Dual Degree/Early Acceptance (3+4) Program at The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio Dental School

3 + 4 = 2

3 Years of College (Not 4)
Doctor of Dental Studies

4 Years of Bachelor’s Degree
Dental Studies and Doctor of Dental Surgery Degree

How do you figure that?
UTHSCSA’s dual degree program with cooperating undergraduate schools allows students to apply credits earned during Dental School to college requirements, saving a year’s work while earning both a bachelor’s degree and a dental degree.

Here’s how it all adds up.
The student interested in dentistry applies when he/she has completed between 12 and 30 hours of college work, and is attending a college or university affiliated with the UTHSCSA Dental Schools’ Dual Degree/Early Acceptance (3+4) Program. The faculty of the Dental School interviews the student to ensure that the student's motivation for dental studies and his/her character and personality traits indicate potential for success in dentistry. An acceptable interview makes the student eligible for participation in the program and for admission to the Dental School upon the successful completion of undergraduate requirements.

During the three-year undergraduate portion of the 3+4 Program, students will...
• Complete a special three-year curriculum designed by the undergraduate institution.
• Attend an orientation at the Dental School.
• Take the Dental Admissions Test (DAT).
• Submit a formal application to the Texas Medical and Dental Schools Application Service (TMDSAS) before October 1st of the third year.

The student is ready to enroll in Dental School when he/she has...
• Completed pre-dental requirements and the undergraduate institution’s special three-year curriculum;
• Earned a grade of “C” or better in prerequisite courses and maintained a cumulative GPA and Science GPA of 3.4 in undergraduate work;
• Scored at least an 19 on the Academic Average of the DAT;
• Established a record of ethical behavior during college years and received a positive recommendation from the pre-dental advisory committee of the undergraduate school.

As the student completes required courses in Dental School, credit for designated courses will be applied to undergraduate degree requirements as well. Generally, the bachelor’s degree is awarded by the undergraduate institution when the student has completed the first or second year of dental studies.

The Doctor of Dental Surgery degree is awarded upon successful completion of the four-year dental curriculum.

For additional information about this program, contact the Dental School at the address below or the University Health professions Office by calling (210) 458-5185 or email at hpoffice@utsa.edu.

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Applicants must be US citizens or resident aliens, and Texas residents. Individuals who have been convicted of a felony will not be granted acceptance except in unusual circumstances.
Minimum Required Coursework to be Completed at UTSA

Completion of Core Curriculum

- First Year Experience (3 semester credit hours)
- Communication (6 semester credit hours)
- Mathematics* (3 semester credit hours)
- Life & Physical Sciences* (6 semester credit hours)
- Language, Philosophy, & Culture (3 semester credit hours)
- Creative Arts (3 semester credit hours)
- American History (6 semester credit hours)
- Government/Political Science (6 semester credit hours)
- Social & Behavioral Science (3 semester credit hours)
- Component Area Option (3 semester credit hours)

33 Semester Credit Hours of Major Course Work

- BIO 1404 Biosciences I
- BIO 1414 Biosciences II
- BIO 2313, 2322 Genetics and Laboratory
- BIO 3413, 3422 Advanced Physiology and Laboratory
- BIO 3513, 3522 Biochemistry and Laboratory
- BIO 3813, 3822 Cellular Biology and Laboratory

And only one of the following lecture and respective laboratory sets:

- BIO 3283, 3292 Principles of Ecology Lecture and Laboratory (not recommended)
- BIO 3433, 3442 Neurobiology and Laboratory
- BIO 3713, 3722 Microbiology and Laboratory (recommended)
- BIO 4143, 4152 Developmental Biology and Laboratory

35 Semester Credit Hours of Support Work

16 semester credit hours are required in chemistry:

- CHE 1103, 1121 General Chemistry I and Laboratory
- CHE 1113, 1131 General Chemistry II and Laboratory
- CHE 2603, 2612 Organic Chemistry I and Laboratory
- CHE 3643 or CHE 3673 Organic Chemistry II

6 semester credit hours are required in mathematics and statistics:

- MAT 1193 Calculus for the Biosciences
- STA 1403 Probability and Statistics for the Biosciences

8 semester credit hours are required in physics:

- PHY 1603, 1611 Algebra-based Physics I and Laboratory
- PHY 1623, 1631 Algebra-based Physics II and Laboratory

or

- PHY 1943, 1951 Physics for Scientists I and Laboratory
- PHY 1963, 1971 Physics for Scientists II and Laboratory

3 semester credit hours are required in computer-based data visualization and analysis:

- CS 1173 Data Analysis and Visualization Using MATLAB

*Will be fulfilled through major/support work
Coursework subject to change

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