

Application Procedure

- The UMMC School of Dentistry is a participant of the ADEA Associated American Dental Schools Application Service (ADEA AADSAS).
- It is not necessary that an applicant complete the entire application at once. The applicant may save the application and work on it over a period of time. Once it is submitted however, only minor changes can be made online. Check with AADSAS to determine what information can be edited after submission of the application.
- **Do not send any materials directly to the School of Dentistry unless specifically requested to do so.**
- Upon verification of an applicant's primary application, the applicant will be provided with a link to submit the \$50 supplemental application fee.

Application Time Table

- Begin working on application in May
- Begin submitting application in early June
- AADSAS Deadline: October 2 (Application, all documentation, official transcripts, and fees required by AADSAS must be received by AADSAS)
- UMMC Deadline: November 2 (Application materials, including secondary application, fees, official transcripts, DAT scores, and recommendation letters must be received by UMMC)
- The earliest date of notification of acceptance is early December. Check the ADEA website for all specific dates of submission and notification.

All correspondence and records regarding the admissions process are filed in the Office of Enrollment Management, become the property of the University of Mississippi Medical Center, and cannot be returned or forwarded to the applicant or another school.

Estimated Expenses

The table below presents minimum estimates of the school expenses an entering student can anticipate. All estimates are based on charges expected for the academic year. Tuition and fees, as well as the types of fees, are subject to change without notice, and all costs are subject to inflation.

Estimated Required Expenses 2022-2023

Program Year	D1	D2	D3	D4	Total
Tuition	\$31,167	\$31,167	\$31,167	\$31,167	\$124,668
Educational Supplies - BOOKS	2,100	2,000	1,100	1,000	6,200
Educational Supplies - other	130				130
Instruments	6,757	2,150	2,905		11,812
Lab Apparel/Uniforms	190	136	170	136	632
National Boards/Regional Licensure				3,045	3,045
CDCA Usage Fee				250	250
Loupes - D1 year only	1,300				1,300
Computer - D1 year only	1,600				1,600
BLS Certification Fee - D3 year only			30		30
Travel (CODE) - D4 year only				3,600	3,600
Total Estimated Required Expenses	\$43,244	\$35,453	\$35,372	\$39,248	\$153,317

**Medical Insurance through UMMC is estimated at \$3,484.38 annually. Health insurance is mandatory, but not necessarily through UMMC, and is subject to annual increase.*

General Information

For more information, please visit: www.umc.edu/sod or contact Kristin F. Nalls, PhD, Assistant Dean for Student Affairs and Inclusion / Lead Director of Admissions by calling 601-984-6009, 601-984-6060, or emailing DMDadmit@umc.edu. Applicants and Admissions Committee members sign a confidentiality agreement prior to interviews and the admissions cycle. All applicant information is confidential.



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APPLICATION INFORMATION

- The UMMC School of Dentistry does not require a particular major; however, applicants must have successfully completed at least 90 acceptable semester hours in a regionally accredited United States or Canadian college or university.
- Strong preference is given to applicants who will have completed all requirements for a baccalaureate degree prior to entering the UMMC School of Dentistry.
- All applicants must meet the following minimum requirements:

Required Courses	Number of courses
English	2 semesters / 3 quarters
Inorganic Chemistry (Must include laboratory)	2 semesters / 3 quarters
Organic Chemistry (Must include laboratory)	2 semesters / 3 quarters
Physics (Must include laboratory)	2 semesters / 3 quarters
General Biology or Zoology (I and II) (Must include laboratory)	2 semesters / 3 quarters
Microbiology (Must include laboratory) (Must be completed at a senior college or university)	1 semester / 1-2 quarters
Biochemistry (Must be completed at a senior college or university)	1 semester / 1-2 quarters
Mathematics (College algebra and trigonometry or higher level.)	2 semesters / 3 quarters
Statistics or Biostatistics (General business or scientific statistics. This is in addition to one year mathematics requirement.)	1 semester / 1 quarter

Coursework:

- The following courses are not required but are *highly recommended*: Histology (microscopic anatomy), physiology, gross anatomy, cell biology, immunology, comparative anatomy, neuroanatomy, foreign language, sociology, psychology, speech, philosophy, embryology and humanities. None of the minimum 90 acceptable semester hours of collegiate course work listed or described or recommended above may be met by the following: correspondence courses; courses in physical training, military science, or dogmatic religion; courses in mathematics or science designed for non-science majors; or course credit granted without college-level testing and grade.

Credit Transferred from a Community College:

- A maximum of 65 semester hours of credit from a junior college may be applied toward admission. However, it is strongly recommended that as many required science courses as possible be completed at a senior college or university to improve chances for admission.

Online Courses:

- We will continue to accept online science courses with letter grades for traditional students when there is not an option for in-person learning. We encourage science courses with labs to be taken in person. Special consideration will be given to non-traditional students on a case-by-case basis

American Dental Association Dental Admission Test (DAT)

- All applicants to the UMMC School of Dentistry must take the American Dental Association Dental Admission Test (DAT).
- Information regarding the DAT may be obtained from the pre-dental advisor in most colleges or from the American Dental Association, 211 E. Chicago Ave., Chicago, IL 60611; www.ada.org/dat.aspx.
- The DAT is administered on computer at Prometric Testing Centers and is usually taken by March or April of the third year of college.
- DAT scores more than three years old are not accepted.
- Candidates seeking to re-take the DAT must wait 90 days before a re-test is allowed.

Admission with Advanced Standing/Transfer Students

- The University of Mississippi School of Dentistry does not accept transfer students from other dental schools except under exceptional circumstances. The School of Dentistry's Executive Committee reserves the right to determine those exceptional circumstances in which they may consider a transfer student.

Selection Factors

- Selection of applicants is made on a competitive basis without regard to race, gender, religion, marital status, age, national origin, or veteran status.
- Interviews with members of the Dental School Admissions Committee are required.
- Decision and consideration are given to both cognitive and non-cognitive components.
- Selection factors include, but are not limited to:
 - **Cognitive components**
 - GPA – overall GPA and overall science GPA; Master's GPA, if applicable
 - DAT – overall DAT (academic average) and overall science DAT
 - **Non-cognitive components**
 - Honesty/Integrity • Ethics/Values • Respect for others • Critical thinking
 - Communication skills • Altruism • Accountability • Support system
 - Motivation for dentistry • Maturity • Vision of practice • Leadership
 - Participation in Health Careers programs • Excellence • Self-appraisal
 - **Four (4) recommendation letters submitted through AADSAS:**
 - Two (2) letters from biology, chemistry, or physics faculty
 - One (1) letter from a master's degree program, if you are enrolled in or have completed a master's program. This letter will fulfill one of the science faculty letters as noted above.
 - One (1) letter from a dentist you have shadowed
 - One (1) letter from a community service organization
 - **Activity in college** – clubs, organizations, leadership roles, scholarships
 - **Experiences**
 - Shadowing experience – a minimum of 70 hours of shadowing is required with at least 4 different dentists
 - Research experience is recommended.
 - A minimum of 80 hours of community service with a single organization or with multiple organizations is required. Service hours should be consistent and exemplify meaningful civic engagement by the applicant.
- For admission purposes, the UMMC School of Dentistry gives preference to residents of the State of Mississippi. For residency information, please refer to the UMMC Bulletin or contact the Office of Enrollment Management, 601-984-1080.

Composite Profile of the Recent Entering Class

- Forty (40) students were accepted out of 136 applicants. The average age of the entering class was 22. All had undergraduate degrees. The average overall GPA was 3.73 and the average overall science GPA was 3.63. The DAT overall Academic Average score was 20 and the DAT overall Science Average was 19.3.

Contact Information for ADEA AADSAS

- ADEA Associated American Dental Schools Application Service (ADEA AADSAS)
- Phone: 617-612-2045 (Applicant inquiries only)
- Email: aadsasinfo@aadsasweb.org
- Website: <https://adea.org/aadsas/>