AADSAS Application Workshop

Associated American Dental Schools Application Service
THE APPLICATION TO DENTAL SCHOOL: ADEA AADSAS

DENTAL SCHOOL APPLICANT QUICK GUIDE

The ADEA Associated American Dental Schools Application Service (ADEA AADSAS®) is the centralized application service for U.S. dental schools.

ADEA AADSAS simplifies the application process, allowing you to save time and energy by completing just one application to all U.S. dental schools.

Download the Dental School Applicant Quick Guide.
Application Timeline

May 10: AADSAS Opens ($264, $115/school)

June 1: First day to submit

July: Secondary Applications ($20-200/school)

August-November: Interviews

December 1: Acceptance notifications: Jan-Mar: Second round of apps & interviews
Before You Apply...

Request Letters of Recommendation (LORs)

Create a resume and/or fill our the PPA PreHealth Planner

Write your personal statement!

Study for and take the DAT

Research Dental Schools

Read the AADSAS Instructions!!!
Fill out the PPA PreHealth Planner

List all of the activities you’ve been involved with since you graduated high school

Think about: challenges faced, lessons learned

Verify your hours completed with your dentists and organizations.

https://advising.utah.edu/preprofessional/resourcesdownload.php
Order All Transcripts

On the application, enter school info, **including CE institutions**

Send transcripts from **EVERY** school
It doesn’t matter if you’ve already transferred your credits to the U

Order transcripts as soon as you have access to the application (May)

Order Your Official Transcript

Order Online

If you have a uNID, you can order your official transcript and have it delivered electronically in as little as 15 minutes! Orders without a uNID and hardcopy transcripts will be processed within 1-3 business days. Please note, official transcripts delivered electronically are only available for download for a limited amount of time.

ORDER YOUR TRANSCRIPT ONLINE

(http://registrar.utah.edu/transcripts/order-transcript.php)
2. Select Documents

Where would you like your document(s) sent?

Start by searching for your destination:
Institution Name, Acronym, Location, or Email

AADSAS

100 Matches Found:

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SELECT
If your grades from spring semester are not available, choose this option. Do not wait until grades from summer or fall semester are available. It will delay your application process!!
Welcome to ADEA AADSAS®

Welcome!

This application cycle is closing soon!

The 2021-2022 ADEA AADSAS application cycle will close on February 2, 2022. Be sure to check your program deadline dates and submit your application to your programs before those dates. Additionally, review the final application processing dates in the ADEA AADSAS Applicant Help Center.

The 2022-2023 application cycle will open in mid May.

Sign in with your username and password below.

Username
Password

Sign In

Create an Account

Forgot your username or password?
Reapplying to ADEA AADSAS?
**Advisor Release**

By selecting Yes, you authorize ADEA AADSAS to release selected information regarding your ADEA AADSAS application and admission status to the health professions advisor and the health professions advisory committee of the post-secondary institution(s) that you have attended. By releasing your information, your advisor is better able to assist you in the admissions process, as well as better guide other students in the future. You cannot make a change to this item after your submit your application to ADEA AADSAS.

- **Yes**
- **No**

**Helps PPA advisors advise other students!**

**Always confidential**

**Helps the PPA office create statistical information**
Supporting Information

Each description has 600 character limit (including spaces!)

Don’t bullet point or format your description!

Only list each experience in one category (no double-dipping)

Awards? List those under the Achievements section

DO NOT list high school experience
Experience Type Definitions

**Academic Enrichment Programs**
Simulation labs, workshops hosted by dental schools, KINES 3080 & 4080

**Dental Shadowing**
List dentists you shadowed: must list type (specialty) of dentist

**Employment**
Any paid work outside of dental field

**Extracurricular Activities**
Related activities you would like your selected programs to review: i.e. sports, artistic endeavors, other activities that do not fall under other fields
Volunteer work done outside of the healthcare field: i.e., tutoring, participating in or working for a fundraiser walk or blood drive, coaching, etc.

Research
Research outside of classroom work

Achievements
Awards, honors, scholarships

Can select up to four most important achievements and six most important experiences.
Personal Statement
(4500 characters w/spaces)

REMEMBER:
The audience is smarter, has more dental knowledge, and knows what it’s like to be a dentist
Address WHY YOU WANT TO BE A DENTIST!!!

This is different from how you were inspired to be a dentist.

Back up your argument with a specific example from your experience.
Choose and elaborate 1-2 of your experiences.

Limit the number of ‘I’ statements.

Share your background if it’s appropriate.

Use the five senses to describe your story.
Personal Statement (DON’Ts)

- **DO NOT** summarize what you listed on the activity list.
- **DO NOT** repeat what you wrote on the activity list.
- **DO NOT** talk too much about other people (family member, mentor, patient, etc). *TALK ABOUT YOURSELF!*
- **DO NOT** use words you don’t know/ or how to use.
- **DO NOT** overuse dental terminology or abbreviations.
- **DO NOT** show off your knowledge about dentistry.
- **DO NOT** assume everyone knows what you know.
- **DO NOT** begin with a quotation.
- **Try to avoid** foreign language.
- **Try to avoid** using cliché’s.
Pay Attention to Details

Composition

Spelling

Punctuation

Grammar
How to request LORs

- Contact your professors and supervisors **NOW**!
- Provide as much information as possible
- Give at least **four** weeks notice
- Get their business card
- Input their info as soon as you have access to AADSAS

**FOLLOW UP**

- **How To Guide**
- **Instructions for Letter Writers**

PPA Website: Resources /Downloads
https://advising.utah.edu/preprofessional/resourcedownload.php
Find the Best Dental School for You!

- Early Patient Exposure
- Urban vs Burbs vs Rural
- Class Size
- Community Outreach Opportunities
- Newer vs Established
All courses will count towards GPA calculation
You can take DAT **up to 3 times in your LIFETIME**
Average vs. Minimum GPA and DAT Score
Meet with your advisor (more frequently than before!) during the application cycle

PPA advisors can review your AADSAS and secondary applications. Send your drafts to your advisor!

We also do mock interviews!

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DO NOT STOP
your extracurricular activities after you submit your application
Questions?

- Schedule an appointment with a PPA advisor! 😊

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