Pre-Dentistry

The successful pre-dental student must have a strong foundation in biology, chemistry, physics and mathematics. Applicants should successfully complete as many science courses as possible to prepare for the dental admission test (DAT) and dental school curriculum. Students should contact individual dental schools for specific prerequisite information.

Majoring in science is not a must, but completion of pre-dental science requirements is necessary. Take the DAT at least a year prior to seeking admission to dental school. Completion of at least one year of college level courses in biology, general chemistry and organic chemistry is recommended before taking the DAT. Dental office shadowing experience is highly recommended.
Early application to the dental school is important. Apply for admission at least a year in advance of the planned enrollment date. Information on application deadlines and application forms can be obtained at the ADEA website.

Required prerequisite courses for prospective dental students generally include:

Required Courses	**Hours**
Biology with lab	8
General Chemistry with lab	8
Organic Chemistry with lab	8
Physics with lab	8
English	6
Mathematics	6
Science electives	
	8
Microbiology, Biochemistry, Anatomy, Genetics, Histology, Physiology	
Total	52