



Pre - Dentistry

Helpful Auburn Contacts:

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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

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 March
- 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.