**GETTING STARTED**

Create a Medical Applicant Portal (MAP) via myNortheastern. MAP is an online resource for students and alumni to identify themselves as Pre-Dental and stay informed of important dates and events. It also serves as a portfolio to help prepare students for the application process.

Our website houses a great deal of pertinent information and resources for your perusal: undergraduate.northeastern.edu/prehealth

**REQUIRED COURSEWORK**

Requisite courses are school specific. For detailed course requirements, please review:
- Official Guide to Dental Schools

Common courses include:
- **Two** semesters of Biology with labs
- **Two** semesters of General Chemistry with labs
- **Two** semesters of Organic Chemistry with labs
- **Two** semesters of Physics with labs
- Genetics & Molecular Biology with lab
- Biochemistry and/or Microbiology with lab
- **Two** semesters of Math (Calculus & Statistics)
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- **Two** semesters of English Composition/Writing Intensive courses
- Additional behavioral science, social science and humanities coursework

AP credit often may not satisfy prerequisite course requirements. In this case, students should complete upper-level coursework to satisfy the requirement. Please refer to program websites for more detail on their AP credit policy.

**MAJOR OPTIONS**

Students admitted to US dental schools come from all undergraduate majors. Dental schools appreciate academic diversity. You are encouraged to select a major based on your interests. Common majors include Biology, Chemistry, Biochemistry, Behavioral Neuroscience and Health Science.

**EXPERIENTIAL PREPARATION**

**Community Engagement**: Volunteer in your local or global community. Service experiences do not need to be within the field of healthcare, but should follow your interests and demonstrate a passion for helping those in need. Explore your campus community - join organizations that tap into your own passions and interests, such as the Pre-Dental Association. Demonstrate your ability to lead. Connect with faculty and build up your professional network at Northeastern and beyond.

**Clinical**: Experiences within the field of healthcare are an important way to demonstrate ongoing interest in the profession and gain exposure to a diverse array of specialties. Experiences should include direct interaction with practitioners and patients, but need not be an advanced level, such as shadowing or clinical co-op positions.

**Research**: Though not required for dental school, research experience makes your application stand out among the applicant pool. Having a solid understanding of research allows for an informed interpretation of hypotheses, results and translation to practice.

**THE COMMITTEE LETTER**

A committee letter is a composite letter packet consisting of a cover sheet, PreHealth committee evaluation, three faculty evaluations, a clinical evaluation, and up to two additional, optional evaluations. These letters are sent to the Associated American Dental Schools Application Service upon completion. The PreHealth evaluation is a competency-based summary of a student's clinical, community engagement, and research experiences as well as academic performance during their time at Northeastern. To receive a committee letter, students must meet certain **deadlines and requirements** during their application year.

**ENTRANCE EXAM**

Pre-Dental students will sit for the Dental Admissions Test (DAT). It is recommended that three to five months are dedicated to study before taking the exam.

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