

Pre-Dentistry at APSU

- Pre-dentistry prepares you for admission to a 4-year College of Dentistry
 - 3 years college classes required; 82% admitted dental school students complete 4 year degree.
 - Admission is very competitive.
- Any college major is acceptable
 - Chemistry or Biology are common choices
 - Required courses must be completed
- Timeline of a Dentist's Education (beyond high school)
 - 3-4 years undergraduate work, usually completing a Bachelor's degree
 - 4 years in dental school
 - 2 years of residency training
 - Total : 10 years
- Required College Courses
 - General Chemistry (2)
 - Organic Chemistry (2)
 - Physics (2)
 - Biology (2)
 - Biochemistry (1)
 - Advanced Biology (1)
 - English Composition (2)
 - Electives (18)



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- Characteristics of a competitive pre-dental student
 - Very good performance (B or better) in required courses, emphasizing critical thinking and problem solving.
 - Well-rounded student with extracurricular activities
 - Demonstrated interest in dentistry
 - Volunteer experience
 - Community service
 - Leadership experience
 - GPA = 3.0+
 - Standard DAT score = 17+
- Employment outlook
 - Demand for dentists is growing due to the high number of retiring dentists.
 - Emphasis is placed on preventative care and patient education.
 - Average income of a practicing dentist is \$225,000 per year.

