Dental Early Acceptance Program  
(DEAP)

Eligibility Requirements

The UT Health San Antonio School of Dentistry Dental Early Acceptance Program (3+4), with cooperating undergraduate schools, allows students to apply credits earned at the School of Dentistry to undergraduate requirements. A student may earn both a Bachelor degree and a Doctor of Dental Surgery degree. This program is intended for students who have graduated high school exemplifying academic excellence and interest in dentistry as a career. The program focuses primarily on students who would have difficulty financing a fourth year of college at the undergraduate level as well as four years of professional education. Those who successfully complete the program can reduce their education debt by eliminating one year of undergraduate college tuition and living expenses. Students can apply after they have completed 12 hours of college, but no more than 30 hours. Applicants will be considered based on academic achievement, standardized test scores, community activities, socioeconomic history, awards, honors, knowledge of the profession, and a letter of recommendation from the pre-health advisor.

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- Completed pre-dental requirements and the undergraduate institution's special three-year curriculum.
- Earned a grade of “C” or better in prerequisite courses and obtained a cumulative GPA and Science GPA of 3.4 in undergraduate work.
- Scored at least a 19 on the academic average of the DAT.

As the student completes required courses at the School of Dentistry, credit for designated courses will be applied to undergraduate degree requirements as well. Generally, the undergraduate institution awards the baccalaureate degree when the student has completed the first or second year of dental studies.

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During the three-year undergraduate portion of the 3+4 Program, students will...
- Complete a special three-year curriculum designed by the undergraduate institution.
- Take the Dental Admission Test (DAT) by November 1 of the third year.
- Submit a formal application to the Texas Medical & Dental Schools Application Service (TMDSAS) before October 1 of the third year.
- Request a letter of recommendation from the Pre-Dental Advisor.

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