

# Pre-Health

At Fordham  
University



## Dentist (D.D.S. or D.M.D.)

**Description:** Dentists restore the oral health of patients. A dentist evaluates the overall health of their patients while advising them about oral health and disease prevention, performs clinical procedures (e.g. exams, fillings, and corrective surgeries), identifies, diagnoses and treats oral conditions, and/or performs general dentistry or practices in one of nine dental specialties. The ability to work as part of a team and exercise creativity are integral to the dentistry profession.

**Training:** 4 years

## Competencies & Application

### Materials:

- Two semesters (three quarters) of biology with lab
- Two semesters (three quarters) of general chemistry with lab
- Two semesters (three quarters) of organic chemistry with lab
- Two semesters (three quarters) of physics with lab
- DAT Score
- Letters of Recommendation
- Interviews
- Manual Dexterity

## Recommended Experience:

- Shadowing a dentist
- Consistent volunteering in your community
- Service based club participation
- Leadership

## 2017-2018

### Matriculants:

Dentistry Admissions Tests (DAT) Mean Score = 20.2  
GPA Science Mean = 3.47  
Mean Total GPA = 3.56

## Fordham Resources:

- Leverage your own personal network or ask your pre-health advisors about shadowing opportunities.
- Research is not necessary and recommended if you are particularly passionate about a topic
- Join FUEMS, Fordham's own student run, on-campus EMT service ([ems@fordham.edu](mailto:ems@fordham.edu))
- A well-rounded sampling of extra-curricular activities or work experiences, both related and unrelated to medicine, will help broaden an applicant's knowledge and development.
- For more information visit the Pre-Health website, [www.fordham.edu/info/21526/pre-health\\_advising](http://www.fordham.edu/info/21526/pre-health_advising)
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