



Admissions Information Guide 2019-2020

APPLICATION DEADLINE: JANUARY 15, 2019

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

The College of Dentistry at the University of Saskatchewan offers a fully accredited 4-year Doctor of Dental Medicine (DMD) program. This document provides information for applicants seeking admission for 2019-2020. **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/dentistry.php>.

II. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

A. Academic Requirements

1. Completion of **THREE (3)** 30 credit-unit academic years of university level course work towards the requirements of an undergraduate degree. An academic year is defined as **TWO** standard academic terms consisting of **eight (8)** consecutive months (September – April).
2. A cumulative weighted average of **75%** over the **TWO** best academic years of study.
3. Completion of 36 credit units of required pre-dentistry courses (or equivalents) with a minimum overall average of **70%**.

REQUIRED PRE-REQUISITE COURSES		
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Biology	BIOL 120.3 and BIOL 121.3 or BIOL 224.3 or BMSC 224.3	BIOL 100 and BIOL 101
Chemistry	CHEM 112.3 and CHEM 250.3	CHEM 104 and CHEM 140
Physics	PHYS 115.3 and 117.3 or 125.3	PHYS 109 and PHYS 119 or PHYS 111 and PHYS 112
Biochemistry	BMSC 200.3 and BMSC 230.3	BIOC 220 and BIOC 221
Physiology	PHSI 208.6 or PHPY 302.3 and PHPY 303.3	KIN 267 and KIN 268 or BIOL 110 and BIOL 111
Social Sciences / Humanities	Six credit units of social science and/or humanities courses	

Applicants may schedule their pre-dentistry courses as they wish (i.e. in the summer) provided a 30-credit unit course load is maintained per academic year. All pre-dentistry course work must be completed by April of the year in which admission is being sought.

If the pre-dentistry overall average is below 70%, students may improve their average by taking approved higher-level courses, which must be completed no later than the end of the previous academic year prior to application. Approved courses are higher-level courses that have the applicable pre-dentistry courses as a prerequisite.

Applicants whose pre-dental education was completed outside of Saskatchewan are eligible for consideration provided they have completed the equivalent of the listed required pre-dentistry courses. A list of course equivalents can be found on the Dentistry website at: <https://admissions.usask.ca/documents/dentistry-course-equivalencies.pdf>

Applicants from institutions outside of Saskatchewan may be required to submit a course syllabus to determine equivalency with the required pre-dentistry courses. The syllabus must include the course description, list of course topics, list of assessments, and required texts/readings.

B. Dental Aptitude Test

All applicants are required to take the Dental Aptitude Test (DAT) administered by the Canadian Dental Association. The Canadian DAT is offered twice per year (February and November). Results are valid for a period of three (3) years up to November of the year of application. Valid DAT scores for admission for 2019-2020 include the period of February 2016 to November 2018. If an applicant has taken the DAT more than once, the **single** best overall score will be used.

C. Interview

All eligible applicants seeking admission are required to interview as part of the selection process. Interviews are granted based on the academic average of the applicant's **TWO** best years and the best overall DAT score. Courses taken during the application year will **NOT** be included in academic average calculation.

In the interview selection process, applicants will not be considered for admission if they have, in their best DAT score, achieved any of the following:

- An Academic Average score of **less than 15** or
- A Perceptual Ability score of **less than 14** or
- A Reading Comprehension score of **less than 14**

In order to be considered for an interview, applicants must demonstrate a minimum DAT average (average of the Academic Average, Perceptual Ability and Reading Comprehension scores) as determined by the Admissions Committee. Over the past three years, the minimum DAT averages were as follows:

- Saskatchewan residents: 17.00 (2017) 17.67 (2016), 17.00 (2015)
- Out of Province applicants: 21.00 (2017) 19.67 (2016), 20.00 (2015)

The interview is conducted using the multiple mini interview (MMI) format. The MMI exposes applicants to a series of stations each 10 minutes in length. Applicants are provided with a question at each station and given two minutes to read the question and prepare an answer. After two minutes, the applicant discusses their response with the interviewer for eight minutes before moving on to the next station.

D. English Language Proficiency

The language of instruction at the University of Saskatchewan is English. Applicants whose primary language is not English must present evidence of proficiency in English. The following is an excerpt from the University of Saskatchewan website and will be accepted as satisfactory evidence. Please refer to the following website for more detailed information:

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

1. Completion of high school (secondary) studies in English:

- At least 3 years of full-time study in an approved English-medium secondary program including Grades 10, 11, and 12, as well as successful completion of Grade 12 English Language Arts A30 and B30 (or equivalents).
Students from overseas schools offering a Canadian education system curriculum in English require a minimum grade of 65% on their Grade 12 English course(s).
- At least 2.5 years of full-time study in an approved English-medium secondary program including Grades 11 and 12, as well as successful completion of Grade 12 English Language Arts A30 and B30 (or equivalents) with minimum final grades of 70%.
- At least 2 years of full-time study in an approved English-medium secondary program including Grades 11 and 12, as well as successful completion of Grade 12 English Language Arts A30 and B30 (or equivalents) with minimum final grades of 80%.

If completion of secondary standing occurred more than five years ago, additional proof of English proficiency may be required.

2. Completion of post-secondary studies in English:

- Successful completion of at least one year of full-time study in a degree program from a recognized post-secondary institution where English is the official language of instruction and examination.
- Successful completion of a minimum two-year diploma from a recognized post-secondary institution in Canada where English is the official language of instruction and examination.
- Successful completion of a minimum three-year diploma from a recognized post-secondary institution outside of Canada where English is the official language of instruction and examination.

The post-secondary institution must declare English to be the only language of instruction and examination throughout the institution, not just in select departments. If post-secondary study occurred more than five years ago, additional proof of English proficiency may be required.

3. Completion of an accepted standardized test of English proficiency:

Test	Minimum Score Required
International English Language Testing System (IELTS)	Overall Band Score: 6.5 With minimum individual scores of: Reading: 6 Listening: 6 Speaking: 6 Writing: 6

Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)	Internet Based: 86 With minimum individual scores of: Reading: 19 Listening: 19 Speaking: 19 Writing: 19
Canadian Test of English for Scholars and Trainees (CanTEST)	4.5 With minimum individual scores of: Reading: 4.5 Listening: 4.5 Speaking: 4 Writing: 4
Canadian Academic English Language Assessment (CAEL)	70 With minimum individual scores of: Reading: 60 Listening: 60 Speaking: 60 Writing: 60
Michigan English Language Assessment Battery (MELAB)	85 With minimum individual scores of: Reading: 80 Listening: 80 Speaking: >=3 Writing: 80
Pearson Test of English Academic (PTE Academic)	Overall score of 63 With minimum individual skills scores of: Reading: 59 Listening: 59 Speaking: 59 Writing: 59
Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE)	C with 65 score

4. Completion of an approved English language training program:

- University of Saskatchewan Language Centre
Successful completion of U-Prep 2
Successful completion of U-Bridge 2
- University of Regina
Successful completion of English as a Second Language (ESL 050) program

5. Completion of one of the following qualifications:

	Required Score
Advanced Placement (AP) English	4 or better
International Baccalaureate (IB) English A1 or A2 Higher Level	5 or better
International Baccalaureate (IB) English B Higher Level	5 or better
GCSE/IGCSE/GCE O-Level English, English Language, or English as a Second Language	B or better
GCE A/AS/AICE Level English or English Language	B or better

*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 following website for the most accurate information:

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

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 **August 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 34 students to the program each year. A minimum of 22 places are reserved for residents of Saskatchewan and up to 12 places for all other applicants regardless of residency. Applicants must designate their category on the on-line application form. All applicants must be Canadian citizens or landed immigrants at the time of application.

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 2019-2020, applicants must have resided in Saskatchewan since September 1, 2015. 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 are required to complete courses equivalent to those listed in Section II A. Equivalent course work will be evaluated based upon submission of official transcripts.

C. Aboriginal Equity Access Program

There is a separate category in which **SIX (6)** first year spaces are reserved for persons of Canadian Aboriginal Ancestry. Applicants must meet the minimum admission requirements:

1. Completion of **THREE (3)** 30 credit-unit academic years of university level course work towards the requirements of an undergraduate degree. An academic year is defined as **TWO** standard academic terms consisting of **eight (8)** consecutive months (September – April).
2. A cumulative weighted average of **75%** over the **TWO** best academic years of study.
3. Completion of 36 credit units of required pre-dentistry courses (or equivalents) with a minimum overall average of **70%**.

Applicants must achieve an acceptable interview score and complete the Dental Aptitude Test (DAT). Applicants wishing to apply in this category must identify themselves on the on-line application form. Applicants must provide proof of Aboriginal Ancestry by the document deadline.

Acceptable proofs of ancestry include a certified copy of:

- Indian Status or Treaty Card
- Métis Membership Card
- Nunavut Trust Service Card
- Inuit roll number

The following are unacceptable proofs of ancestry:

- uncertified copies of the above noted cards
- family trees
- letters or notes from relatives
- photographs of grandparents, parents, relatives, etc.

D. Foreign Trained Dentists

There is a separate category in which **ONE (1)** first year space is reserved for a foreign trained dentist. Applicants in this category will compete in a separate pool and must meet **ALL** of the following requirements:

1. Applicants must have earned a dental degree from a recognized dental school outside of Canada or the USA.
2. Proof of degree and official transcripts must be provided.
3. Applicants must meet the Saskatchewan residency rules as outlined in Section III A.
4. If applicable, applicants must present satisfactory evidence of proficiency in English as stated in Section II C.
5. Applicants must take the Canadian Dental Aptitude Test (DAT) administered by Canadian Dental Association and meet the minimum DAT requirements for all applicants as outlined in Section II B.
6. Applicants must interview at the University of Saskatchewan for the year in which admission is being sought. **Please note:** Candidates may be disqualified

from the admission competition for the year under consideration if their interview score is significantly below the mean of the current pool of candidates.

7. Applicants must provide a one-page biography (curriculum vita) on the relevant dental experiences and other information that would be helpful to the Admissions Committee during the selection process.

Applicants will be evaluated on all of the above criteria. Admission under the foreign trained dentist category is **NOT** guaranteed.

E. Special Case Category

The College of Dentistry may consider students with special circumstances with regard to any of the three 30-credit unit years of study, such that one or all years may have been completed over twelve (12) consecutive months as part of a program requirement. All 'special case' applicants will be considered by the Admissions Committee and they will compete with other applicants in the general pool of candidates. Special case applicants that have met ALL other requirements must submit a letter to support their application explaining their special circumstances.

The College of Dentistry has no provision for special cases pertaining to the **academic** or **residency** requirements and letters will **NOT** be considered.

F. Transfer Students

There is no provision for accepting transfer students into the DMD program at this time.

G. International Applicants

The College of Dentistry does not accept applications from international students.

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.

Applicants must have a minimum overall average of 70% in the required pre-dentistry courses completed by the end of the previous academic year prior to application but may complete any outstanding pre-dentistry courses during the year of application. The overall pre-dentistry average and academic average at the end of the previous academic year, and the best overall DAT score will determine the applicant's eligibility for further admission consideration. All required pre-dentistry courses must be completed by the end of April of the year of application with an overall average of at least 70% to be eligible. Applicants who have not met this requirement will not be considered.

In addition to completing the required pre-dentistry courses, applicants must be working towards an undergraduate degree and choose courses that meet the requirements of the degree. This will ensure alternate career choices if dentistry is no longer a viable option. It is recommended that applicants pursue a degree in the natural sciences.

1. Academic Average (65% Overall Weighting)

The full weighting of 65% is given to the cumulative weighted average of the **TWO** (2) best academic years of study. Each academic year must have no fewer than 30 credit units of university level course work. Applicants must have achieved a minimum cumulative weighted average of **75%** over their **TWO** best academic years of study and must maintain an average of 75% in their current year of study. Courses taken during the application year will **NOT** be included in the academic average calculation. However, applicants must maintain BOTH of the following conditions for any course work during the year of application:

1. A minimum overall academic average of at least 75% AND
2. A minimum 70% average on any pre-requisite courses

Applicants will not be considered if they have not met the minimum number of credit units or the minimum cumulative weighted average. Please note that a minimum cumulative weighted average of 75% does not guarantee admission.

2. Dental Aptitude Test (15% Overall Weighting)

The applicable scores from the DAT will be earned on:

- Reading Comprehension – 1/3
- Perceptual Ability – 1/3
- Academic Average – 1/3

Applicants will not be considered if they have not met the minimum DAT requirements stated in Section II B.

3. Interview (20% Overall Weighting)

A personal interview is required of all competitive applicants annually. Interview selection is based on academic average of the **TWO** best academic years of study and the single best overall DAT score.

Interviews for admission for 2019-2020 are scheduled for **Saturday, March 23, 2019**. Applicants selected to interview will be contacted via email by early March. Applicants offered interviews should note that interviews are scheduled only once per year. Rescheduling, regardless of the reason, cannot be accommodated.

Applicants not selected to interview will not be re-evaluated for final selection in the current year. Applicants may be disqualified from the admission competition for the year under consideration if their interview score is significantly below the mean of the current pool of applicants. Interview scores will not be released to applicants and specific feedback will not be provided.

V. APPLICATION PROCEDURES

1. How to Apply for Admission

The College of Dentistry accepts on-line applications only. The on-line application is available **August 1 – January 15** each year. The on-line application can be accessed on the following website:

https://apply.usask.ca/ellucian.erecruiting.web.external/pages/application.aspx?type=elcn_dentistrydmd1

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 **\$170 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 January 15:**

- Completed on-line application with payment of \$170 CAD application fee
- TWO sets of official transcripts from **all** post-secondary institutions attended other than the University of Saskatchewan (including distance education classes) forwarded **DIRECTLY** from the appropriate institution(s) to:

**Admissions, Student and Enrolment Services
University of Saskatchewan
105 Administration Place
Saskatoon, SK S7N 5A2**

- Applicants who previously or are currently attending the University of Saskatchewan are not required to submit official transcripts as their official record resides with this institution.
- Transcripts issued directly to students or photocopies are not acceptable.
- Official DAT report of your best overall DAT score within the last 3 years (no older than February 2016 for the 2019-2020 application cycle).
 - November 2018 DAT scores are due as soon as they become available.
 - If re-applying for admission, DAT scores already submitted do not need to be re-submitted.
- 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
 - Proof of Aboriginal ancestry
 - Proof of permanent residence
 - Proof of English proficiency
 - Confirmation of enrolment if you are currently enrolled in any required pre-requisite courses in Term 1 of the year of application. *If you are completing required pre-requisite courses in Term 2 of the year of application, confirmation of enrolment must be submitted by February 1.*

Send DAT scores and required proofs to:

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

VII. NOTIFICATION OF APPLICATION STATUS

Applicants will be informed in writing, via email, of their application status by early 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:

- TWO sets of official transcripts from **all** post-secondary institutions attended other than the University of Saskatchewan forwarded **DIRECTLY** from the appropriate institution(s) **due no later than June 5** to:

**Admissions, Student and Enrolment Services
University of Saskatchewan
105 Administration Place
Saskatoon, SK S7N 5A2**

Final marks for all course work completed during the year of application, including all deferred examinations, **MUST be reported on this transcript.**

All offers of admission are conditional upon the successful applicant maintaining BOTH of the following conditions for any course work during the year of application:

1. A minimum overall academic average of at least 75% AND
 2. A minimum 70% average on any pre-requisite courses
- Criminal Record Check with Vulnerable Sector Screening **due no later than August 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.
- The College of Dentistry does NOT offer a qualifying program.
- There is no provision for considering or accepting advance standing or transfer applicants.
- Applications from international students are no longer accepted.

IX. ADMISSION & APPLICATION STATISTICS

For the 2017-2018 academic year, the mean academic averages of applicants admitted to the program were:

- Overall: 85.13%
- Saskatchewan Residents: 84.61%
- Out of Province applicants: 94.73%

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

Year 1

Principles of Biomedical Science, Principles & Practice of Dentistry, Application of Dental Research, Oral Histology & Embryology, Operative Dentistry, Dental Materials I, Dental Anatomy & Morphology, Occlusion, Infection Control, Introductory Neuroanatomy, Dental Ethics, Professionalism & Misconduct

Year 2

Oral Radiology, Human Oral Infectious Diseases, Communication Skills, Dental Research, Oral Microbiology, Immunology & Physiology, Orthodontics, Periodontics, Operative Dentistry, Dental Materials II, Pedodontics, Removable Prosthodontics, Fixed Prosthodontics, Diagnosis, Local Anesthesia, Endodontics, Pharmacology

Year 3

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 4

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 DMD program. Please note these are estimates only and subject to change from year to year.

Annual Fees	Year 1
Tuition	\$34,628
Program Fee	\$7,000
Fees	\$1,042
Equipment	\$10,370
Total	\$51,929

XII. IMPORTANT DATES

Please refer directly to specific policies when confirming required documentation.

Date	Activity
November	All applicants must have written a valid DAT by this date
January 15	On-line application and application fee due
January 15	Supporting documents due (where applicable):
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TWO sets of official transcripts • Official DAT scores • Proof of residency • Proof of permanent residence • Proof of Aboriginal ancestry • Proof of English proficiency • Confirmation of Enrolment for Term 1 pre-dentistry courses
February 1	Confirmation of Enrolment for Term 2 pre-dentistry courses
June 5	If offered admission, TWO sets of official transcripts for courses taken during the application year.
August 1	If offered admission, Criminal Record Check with Vulnerable Sector Screening due

XIII. IMPORTANT NOTES

Two sets of official transcripts sent **DIRECTLY** from all post-secondary institutions attended, including distance education courses, are required. Transcripts issued to students or photocopies are **NOT** acceptable. All transcripts and other official documents become the property of the University of Saskatchewan and will not be returned. Transcripts will be kept on file for a period of two years.

All transcripts must include final grades from all course work. **All deferred examinations and grade appeals must be completed and final grades submitted by the document deadline.**

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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