



# Doctor of Dental Surgery Admissions Checklist Fall 2025

**Applications open:** July 1

**Application deadline:** November 1

**APPLY HERE**

The admissions cycle is a year-long process. Applications are submitted in the **year prior** to the Fall term admission is sought. **Late applications will not be accepted.**

## ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

All credit and course requirements must be completed or in-progress (registered) at the time of application. Ensure that transcripts are received by the deadlines below.

Credit Requirement	Additional Information
<input type="checkbox"/> Minimum of 60 units of transferable post-secondary work	10 full-year course equivalents 20 half-year course equivalents
<input type="checkbox"/> Two Fall/Winter years with a course load of 30 units in each year	A Fall/Winter academic year is September 1 to April 30 inclusive

## Overall GPA (OGPA)

A **minimum OGPA of 3.3** is required for admission.

**All** transferrable post-secondary coursework completed in full-time study will be included.

Full-time study is equivalent to a minimum of:

- 18 units taken during Fall/Winter terms
- 12 units taken during Spring/Summer terms

Grades assigned for Winter 2020 are excluded due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

If **four** or more years (Fall/Winter or Spring/Summer) of full-time transferable post-secondary work have been completed, the lowest GPA year will be excluded, provided it is not:

- The most recent full-time year, or;
- One of only two years where 30 units was taken

Upon submission of an application and all required documents, the Registrar's Office will evaluate your coursework to determine if you have met the requirements. Coursework cannot be assessed in advance or via email.

### Transfer Tools

- [Equivalent course lists](#) for **select** Alberta post-secondary institutions
- [Transfer Alberta search tool](#) for Alberta institutions
- University of Alberta [Transfer Credit Search tool](#) for all institutions

**Non-University of Alberta courses:** a minimum grade of **C-** (or equivalent) is required in any transfer course used to meet a course requirement.

**University of Alberta courses:** A minimum grade of **D** is required.

Note:

- 3 units is equivalent to one half-year course
- 6 units is equivalent to one full-year course or two half-year courses

Course Requirement	Acceptable Courses (UAlberta)*
<input type="checkbox"/> 3 units of General Chemistry	CHEM 101 or 103
<input type="checkbox"/> 3 units of Organic Chemistry	CHEM 261 or 264
<input type="checkbox"/> 3 units of Cell Biology	BIOL 107
<input type="checkbox"/> 3 units of Microbiology	MICRB 265 or MMI 133
<input type="checkbox"/> 6 units of English	Must be an ENGL course offered by the Department of English ENGL 150 does <b>NOT</b> meet the requirement
<input type="checkbox"/> 3 units of Statistics	STAT 151 or equivalent
<input type="checkbox"/> 3 units of Introductory Biochemistry	BIOCH 200
<input type="checkbox"/> 6 units of Human Physiology	PHYSL 210 or equivalent See <a href="http://uab.ca/dds">uab.ca/dds</a> for more information

\* The listed UofA courses are intended to assist prospective applicants in planning their coursework. We are not able to provide a comprehensive list of all courses from all institutions.

## PERSONAL EXPERIENCES SECTION

Submission of the Personal Experiences forms is **mandatory**. If an applicant does not submit any forms by the deadline, their application will be closed.

Sections that do not include any items (i.e., left blank) will receive a zero for that section.

For activities with verifiable hours, an email address must be provided for a person who can confirm the details you have provided for each activity. You cannot be your own verifier. When possible, avoid using family members or close friends as verifiers.

Subsection	Maximums	Additional Information
<input type="checkbox"/> Employment	3 entries 350 characters per entry	Include a brief description of the responsibilities, time commitment, and total number of <u>verifiable</u> hours committed
<input type="checkbox"/> Leadership and/or Volunteer Experiences	3 entries 350 characters per entry	Include a brief description of the responsibilities, time commitment, and total number of <u>verifiable</u> hours committed
<input type="checkbox"/> Life Experience & Achievements	One entry 2000 characters	Share achievements or experiences that you feel have defined your life and who you are.
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal Highlights	One entry 1000 characters	Share a life experience where you encountered challenges and describe how you addressed the situation(s).  Share an experience that you have not previously addressed.

## ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Ensure that tests are completed so results are received by the deadlines below.

Request that the testing agencies send your scores directly to the University of Alberta.

### Canadian Dental Aptitude Test (DAT)

Complete the DAT no later than November 15 to ensure that results are received by the deadline. Visit [www.cda-adc.ca](http://www.cda-adc.ca) for additional information, important dates, and requirements.

If taken more than once, the best set of scores will be used. Your DAT must have been written within the last five years.

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#### Action

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Sign in or Register for a CDA account

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Book DAT at a Prometric test centre

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Complete written DAT test

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Confirm that you received a **minimum score of 15** in the following sections:

Survey of Natural Sciences (SNS)

Perceptual Ability Test (PAT)

Reading Comprehension Test (RCT)

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### Situational Judgment Test (Casper)

Visit [AcuityInsights.app](https://AcuityInsights.app) for additional information, important dates, and requirements.

Note: Scores can only be used for the current application period.

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Sign in or Create an Altus Suite Account

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Reserve your test for CSP-10201 – Canadian Professional Health Sciences

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Complete Casper test

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## SUBMISSION DEADLINES FOR DOCUMENTS

Transcripts are required for all previously and currently attended post-secondary institutions.

**Official Transcripts** must be sent directly from the issuing institution.

Applicants are responsible for uploading documents to their UAlberta Launchpad.

	<b>Document</b>	<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Submission Location</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Submit Personal Experiences form	November 1	Upload to UAlberta Launchpad
<input type="checkbox"/>	Copy of unofficial transcript(s) including upcoming Fall/Winter course registration	November 15	Upload to UAlberta Launchpad
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Official</b> Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) Transcripts, <u>if applicable</u>	January 2	Office of the Registrar
<input type="checkbox"/>	Casper results	January 2	Sent on your behalf
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dental Aptitude Test results	January 15	Sent on your behalf
<input type="checkbox"/>	Copy of unofficial transcript(s) including Fall grades and Winter registration	February 1	Upload to UAlberta Launchpad
<input type="checkbox"/>	Detailed course descriptions for post-secondary work completed outside of Canada, <u>if applicable</u>	February 1	Upload to UAlberta Launchpad
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Official</b> Transcript(s) including current Fall/Winter grades	June 15	Office of the Registrar
<input type="checkbox"/>	English Language Proficiency and Spoken English Requirement results, <u>if applicable</u>	June 15	Office of the Registrar

## IMPORTANT CONTACTS

### Student Services Centre

For assistance with transcripts, course registration, financial support, and more.

Website: [uab.ca/ask](http://uab.ca/ask)

### Dentistry Admissions

For questions and inquiries. Do not submit documents directly to admissions.

Email: [admissions@dentistry.ualberta.ca](mailto:admissions@dentistry.ualberta.ca)

Phone: 780-492-1319

### Indigenous Health Initiative

For assistance during the admissions process for Indigenous applicants.

Website: [ualberta.ca/medicine/programs/ih](http://ualberta.ca/medicine/programs/ih)

Email: [ih@ualberta.ca](mailto:ih@ualberta.ca)

### Office of the Registrar and Student Awards

To submit transcripts and application documents that cannot be uploaded to UAlberta Launchpad.

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Edmonton, Alberta T6G 2M7

Email: [transcripts@ualberta.ca](mailto:transcripts@ualberta.ca)