Dentistry, DDS

**Program Description**

Dentistry is a rewarding, "personal touch" profession which naturally encourages one-to-one patient relationships. This career leads to a lifestyle that is diversified in its professional activities, creative in its opportunity for flexibility of hours, and provides a challenging, independent, and satisfying work environment.

We invite you to view the information on the [American Dental Education Association's Go Dental Page](http://www.american-dental-education.org) for more information about a career in Dentistry.

**Program Length**

262 units, 4 years

**Possible Careers**

Doctor of Dental Surgery or Dentist within private practice offices, industrial organizations, hospitals, local, state or federal public health services, and the armed forces

**Application Deadlines**

There are currently no published application deadlines.

**Admissions Requirements**

- GPA of 3.2 or higher in science courses
- Baccalaureate Degree preferred
- DAT scores of 19 or higher & taken by October
- Shadowing / Observing / Volunteering - a minimum of 50 hours in a dental setting is required, more is strongly recommended.
- Fluency in English is required

**Prerequisites**

**Required Courses**

1. General Biology w/ lab – 1 year
2. General Chemistry w/lab – 1 year
3. Organic Chemistry w/lab – 1 year
4. Biochemistry - 1 semester or 2 quarters
5. General Physics w/lab – 1 year
6. English Composition – 1 year

Science courses must be completed within 5 years of beginning dental school. Courses must be a C or higher to meet LLUSD requirements.
Recommended Courses

- Accounting
- Anatomy – Human
- Cellular & Molec Biology
- Ceramics
- Communication
- Genetics
- Histology
- Immunology
- Management
- Microbiology
- Neuroscience
- Psychology
- Religion
- Sculpture
- Statistics
- Systems Physiology

Expected Cost of Attendance

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Notes
Expected costs for the academic year are based on full time attendance. From year to year, increases are anticipated consistent with inflation in the professional education sector.

**Estimated Living Expenses**

**Academic Year, off campus, with a roommate**

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**Notes**

- Amounts are what a student can apply to borrow for the number of months shown in each academic year based on living off campus with a roommate and not with a relative.
- International students need to calculate 12 months of living expenses based on the numbers listed here.
- In general, to qualify for financial aid a student must be enrolled at least half time taking degree requirements. Half time is 6 units in a quarter for undergraduate programs and 4 units in a quarter for graduate programs.