Pre-Dentistry Planning Guide

As you begin this Planning Guide, here are a few important things to consider what dental schools you plan to apply to, as that will drive your choice of prerequisite courses. <u>ADEA</u> offers some suggestions on deciding where to apply.

Name:	Email:
Major(s):	Year in School:
Minor(s):	Current GPA:
Previous Degrees:	Expected Graduation Date:
State of Residence:	Expected Date of Application:
Are you applying as an international student?	

Academics and Prerequisites	Courses Completed or In Progress:	Grade	Courses Planned:
Status of prerequisite courses for dental schools I'm targeting. Include grade received and term completed.	Ex. BIO 151	A-	
Prerequisites can vary from one school to another; research those programs to which you are interested in applying.			

Part 2: Experiences

This is not a checklist. These activities should be a reflection of your interests and passions. Be sure to keep track of your dental shadowing hours.

Experiences	Completed or In-Progress:	Time (length of commitment):	New or Future experiences you plan to gain & when:
Work Employer, position			
Volunteer Organization, position			
Shadowing Who (and their degree), where, when			
Research Where, topic			
Learning Abroad Destination, topics studied			
Student Organizations Organization, position			
Other Experiences?			

Part 3: Letters of Evaluation

Letters of Evaluation	List the people you plan to ask to write you a letter. Describe who they are and why you are choosing them.
Identify 2-3 people who could complete a letter of recommendation for you. Here is some advice from the URGO website about letters of recommendation:	1.
Student Evaluation Guidelines	3.
Faculty Evaluation Guidelines - Students should share the faculty evaluation guidelines with those who have agreed to write letters.	

Part 4: Dental Admissions Test (DAT)

DAT		
The DAT is required by almost all U.S dental schools. <u>Learn more about</u> <u>the DAT.</u>	Practice test(s): Academic Average PAT Reading Comprehension Total Science I plan to take the DAT on the following date: If already completed, list your breakdown of scores by section: Academic Average PAT Reading Comprehension Total Science	

Part 5: Dental School Research

When researching dental schools that you would like to apply to, it can be helpful to compare different schools. In the following table, we included some criteria that may be helpful in determining the competitiveness of your profile overall.

School Name	Prerequisites	DAT	GPA	Science GPA	Experiences	Resident, Non-Resident, International

Other Criteria:

Feel free to add other criteria to the table above (or make a new one) to consider other criteria.

- Application Fee
- Tuition
- Financial aid options
- Number of applicants / Percent accepted
- Institutional mission
- Student body/school size
- Acceptance rate of residents vs. non-residents
- Research opportunities
- Diversity of student body
- Location and climate
- Applications accepted from international applicants?