



IDDP Admissions Information Guide 2021-2022

APPLICATION DEADLINE: February 1, 2021

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

The College of Dentistry at the University of Saskatchewan offers a fully accredited 2-year International Dental Degree Program in conjunction with the 4-year Doctor of Dental Medicine (DMD) program. This document provides information for applicants seeking admission for 2021-2022. **NOTE:** admissions requirements are subject to change from year to year. Applicants are encouraged to refer to the Dentistry website for the most accurate information: <https://admissions.usask.ca/international-dentistry.php>.

II. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

A. Academic Requirements

1. Completion of a degree in a dental program from an academic institution not recognized by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of Canada (CDAC).
2. Completion of the Assessment of Fundamental Knowledge (AFK) examination of the National Dental Examining Board (NDEB) **within 3 years** of the application deadline.

B. Dental Aptitude Test

All applicants are **NOT** required to have completed the Dental Aptitude Test (DAT).

C. IDDP Assessment of Clinical Skills Examination and Interview

Applicants may be selected to participate in the IDDP Assessment of Clinical Skills Examination and Interview. Selection of applicants will be based on AFK score. Clinical and/or academic experience, as detailed in the required Letter of Application, will be the secondary criterion used for selection between applicants with equal AFK scores. A maximum of 30 applicants will be invited to participate in the IDDP Assessment of Clinical Skills and Interview with a maximum of 5 positions reserved for residents of Saskatchewan. Applicants will be assessed on clinical skills as well as communication skills in a clinical setting using the common North American dental vernacular and a formal panel interview.

There will be a \$1000 CAD fee for the IDDP Assessment of Clinical Skills Examination and Interview.

The assessment and interview will be conducted at the University of Saskatchewan College of Dentistry in Saskatoon over a 3-day period. The interview will be conducted as a traditional panel interview.

D. English Language Proficiency

The language of instruction at the University of Saskatchewan is English. All applicants must present evidence of proficiency in English per the University of Saskatchewan acceptable levels of academic English. Please refer to the following website for the acceptable tests of English language proficiency:

<https://admissions.usask.ca/requirements/english-language-proficiency.php>.

*Please note acceptable tests of English language proficiency and/or minimum required scores are subject to change from year to year. Please ensure you refer to the website for the most accurate information.

E. Criminal Record Check

Self-declaration of an adult criminal record is required of all applicants on the application form. Applicants accepted into the program are required to complete and submit a Criminal Record Check with Vulnerable Sector Screening *after* the date of offer and no later than **June 1**. There are currently some Canadian provinces that will not license a dentist to practice if they have a criminal record. Applicants are encouraged to contact the respective provincial dental association for further information.

F. Immunization Requirements

Successful applicants must comply with the University of Saskatchewan's policy on immunization, which states that all students attending a health science college must provide documented proof of immunization. Immunization records for accepted applicants must be received by the date stated in the letter of offer.

III. CATEGORIES OF APPLICANTS

The College of Dentistry admits up to 3 students to the program each year. Applicants must be graduates of a dental degree program at a foreign institution which is not recognized by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of Canada. Applicants must be citizens of Canada or have permanent residency status (landed immigrant) on the date of application. A minimum of one (1) space is reserved for residents of the province of Saskatchewan, the remaining spaces for other applicants regardless of residency.

A. Saskatchewan Residents

To be eligible as a Saskatchewan resident, applicants must have resided in Saskatchewan for at least **FOUR** years immediately prior to September 1 of the year admission is being sought. For 2021-2022, applicants must have resided in Saskatchewan since September 1, 2017. Applicants who have left the province, but previously lived in Saskatchewan for an accumulated period of 15 years (permanent residency), will be considered residents. Applicants who have previously lived in Saskatchewan for an accumulated period of less than 15 years and who do not qualify under the four-year requirement will receive credit of one year toward the four-year requirement for every four years of residency in the province. **There are NO EXCEPTIONS to the four-year Saskatchewan residency rule.**

In order to support a claim as a resident of Saskatchewan, the following proof and circumstances will be taken into account:

- **Date of issue** of your Saskatchewan Health Card¹ **AND** either the date of issue of your Saskatchewan Drivers' License² **OR** Saskatchewan Income Tax Forms confirming taxes paid in Saskatchewan.
- Applicants who have completed four years of full-time study at a Saskatchewan post-secondary institution immediately prior to the year admission is being sought are considered Saskatchewan residents. Official transcripts must be submitted by the document deadline to support this claim.
- Reasons for any break in continuity of residence, which includes attendance at an out-of-province educational institution, summer employment where applicable and any other reason deemed to be relevant
- Saskatchewan high school transcript (if you are NOT currently registered at the University of Saskatchewan) or
- Resident of the Yukon, Northwest or Nunavut Territories.

¹ If the date of issue of your Saskatchewan Health Card is newer than the original date of issue, a letter from Saskatchewan Health confirming the date of issue is required.

² If the date of issue of your Saskatchewan Drivers' License is newer than the original date of issue, a Drivers Abstract is required.

B. Canadian Applicants

Applicants must be graduates of a dental degree program at a foreign institution which is not recognized by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of Canada. Applicants must be citizens of Canada or have permanent residency status (landed immigrant) on the date of application.

IV. SELECTION CRITERIA

It is the duty of the Admissions Committee to select applicants that have the ability to succeed in the program. The Admissions Committee reserves the right to review the applicant's entire application submission, including all written/verbal communication with the College of Dentistry, and to deny entry to applicants whose academic background or history indicates a diminished probability of success.

Selection is based on performance at the IDDP Assessment of Clinical Skills Examination and Interview as follows:

1. **Assessment of Clinical Skills (60% overall weighting)**
2. **Assessment of Communication Skills in a Clinical Setting (25% overall weighting)**
3. **Interview (15% overall weighting)**

V. APPLICATION PROCEDURES

1. How to Apply for Admission

The College of Dentistry accepts on-line applications only. The on-line application is available **December 15 – February 1, 2021**. The on-line application can be accessed on the website:

<https://admissions.usask.ca/international-dentistry.php#Applying>

1. When accessing the application for the first time, click 'Create account' to set up an account.
2. Once an account has been created, login using the email and password to access the application.

2. Application Fee

A non-refundable application fee in the amount of **\$250 CAD** is required and **MUST** be paid online via credit card at the time the application is submitted. The application fee may be paid by Visa, MasterCard or Discover.

VI. REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

Please refer directly to specific policies when confirming required documentation.

All of the following required documentation must be received **no later than February 1**:

- Completed on-line application with payment of \$250 CAD application fee
- Assessment of Fundamental Knowledge examination results sent **directly** from NDEB (applicants may request test results to be sent using the NDEB online portal). *We will be accepting Feb 2021 AFK for this application cycle.*
- Letter of Application and curriculum vitae that details verifiable clinical and academic experiences
- If applicable, the following supporting documents:
 - Proof that you have resided in Saskatchewan for at least 4 years immediately prior to September 1 of the year in which admission is being sought
 - Notarized proof of Canadian citizenship or permanent residence
 - Notarized copy of dental school/college degree/diploma and transcripts/marks accompanied by a notarized English translation if applicable
 - Proof of English language proficiency and/or official or notarized transcripts demonstrating English language proficiency
 - Notarized proof of name changes, if applicable

Send AFK scores and required proofs by February 1 to:

**Admissions, College of Dentistry
University of Saskatchewan
105 Wiggins Road
Saskatoon, SK S7N 5E4**

Note: Notarization of copies must be by a Notary Public or Commissioner for Oaths licensed in Canada.

VII. NOTIFICATION OF APPLICATION STATUS

Applicants will be informed in writing, via email, of their application status by late-February to early-March to participate in the Assessment of Clinical Skills Examination and Interview. To accept the invitation, applicants must pay a non-refundable deposit of 25% of the examination fee (\$250 CAD) by the deadline stated in the offer letter. The deposit will be applied towards the examination fee. Applicants who withdraw their admission acceptance after paying the fee forfeit the deposit. The remaining

portion of the examination fee will be due by the deadline stated in the offer letter.

Applicants who participate in the Assessment of Clinical Skills Examination and Interview will be informed in writing, via email, of their application status in April. To accept an offer of admission, applicants must pay a non-refundable deposit of 15% of tuition by the deadline stated in the offer letter. The deposit will be applied towards tuition fees at the time of registration. Applicants who withdraw their admission acceptance after paying the fee forfeit the deposit.

If offered admission, applicants are required to submit the following documentation:

- Criminal Record Check with Vulnerable Sector Screening **due no later than June 1** to:

**Admissions, College of Dentistry
University of Saskatchewan
105 Wiggins Road
Saskatoon, SK S7N 5E4**

The Criminal Record Check with Vulnerable Sector Screening must be completed **AFTER** the date of the offer of admission.

VIII. COUNSELLING OF APPLICANTS TO DENTAL SCHOOL

The Admissions staff in the Office of Student Services is available to assist all applicants who seek counsel regarding admission to the College of Dentistry. However, it is the College's policy not to instruct applicants as to a specific course of action they should follow, but rather provide the information needed for applicants to make their own choice with respect to the alternatives available.

Potential applicants should note:

- Admission is determined by the Admissions Committee on the basis of an annual competition.

IX. ADMISSION & APPLICATION STATISTICS

2019-20 Assessment of Fundamental Knowledge (AFK):
Range of AFK scores for applicants invited to Clinical Skills Examination and Interview: 86-96

X. DENTAL CURRICULUM

For a full description of course listings, please refer to the University of Saskatchewan Course and Program Catalogue at: www.usask.ca/programs/colleges-schools/dentistry/degree.php

DENT 497.0

Essential Skills in Dentistry

Year 1 (Year 3 Dentistry)

Oral Radiology, Orthodontics, Periodontics, Operative Dentistry, Pedodontics, Removable Prosthodontics, Fixed Prosthodontics, Diagnosis, Basic Internal Medicine, Endodontics, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Implant Prosthodontics, Dental Practice Management, Oral Pathology, Communication Skills

Year 2 (Year 4 Dentistry)

Oral Radiology, Orthodontics, Periodontics, Operative Dentistry, Pedodontics, Removable Prosthodontics, Fixed Prosthodontics,

Health Science Interdisciplinary Relationships, Diagnosis/Oral Medicine, Endodontics, Advanced Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Implant Prosthodontics, Dental Practice Management, Comprehensive Care

XI. ESTIMATED EXPENSES

As a guideline, below are the estimated expenses for students registered in Year 1 of the IDDP program. Please note these are estimates only and subject to change from year to year.

	Year 1 (Year 3 Dentistry)
Tuition	\$56,758
Program Fee	\$7,797
Fees	\$1,040
Total	\$65,595

XII. IMPORTANT DATES

Please refer directly to specific policies when confirming required documentation.

Date	Activity
February 1	On-line application and application fee due
February 1	Proof/supporting documents due (where applicable):
	• Proof of SK residency
	• Notarized proof of Canadian citizenship or permanent residence (notarized copy)
	• Notarized copy of dental school/college degree/diploma and transcripts/marks accompanied by a notarized English translation if applicable
	• Letter of Application/Curriculum Vitae
Mid-May	• Proof of English language proficiency and/or official or notarized transcripts demonstrating English language proficiency
	• Notarized proof of name changes, if applicable
Mid-May	Assessment of Clinical Skills Examination and Interview
June 1	If offered admission, Criminal Record Check with Vulnerable Sector Screening due
Mid-June-Mid August	Essential Skills in Dentistry (DENT 497.0 course)
August 9	Year 1 start

XIII. IMPORTANT NOTES

Applicants seeking admission on the basis of official documents that are in a language other than English must submit **notarized copies of their original documents attached to notarized, word for word, English translations**. Calendars and/or course descriptions covering the completed courses must also be submitted.

All correspondence will be via email. Please ensure your email address is current and that your email account will accept email from the University of Saskatchewan (check your filters).

Applications are not complete until **ALL** required documents are received. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all required documentation is received. Applicants can check the status of their application online by logging in to their application. Please ensure that the Admissions Office, College of Dentistry has a current address, telephone number, and email address.



XIV. CONTACT INFORMATION

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