

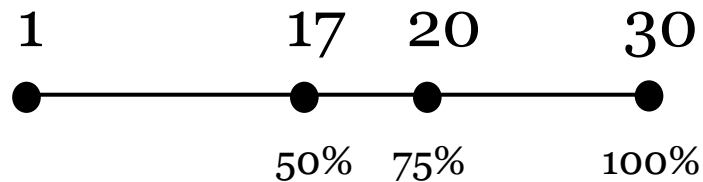
# Pre-Dental

## Competitive GPA: 3.5+

- [BCP](#), Cumulative GPA - all attempts
- [Avg accepted](#): 3.45/3.55

## Competitive DAT: 20+

- Avg accepted: 20



<b>Survey of the Natural Sciences</b> <i>Bio, Gen Chem, Org Chem</i>	90 mins
<b>Perceptual Ability</b> <i>Apertures, view recognition, angle discrimination, paper folding, cube counting, 3D form development</i>	60 mins
<b>Reading Comprehension</b>	60 mins
<b>Quantitative Reasoning</b> <i>Algebra, data analysis, quantitative comparison, probability and statistics</i>	45 mins
<b>Total time (with breaks)</b>	<b>5 hours</b>

## Preparing for the DAT

- Plan for **2-6 months** and **400-600 hours** of [study](#)
- Create a study schedule
- Content review + question practice
  - 8-12 full length tests
  - Timed

## [About the DAT](#)

### Exam prep:

#### [ADA test prep](#)

- Full length practice exam
- Individual modules

[DAT Bootcamp](#), [DAT Destroyer](#), [DAT-Prep](#), [Course Saver](#), [Kaplan](#), [Princeton Review](#)

#### [DAT Question of the Day](#)

[AADSAS](#): ADEA Associated American Dental Schools Application Service

[Official Guide to Dental Schools](#): Explore and compare dental schools: prerequisite requirements, admissions statistics

## Applying to dental school is [expensive](#)...

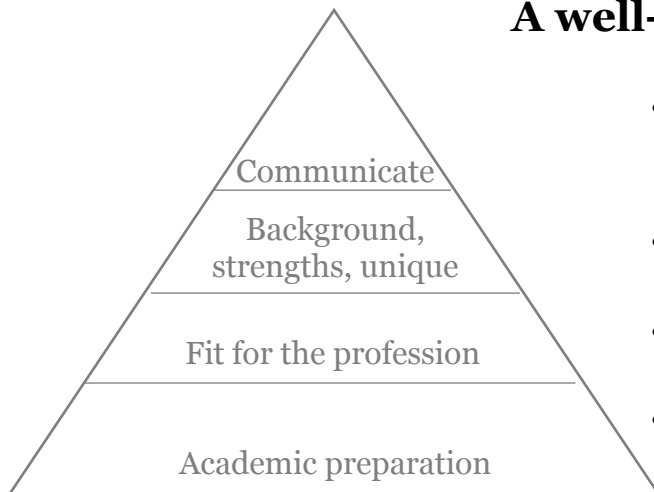
Apply for the Fee Assistance Programs for the [Application](#) and/or the [DAT](#)

Item	Cost
Test registration	\$475
Test prep	\$300-3,000+
Application (1 school)	\$259
Additional schools	\$112
Secondary applications	\$50-150
Interview costs	\$100-1000+
<b>Total cost</b>	<b>\$1,000-10,000+</b>

# Experiences

- [Community service](#)
  - Serving the underserved
  - 150+ hours
- [Clinical exposure](#)
  - [Shadowing](#) (depends on program; 50-100 hours)
  - Patient care experience (dental assistant or hygienist)
- [Manual Dexterity](#) (ability to work with hands in a small space)
- [Research](#)
- [Leadership](#)
- Extra-curricular involvement

Explore opportunities on the [Pre-Health Experiences website](#)



## A well-rounded application shows...

- Ability to communicate effectively on the application and in an interview
- Background, strengths, and what makes you unique
- Passion and fit for the dental profession
- Ability to do the academic work

# Timeline

**January-June:** Take DAT

**May:** Application opens; apply by June to be most competitive

**June-August:** Secondary applications

**August-December:** Interviews and decisions

**July/August:** Dental school begins

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## Parts of the Application

- Biographical information
  - Transcripts
- Letters of Recommendation
- [Personal Statement](#) (Essay)
- [Experiences](#) (Resume)
- [School Selection](#)

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## A gap year could make you a stronger applicant

Avg age of matriculants to dental school: **24**

- Whether you need to [improve your grades](#), study for the DAT, gain more experiences, or save money for dental school, a gap year can be a good thing.
- Apply when your application is strong; then you won't need to [reapply](#).