

**School Name:** Howard University College of Dentistry

**Location:** Washington, DC

**Public** \_\_\_\_\_ **Private**  X

**Mission statement:**

**Dental school description:** Howard University College of Dentistry (HUCD)—is the nations fifth oldest dental school and is a leading teaching and patient care institution. The college has trained thousands of highly skilled dental professionals to serve their communities, particularly the underserved. HUCD’s graduates serve communities in 42 states and 54 countries. HUCD’s staff of over 80 faculty members, who constitute one of the best-trained dental faculties in the world, are committed to producing distinguished, compassionate and culturally sensitive graduates. HUCD is dedicated to providing high-quality oral health care to patients and improving oral health in local, national and global communities.

**Mission:** To provide exemplary education, service, and research that promotes patient-centered, collaborative care and advocacy for the elimination of health disparities.

**Vision:** To provide a dental education of exceptional quality to qualified individuals, with particular emphasis on recruiting people of color and historically underrepresented and disadvantaged individuals.

**Core values:** (C) Collaboration (A) Accountability (R) Respect (E) Excellence (S) Service

**Prerequisite courses (required):**

- 2 semesters general chemistry with lab
- 2 semesters organic chemistry with lab
- 1 semester biochemistry
- 2 semesters human anatomy and physiology
- 2 semesters physics with lab
- 2 semesters English
- 22 semester hours electives
  
- AP/IB credit not accepted for prereqs. P/F courses not accepted for prereqs.

<http://healthsciences.howard.edu/education/colleges/dentistry/admissions/minimum-qualifications>

**Recommended:**

- Microbiology

**Deadline for primary application:** February 1

**Deadline for secondary application:** February 1

**Secondary cost:** \$75

**Recommendation letter requirements:**

- 3 required, 2 from natural and physical science faculty (which includes neuroscience but not math), and 1 from non-science faculty

**Admitted student profile/characteristics:** Not available

<b>Average GPA:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 3.24 cumulative GPA</li><li>• 3.13 science GPA</li><li>• Minimum 2.85 cumulative and science GPA</li></ul>	<b>Average DAT:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 18 average</li><li>• Minimum 18</li></ul>	<b>Other:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Average age:</b> 25</li><li>• <b>Shadowing:</b> 30 hours required. 100 hours recommended.</li></ul>
<b>Number applicants:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 961</li></ul>	<b>Number of interviews:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Unavailable</li></ul>	<b>Matriculated:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 65</li></ul>

**School Name:** Virginia Commonwealth University School of Dentistry

**Location:** Richmond, VA

**Public**  **Private**

**Mission statement:**

**Dental school description:** Virginia Commonwealth University School of Dentistry (VCU SOD), a state-supported, research dental school, is located in a historic district of Richmond, which has a population of around 200,000. VCU has two major campuses less than three miles from each other with an enrollment of more than 31,242 students. The medical campus, the site of a nationally ranked comprehensive academic health center, comprises the VCU Medical Center and the schools of allied health professions, dentistry, medicine, nursing and pharmacy.

**Mission:** • Education of highly qualified dental professionals • Research that advances oral health, disease and effective treatment • Service to the community • Improved oral and general health

**Vision:** The school's overall higher purpose includes enhancing the quality of life through improved oral health and maintaining a commitment to Virginia residents' oral health needs.

**Core values:** Excellence in teaching | Promotion of learning | Advancement of scholarship | Ethical, compassionate, evidence-based care | Lifelong learning | Professional/social responsibility | Respect

**Prerequisite courses (required):**

- 2 semesters biology with lab
- 2 semesters general chemistry with lab
- 2 semesters organic chemistry with lab
- 1 semester biochemistry
- 2 semesters physics with lab
- 1 semester English/composition
- 1 semester math (stats/calculus)

<https://dentistry.vcu.edu/programs/dds/requirements/>

**Recommended:**

- 300 level and above biology courses
- Behavioral science courses
- Courses involving the use of psychomotor skills
- Anatomy and Physiology
- Microbiology

**Deadline for primary application:**

- January 1
- Priority consideration: November 1

**Deadline for secondary application:**

- January 1
- Priority consideration: November 1

**Secondary cost:** \$85

**Recommendation letter requirements:**

- 3 required; 2 from science faculty, 1 from dentist. 4 accepted.

**Admitted student profile/characteristics:**

- <https://dentistry.vcu.edu/programs/dds/faq/>

<p><b>Average GPA:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3.6 cumulative GPA</li> <li>• 3.6 science GPA</li> </ul>	<p><b>Average DAT:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 21</li> </ul>	<p><b>Other:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Average Age:</b> 23</li> <li>• <b>Shadowing:</b> 100 hours required (50 of those hours with general dentist, 50 with specialist).</li> <li>• Strongly recommend 100-150 general practice shadowing hours.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Number applicants:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2156</li> <li>• (274 in-state)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Number of interviews:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unavailable</li> </ul>	<p><b>Matriculated:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 94</li> <li>• (60 in-state)</li> </ul>

**School Name:** University of Maryland School of Dentistry

**Location:** Baltimore, MD

**Public**  **Private**

<b>Mission statement:</b> <b>Dental school description:</b> The University of Maryland School of Dentistry (UMSOD) began as the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery, the first dental college in the world to offer a course in dental education. UMSOD has maintained its leadership position and offers a very strong curriculum, supported by well-trained, highly committed faculty. Biological and clinical science faculty are recognized as leaders in education, research and service. UMSOD shares an urban campus in downtown Baltimore with the schools of Medicine, Law, Pharmacy, Nursing, and Social Work and with the Veterans Administration and University Medical Centers. <b>Mission:</b> We will achieve preeminence through excellence and innovation in education, patient care, research, public service and global engagement. <b>Vision:</b> Advancing oral health. Improving lives. <b>Core values:</b> Accountability, civility, collaboration, diversity, excellence, knowledge and leadership.		
<b>Prerequisite courses (required):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2 semesters biology with lab</li><li>• 2 semesters general chemistry with lab</li><li>• 2 semesters organic chemistry with lab</li><li>• 1 semester biochemistry</li><li>• 1 semester physics with lab, (2<sup>nd</sup> semester recommended)</li><li>• 2 semesters English</li></ul> <a href="https://www.dental.umaryland.edu/admissions/programs/doctor-of-dental-surgery/academic-coursework-and-prerequisites/">https://www.dental.umaryland.edu/admissions/programs/doctor-of-dental-surgery/academic-coursework-and-prerequisites/</a>		<b>Recommended:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Anatomy and Physiology</li><li>• Microbiology</li></ul>
<b>Deadline for primary application:</b> December 31	<b>Deadline for secondary application:</b> December 31	<b>Secondary cost:</b> \$90
<b>Recommendation letter requirements:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2 required; 1 from science faculty, 1 from dentist. Up to 4 accepted.</li></ul>		
<b>Admitted student profile/characteristics:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="https://www.dental.umaryland.edu/admissions/applicant-resources/frequently-asked-questions/">https://www.dental.umaryland.edu/admissions/applicant-resources/frequently-asked-questions/</a></li></ul>		
<b>Average GPA:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 3.57 cumulative GPA</li><li>• 3.47 science GPA</li></ul>	<b>Average DAT:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 21</li><li>• Minimum 18</li></ul>	<b>Other:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Average age:</b> 24</li><li>• <b>Shadowing:</b> 100 shadowing hours</li></ul>

		required; accept up to 20 hours of virtual shadowing.
<b>Number applicants:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1801</li><li>• (165 in-state)</li></ul>	<b>Number of interviews:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Not available</li></ul>	<b>Matriculated:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 133</li><li>• (64 in-state)</li></ul>

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<b>Prerequisite courses (required):</b>		<b>Recommended:</b>
<b>Deadline for primary application:</b>	<b>Deadline for secondary application:</b>	<b>Secondary cost:</b>
<b>Secondary questions:</b>		
<b>CASPER required?</b>		
<b>Recommendation letter requirements:</b>		

<b>Admitted student profile/characteristics:</b>		
<b>Average GPA:</b>	<b>Average DAT:</b>	<b>Other:</b>
<b>Number applicants:</b>	<b>Number of interviews:</b>	<b>Matriculated:</b>