Pre - Dentistry

Student Timeline:

Freshman Year:
• Visit Career Development Services to explore your career options
• Volunteer with professionals in your fields of interest
• Become an associate member of AED and participate in the volunteer activities

Sophomore Year:
• Decide on your major
• Continue involvement with AED and work on becoming a national member
• Continue getting shadowing experience
• Make sure you are on track with your course requirements for dental school
• Get involved with volunteer activities in the community and on campus
• Take advantage of mock interviews in April
• Take practice DATs offered each semester

Junior Year:
• Participate in the PPAC process, which begins in January
• Stay involved with AED
• Take advantage of mock interviews in April
• Continue shadowing dentists in Auburn or your home town
• Prepare for the DAT, either through a test review program or on your own
• Take multiple practice DATs during spring semester
• Take the DAT by the end of June after your junior year
• Apply with AADSAS during late May or early June
• Apply to dental school over the summer

Senior Year:
• Complete all secondary applications
• Grades still matter so keep studying
• Interview
• Graduate

Tips from Students:

- Keep a log of all your volunteer work. Include date, number of hours, contact information, and what you learned.
- No one can tell you to change majors. If you have a 3.0 GPA or lower or did not make above a 24 on your ACT, you may want to consider the number of classes and the amount of time needed to raise your GPA to a competitive level.
- Don’t take the real DAT until your practice scores are within the 18-20 range. Be prepared for your real DAT score to be approximately 2 points lower than your average on practice tests.
- Don’t get discouraged with school or with the application process. It can be tough at times, but there are many valuable resources in the COSAM Dean’s Office to help you.

Helpful Websites:
• American Dental Association (ADA) www.ada.org
• American Dental Education Association (ADEA) www.adea.org
• Dental Application Homepage - https://aadsas.adea.org/
• Explorehealthcareers.org

Helpful Auburn Contacts:
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