

# IOWA DENTISTRY DDS Admissions Checklist

Thank you for your interest in our DDS program. Applicants must apply through the ADEA Associated American Dental Schools Application Service ([AADSAS](#)). **AADSAS opens in May** and application **submission begins in June**. Because of the rolling basis of the admissions process, **it is advantageous to apply early**. The AADSAS application must be completed and submitted by September 15.

## PREREQUISITE COURSES

Applicants must complete at least **90 semester hours** at an accredited college or university. All prerequisite courses must be passed with a grade of C or higher and completed no later than **June 30** of the intended entering year. Grades of C- or lower and courses taken pass/fail or credit/no credit will not be considered as meeting the prerequisite requirement.

Accredited two-year community college course work is accepted, but limited to a maximum of **60 semester hours**. Students who have 60 hours of credit from a community college must complete any additional course work at a four-year accredited college or university.

Course	Semester Hours	Description
Physics with labs	8	
General Chemistry with labs	8	
Organic Chemistry with labs	8	Basic concepts in modern biochemistry and molecular biology.
Biochemistry	3	
Biology with labs	8	One year course in general biology or zoology. Upper level courses in gross anatomy, cell biology, or physiology beneficial.
English	--	Composition, Rhetoric, Speech Courses required for bachelor's degree.
Electives	90	Well rounded background with courses in diverse areas such as social sciences, philosophy, history, foreign languages, business, accounting, and mathematics.

## DENTAL ADMISSIONS TEST (DAT)

Applicants are required to take the DAT. Official DAT scores are submitted ([see instructions](#)) to AADSAS directly from the American Dental Association. We recommend completion of the DAT prior to submission of the AADSAS application. Scores must be received before the application deadline of September 15th. In order to meet this deadline, tests should not be taken after July 31st of the application year.

Application review will not be performed until official DAT scores are received. The DAT must have been taken within 3 years of the year in which admission is sought. Please **do not send unofficial or preliminary score reports** to the University of Iowa.

## LETTERS OF EVALUATION

Three individual letters or one committee letter/packet are required. Letters do not need to be written by specific professors or professionals. Letters must be uploaded directly to ADEA AADSAS application by the evaluators. Visit the ADEA website for a [description of letter types](#).

## SHADOWING

A minimum of **40 hours of dental shadowing** is recommended. Shadowing under a variety of general dentists and dental specialists is desirable.

## EXPERIENCE

Applicants should report their experiences (dental-related or otherwise) on the ADEA AADSAS application. Experiences could include (but are not limited to) academic enrichment, employment, extracurricular activities, leadership, volunteer / community enrichment, research, and dental experience. Applicants who show a commitment to addressing health disparities and caring for underserved communities are given strong consideration.

## TECHNICAL STANDARDS

The University of Iowa College of Dentistry and Dental Clinics is open to all qualified individuals and complies with section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act (1993). For admission, advancement through the curriculum, and graduation from the DDS Program, individuals must meet the [technical standards](#) with or without a reasonable accommodation.

The University of Iowa does **not** have a supplemental application.