



Bachelor of Science in Dental Therapy Admissions Information Guide Fall 2026

APPLICATION DEADLINE: March 1, 2026

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

The Bachelor of Science in Dental Therapy [BSc(DT)] program is offered by the USask College of Dentistry in partnership with the Northern Inter-Tribal Health Authority, Saskatchewan Polytechnic, and Northlands College. This document provides information for applicants seeking admission for the Fall 2026 intake.

Dental therapists provide clinical and preventive services to children and adults in private and community-based settings. Clinical treatment includes patient examinations, diagnosis of dental decay and abscesses, taking and interpreting x-rays, as well as providing restorative dentistry such as fillings and stainless steel crowns on children. Dental therapists also perform tooth extractions on children and adults. Preventive services include topical fluorides, pit and fissure sealants, oral health education, health promotion and disease prevention at the individual, group and community-level settings. Dental therapists also refer patients for specialist care.

The BSc(DT) program focuses on dental care for all Canadians. It is offered in six consecutive terms over two years instead of the usual three years of study, allowing students to enter the workforce after the shortest possible time of study. The program uses cutting-edge technology with haptic dental simulators in four campus locations (Saskatoon, La Ronge, Prince Albert, and Regina).

NOTE: Admission requirements are subject to change from year to year. Applicants are encouraged to refer to the Dental Therapy website for the most accurate information: <https://admissions.usask.ca/dental-therapy.php>

II. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

A. Academic Requirements

1. **High School Graduates** (Applicants who are currently in high school or who have been out of school for less than one year)
 - a. Completion of the following courses or equivalents:
 - i. Foundations of Mathematic 30 or Pre-Calculus 30

- ii. English Language Arts A30 and B30 OR English Language Arts A30 and Francais Immersion 30 OR English Language Arts B30 and Francais Immersion 30 OR Literature 30 and Composition 30
 - iii. Biology 30
 - iv. One elective from social sciences or humanities at the 30 level
 - b. Grade 12 standing or equivalent
 - c. Minimum average of 70% based on the high school prerequisite subjects

2. **Mature Students** (Applicants who have been out of school for at least one year)
 - a. Completion of the following courses or equivalents:
 - i. Foundations of Mathematic 30 or Pre-Calculus 30
 - ii. English Language Arts A30 and B30 OR English Language Arts A30 and Francais Immersion 30 OR English Language Arts B30 and Francais Immersion 30 OR Literature 30 and Composition 30
 - iii. Biology 30
 - iv. One elective from social sciences or humanities at the 30 level
 - b. Grade 12 standing or equivalent
 - c. Minimum average of 60% based on the high school prerequisite subjects.

3. **Dental Hygienist** (Applicants who have graduated from a Canadian or US dental hygiene program)
 - a. Applicants will be eligible for admission if they:
 - i. Have graduated from a Canadian or US dental hygiene program.
 - ii. Are currently licensed to practice dental hygiene in any Canadian province or territory.
 - iii. Have at least 1 year of clinical dental hygiene experience in public or private practice.

The dental therapy program allows dental hygienists to complete the BSc(DT) program in one year.

4. Internationally Trained Dentists (ITD)

[Applicants who have completed a minimal four-year degree in dentistry from a dental program from an academic institution not recognized by the Commission on Dental Education of Canada (CDAC).]

- a. Applicants will be eligible for admission if they:
 - i. Have completed a minimal four-year degree in dentistry (e.g. DDS, DMD or BDS) from a dental program from an academic institution not recognized by the Commission on Dental Education of Canada (CDAC).
 - ii. Have completed the Advanced Dental Admissions Test (ADAT) of the American Dental Association.
 - iii. IDDP or DT USask Assessment of Clinical Skills Examination and Interview score

The dental therapy program allows internationally trained dentists to complete the BSc(DT) program in one year.

B. Letter of Personal Introduction (Not required from ITD applicants)

Please provide a one-page essay (minimum 500 words, maximum 1000 words) that will give us a clear picture of who you are and, most importantly, why you want to pursue a career in dental therapy.

C. English Language Proficiency

All applicants must demonstrate English Language Proficiency prior to admission, including students educated in Canada.

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 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#ProofofEnglishproficiency>

D. Letters of Support (Not required from ITD applicants)

Please provide two letters of support. Letters may provide information such as your suitability for and commitment to study, past education experience, personal qualities etc. Possible sources for letters of support may include but are not limited to: past instructor/teacher, employer, community or spiritual leader, or other suitable personal reference.

E. Letter of Good Standing (Dental Hygienist applicants ONLY)

Please provide a letter of good standing from your licensing regulator(s).

F. Advanced Dental Admission Test (ITD applicants ONLY)

Applicants must arrange for the Advanced Dental Admission Test (ADAT) results to be sent directly from ADA (applicants may request test results to be sent using ADA online portal). Acceptable ADAT dates March 1, 2023 – August 31, 2025.

G. IDDP or DT Assessment of Clinical Skills Examination and Interview (ITD applicants ONLY)

Applicants may be selected to participate in the Dental Therapy USask Assessment of Clinical Skills Examination and Interview. Selection of applicants will be based on ADAT score. Applicants will be assessed on clinical skills as well as communication skills in a clinical setting. The interview will be conducted as a traditional panel interview.

H. 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 24**.

I. 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

A. Indigenous Equity Access Program

There is a separate category in which **17%** of first-year spaces are reserved for persons of Canadian Indigenous Ancestry. Applicants must meet the minimum admission requirements.

Applicants self-identify as Indigenous on the application form and submit government documentation and/or other documentation in support of that claim as determined by the USask Admissions Office. For details see the <https://indigenous.usask.ca/indigenous-initiatives/deybawin-taapwaywin-tapwewin.php>

Applicants will be evaluated on all of the above criteria. Admission under the Indigenous equity access category is **NOT** guaranteed.

B. 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 Fall 2026 intake, applicants must have



resided in Saskatchewan since **September 1, 2022**.

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 or Northwest Territories or Nunavut.

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.

C. Canadian Applicants

Applicants must be citizens of Canada or have permanent residency status (landed immigrant) on the date of application.

IV. AGENCY SPONSORSHIP

To address national dental therapy workforce needs, the program will make seats available to enable agencies from Saskatchewan and across the country to recruit and sponsor students to study and then undertake return of service agreements with the agencies upon graduation. This is a key pathway to filling unfilled dental therapy positions across Canada.

The University of Saskatchewan and the dental therapy program will not be directly involved in agency recruitment of potential sponsorship students or the terms of any agency-student return of service agreements but will provide support to sponsors and potential sponsored students.

All sponsored students must meet the program's admission requirements for promotion and graduation.

Submission of a sponsorship application does not guarantee acceptance by the University of Saskatchewan and the program. Sponsorship priority will be given to Indigenous students in accordance with the admission priorities of the program.

The number of available sponsorship seats will follow the program's admission policy to balance provincial and national dental therapy workforce needs. Up to 17 seats per year are open to out-of-province residents and can be sponsored by non-Saskatchewan agencies. The remaining 11 seats are for Saskatchewan residents and are eligible for sponsorship by Saskatchewan agencies.

If in any given year there are not enough qualified Saskatchewan applicants, these seats will be opened to out-of-province applicants, including agency-sponsored students.

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Sponsorship students may indicate their preference for which campus they want to study, but not all requests are guaranteed to be accommodated.

Eligible agencies include:

- First Nations and Inuit communities and Indigenous governments
- Federal, provincial, and territorial governments
- Regional health authorities

V. LOCATIONS

The Bachelor of Science in Dental Therapy program is offered at four different sites:

- University of Saskatchewan Prince Albert Campus in Prince Albert
- University of Saskatchewan Saskatoon Campus in Saskatoon (Dental Hygienists and Internationally Trained Dentists only)
- Saskatchewan Polytechnic Dental Clinic in Regina
- Northlands College Campus in La Ronge

VI. 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 applicants 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 for admission to the Dental Therapy program is based on the following:

High School and Mature applicants:

1. Academic Average - 20 points
2. Letter of Personal Introduction - 10 points
3. Letter of Support (2 of them – 5 points each) - 10 points

Dental Hygienist applicants:

1. Academic Average (dental hygiene program) – 5 points
2. Letter of Personal Introduction – 10 points
3. Letter of Support (2 of then – 5 points each) – 10 points

Internationally Trained Dentist applicants:

1. Advanced Dental Admission Test (ADAT) score – 10 points
2. USask Assessment of Clinical Skills Examination score – 10 points
3. USask panel interview score – 5 points

VII. PRACTICUM REQUIREMENTS

In compliance with the practice agreements with our clinical partners, successful candidates will be requested to provide proof of the following requirements:

- Current Health Care Provider Level (C) CPR
- Updated Immunization Records
- Security Clearance
- Health and Wellness Status

VIII. APPLICATION PROCEDURES

1. How to Apply for Admission

The College of Dentistry accepts online applications only. The online application is available **January 2 – February 15, 2026**. The online application can be accessed on the following website:
<https://admissions.usask.ca/dental-therapy.php>

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.
3. Ensure that you meet all of the admission requirements listed.
4. Review the Eligibility Requirements to understand the process and deadlines.

5. Apply to the Dental Therapy program and submit your transcripts and documents.
6. Log into <https://apply.usask.ca> to check your admission status.
7. Continue to monitor changes to your application status.

A non-refundable application fee in the amount of **\$172 CDN** 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.

IX. REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

Please refer directly to specific policies when confirming required documentation.

If you are attending or have graduated from a Saskatchewan high school:

Request official transcripts to be sent directly to the University of Saskatchewan by the Ministry of Education as soon as possible, and if you are currently registered in classes, after June 2026 exams.

If you have graduated from an International or out of province high school:

Arrange to have your official transcript of marks sent directly to the University of Saskatchewan electronically, via postal mail or courier by the appropriate authority, such as your school, school board or governmental organization; and if you are currently registered in classes; and after June 2026 exams.

If you have taken classes in college or university:

Arrange to have official transcript(s) sent electronically or mailed/couriered directly to the University of Saskatchewan by the institution(s) you attended.

If completed a degree in dentistry from a dental program from an academic institution not recognized by CDAC:

Mail or courier a notarized copy of dental school/college degree/diploma and transcripts/mark sheets accompanied by notarized English translation if applicable.

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

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All of the following must be received **no later than February 15:**

- ☐ Completed online application with payment of \$172 CDN application fee



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

- ☐ Official transcripts or Final Grade 12 Term 1 High School Transcript from high school and official transcripts from **all** post-secondary institutions attended other than the University of Saskatchewan (including distance education classes) for post-secondary coursework completed by December 31, 2025.
 - A conditional offer of admission may be granted based on your Final Grade 12 Term 1 High School Transcript from your school that you are expected to meet program admission requirements. A final official transcript must be requested by **August 1, 2026**.
 - Applicants currently in high school will be directed to complete a course timetable form upon submission of the application.
- ☐ If applicable, the following supporting documents:
 - Letter of personal introduction
 - Two letters of support
 - Verification of Indigenous membership/citizenship
 - Proof of Saskatchewan residency
 - Proof of English proficiency
 - Letter of good standing
 - Proof of permanent residence or Canadian citizenship
 - Agency sponsorship letter
 - Advanced Dental Admission Test (ADAT)

X. NOTIFICATION OF APPLICATION STATUS

Applicants will be informed by email, of their application status by mid-April.

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

- ☐ Final Official transcripts for courses taken during the 2025-2026 year are **due no later than August 1**.

All offers of admission are conditional upon the successful application maintaining:

- Completion of the required courses or equivalents
 - Grade 12 standing or equivalent high school and mature students
 - An admissions average of 70% or greater for high school applicants; 60% admission average for mature applicants.
- ☐ Criminal Record Check with Vulnerable Sector Screening **due no later than August 24**.

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

XI. COUNSELLING OF APPLICANTS TO DENTAL THERAPY DEGREE PROGRAM

Admissions staff in the College of Dentistry Office is available to assist all applicants who seek counsel regarding admission to the Dental Therapy program. 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 choices with respect to the alternatives available.

XII. DENTAL THERAPY CURRICULUM

Year 1

Term 1:

DETH 101 Dental Therapy Science I, DETH 102 Dental Therapy Health Science I, DETH 103 Oral Health Science I, DETH 104 Behavioural Sciences I, DETH 105 General Anatomy and Physiology I, DETH 106 Dental Therapy Practice I

Term 2:

DETH 111 Dental Therapy Science II, DETH 112 Dental Therapy Health Sciences II, DETH 113 Oral Health Science II, DETH 114 Behavioural Sciences II, DETH 115 General Anatomy and Physiology II, DETH 116 Dental Therapy Practice II

Spring and Summer Terms:

DETH 201 Dental Therapy Sciences III, DETH 202 Dental Therapy Health Sciences III, DETH 203 Oral Health Sciences III, DETH 204 Community Practice I, DETH 216 Dental Therapy Practice III

Year 2

Term 1:

DETH 211 Dental Therapy Sciences IV, DETH 212 Dental Therapy Health Sciences IV, DETH 213 Oral Health Sciences IV, DETH 214 Community Practice I, DETH 206 Dental Therapy Practice IV

Term 2:

DETH 301 Dental Therapy Sciences V, DETH 302 Dental Therapy Health Sciences V, DETH 303 Oral Health Sciences V, DETH 304 Community Practice II, DETH 306 Dental Therapy Practice V

Spring and Summer Terms:

DETH 311 Dental Therapy Sciences VI, DETH 312 Dental Therapy VI, DETH 313 Oral Health Sciences VI, DETH 314 Community Practice III, DETH 316 Dental Therapy Practice VI



XIII. ESTIMATED EXPENSES

As a guideline, below are the estimated expenses for students registered for the Dental Therapy program. Please note these are estimates only (2025-2026 rates) and subject to change from year to year.

	Year 1		
Annual Fees	High School and Mature students	Dental Hygienists	Internationally Trained Dentists
Tuition	\$32,448	\$64,896	\$64,896
Fees	\$1,308.24	\$1,308.24	\$1,308.24
Equipment Rental	\$3,744	\$3,744	\$3,744
Clinic Fee	\$4,914	\$4,914	\$4,914
Total	\$42,414.24	\$74,862.24	\$74,862.24

XIV. IMPORTANT DATES

Please refer directly to specific policies when confirming required documentation.

Date	Activity
January 2	Online application opens
February 15	Online application closes and application fee due
March 1	Supporting documents due (where applicable): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High School transcripts • Letter of personal introduction • Proof of Saskatchewan residency • Post-secondary transcript • Verification of Indigenous membership/citizenship • Proof of English proficiency • Two letters of support • Letter of good standing • Proof of permanent residence or Canadian citizenship • Agency sponsorship letter • Advanced Dental Admission Test (ADAT)
August 24	If offered admission, Criminal Record Check with Vulnerable Sector Screening due and immunization records.

XV. IMPORTANT NOTES

Final official transcripts sent **DIRECTLY** from **all** high school and post-secondary institutions attended, including distance education courses, are required. All transcripts

and other official documents become the property of the University of Saskatchewan and will not be returned.

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.

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 (add the @usask.ca domain to your safe list).

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.

XVI. CONTACT INFORMATION

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