/Winter. The preprofessional requirements are:

- General Chemistry (★6)
- Organic Chemistry (★6)
- Biology (★6)
- Physics (★6)
- English (★6)
- Statistics (★3)
- Introductory Biochemistry (★3)

II. Other Requirements:

1. Dental Aptitude Test: The latest the test may be written is the autumn prior to admission. If the test is taken more than once the best set of scores will be used.
2. Personal Interview: Interview selection is based on interim transcripts, postsecondary academic record and DAT scores.
3. English Language Requirements: Applicants must meet English requirements as specified in the University of Alberta Calendar including Spoken English language proficiency.
4. Police Information Check (PIC)
5. Medical Testing and Immunization
6. Proof of Residency Status may be required



III. Selection Process:

1. Interview Process: A personal interview is required of all competitive applicants annually. Interview selection is based on interim transcripts, post-secondary academic record and DAT scores. Applicants who fail to submit the required documents by February 1 cannot be evaluated for interview selection. Competitive applicants will be interviewed to determine if they have the personal qualities necessary for the profession. The interview evaluates an applicant's maturity, motivation, initiative, ability to communicate, personal qualities and interests.
2. Admissions Formula:
  - a. Overall GPA: (50% of overall rank score) Overall GPA achieved on all transferable post-secondary work completed as a full-time student taken during Fall/Winter or Spring/Summer Terms. For overall GPA calculation, full-time study is equivalent to a minimum of 18 units of course weight taken during Fall/Winter Terms or 12 units of course weight taken during Spring/Summer Terms. \*For applicants who have completed four or more years of full-time transferable postsecondary work, the Overall GPA is calculated with the deletion of the lowest Fall/Winter GPA, provided it is not the most recent Fall/Winter or the only Fall/Winter where ★ 30 was taken.
  - b. Dental Aptitude Test (DAT) Scores: (25% of overall rank score) The DAT score is the sum of grades in reading comprehension, perceptual ability, and manual dexterity.
  - c. Interview: (25% of overall rank score)

**Recommended Alberta High School Prerequisites (or equivalent):**

- English Language Arts 30-1
- Biology 30
- Chemistry 30
- Mathematics 30-1
- Physics 30

**Deadlines:**

Application Deadline: November 1  
Interim Transcript Deadline: February 1  
Final document Deadline: June 15