

**Minimum Acceptable College-level Courses for the OHSU Dental Program:**

**It is recommended that a student spend no more than 1 year at a Community College**

OHSU Requirements	Qtr. Credits	PCC Course Equivalents	Qtr. Credits
One year sequence General Biology (with lab)	1 yr	<b>BI</b> 211, 212, & 213 Principles of Biology	15
One year sequence General Chemistry (with lab)	1 yr	<b>CH</b> 221, 222, & 223 General Chemistry	15
One year sequence of Physics (with lab)	1 yr	<b>PHY</b> 201, 202, & 203 General Physics	12
English Composition	2 courses minimum	<b>WR</b> 121 & <b>WR</b> 122	6-8
2 terms of Organic Chemistry (with lab)	2 terms	300-level series at a 4-year institution	-
Biochemistry, 1 term	1 term	300-level course at a 4-year institution	-
One year sequence of Human Anatomy & Physiology (with lab)	1 yr	300-level sequence at a 4-year institution	-

**Additional Requirements & Recommendations:**

OHSU strongly recommends additional science courses such as microbiology, cell biology, molecular biology, genetics, histology and neuroscience. Study of the social and behavioral sciences, and humanities as well as the courses in the fine arts such as sculpture and 3-D drawing will enhance the student's ability to practice dentistry.

**This is a Graduate program.** Although OHSU does not require a baccalaureate (B.A./B.S.) degree for admission, it is highly recommended that you plan to complete a bachelor's degree prior to matriculation.

**Dental Observation:** Prior to application, applicants should have a minimum of 50 hours of observation in a dental setting. Of the 50 hours OHSU suggests a minimum of 25 hours in a general dental practice. The remaining 25 hours can be in a dental setting of your choice such as a dental public health clinic or dental specialty.

In addition to the departmental requirements listed above, students must also complete coursework for university admission, general education requirements, and BA/BS requirements. Meet with a PCC Academic Advisor to develop an effective transfer plan that will meet your individual needs.

*PCC endeavors to create accurate transfer guides for students; however, requirements may change without notice. Students are responsible for working with PCC advisors and their transfer institution to ensure that their academic plan will meet requirements and timelines.*

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### Please refer to the website for Application

**Pre-Dental Education:** A minimum of three years (90 semester or 135 quarter credit hours) from an accredited college or university in the United States or Canada. Full time enrollment is recommended with an emphasis in the basic sciences.

**Foreign course work:** Foreign course work will not be accepted.

**Community College Limitations:** It is recommended that a student attend no more than one year at a community college.

**Pass/No Pass:** Admissions requirements taken for P/NP credit will not fulfill our requirements. Please note: the only exception to this policy applies to students attending a very limited number of schools that solely offer P/NP grades for lab courses. If you are given the option to take a lab course P/NP or for a grade, you must take it for a grade.

**Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate:** While actual coursework is preferred, applicants may use AP or IB credit toward the fulfillment of prerequisite course requirements. AP and IB courses may be accepted only if AP/IB credit is assigned to a specific course. That course must also fulfill our prerequisite requirement and must appear on an official transcript. AP and IB credit assigned to a general subject area will not fulfill this requirement. No other document, such as a transfer credit report, an unofficial transcript or a letter from an academic advisor, will fulfill this requirement.

**Grade Point Average (GPA):** It is recommended that you have a minimum of 3.0 in both your cumulative overall GPA, and required science/BCP (Biology, Chemistry and Physics) GPA.

**Degree Requirement:** Although OHSU does not require a baccalaureate (B.A./B.S.) degree for admission, it is highly recommended that you plan to complete a bachelor's degree prior to matriculation.

**DAT:** It is recommended that Dental Admissions Test (DAT) scores be received by the School of Dentistry no later than November 1 of the application year. American and Canadian DAT scores are accepted.

**Dental Observation:** Prior to application, applicants **must** have a minimum of 50 hours of observation in a dental setting. Of the 50 hours we suggest a minimum of 25 hours in a general dental practice. The remaining 25 hours can be in a dental setting of your choice such as a dental public health clinic or dental specialty.

**Health Requirements:** All admitted students must meet OHSU's health and immunization requirements prior to matriculation.

**Criminal History Reviews:** Admitted students must complete a background disclosure form and undergo a criminal history review as part of the matriculation process. Prior conviction does not necessarily disqualify an admitted student from matriculation. The admitted student has the right to inspect and challenge the results of the inquiry.

**Drug Screening:** All newly admitted students must successfully complete a drug screening within 14 days from the date of matriculation. Positive test results may immediately disqualify an admitted student from enrollment. The admitted student has the right to inspect and challenge the results of the inquiry.

**Selection Factors:** Students are selected on the basis of demonstrated scholastic ability in both required and elective courses. Quality and quantity of courses taken per quarter are also considered. Performance on the DAT is compared with the science GPA. Letters of recommendation are screened for personal qualities and demonstrated interest in and knowledge of the profession of dentistry. Selected applicants will be invited to visit the campus and to interview with members of the admissions committee and student representatives.