

Dentistry, D.M.D.

KORNBERG SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY

Learn more about the Doctor of Dental Medicine.

About the Program

The Maurice H. Kornberg School of Dentistry at Temple University offers a four-year pre-doctoral program leading to the Doctor of Dental Medicine (D.M.D.) degree.

Time Limit for Degree Completion: 4 years

Campus Location: Health Sciences Center

Full-Time/Part-Time Status: Full-time study is required.

Job Prospects: Graduates of the program are employed in a variety of diverse general dentistry settings.

Licensure/Certification: In order to become a practicing dentist, students must first obtain licensure. This process includes completing an educational program that is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA). Students also need to complete Parts I and II of the National Board Dental Examination (NBDE) administered by the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations. For most U.S. jurisdictions, the last component is that students complete a clinical licensure examination.

Each State Board of Dentistry sets its own requirements for the clinical examination, with regional testing agencies administering the examination process. At present, all but the following jurisdictions accept successful completion of the American Board of Dental Examiners (ADEX) dental examinations as administered by The Commission on Dental Competency Assessments (CDCA): Delaware and New York. Delaware has its own licensing exam, and New York requires students to complete a one-year clinical residency program.

Temple University Kornberg School of Dentistry is CODA-accredited and prepares students for the written and clinical examinations. Kornberg students must complete Parts I and II of the NBDE before graduation. Successful completion of a clinical examination is not required for graduation, although Kornberg does host the ADEX examination in its school facilities.

Non-Matriculated Student Policy: Coursework may not be taken on a non-matriculated basis.

Admission Requirements and Deadlines

Application Deadline:

Fall: January 15

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Applicants for the Dentistry D.M.D. must utilize the Associated American Dental Schools Application Service (AADSAS), which is a centralized application service for all U.S. dental schools sponsored by the American Dental Education Association (ADEA). The ADEA AADSAS application must be completed via the ADEA's website at <https://www.adea.org/aadsas/>.

Additional information regarding the application process is found at <https://dentistry.temple.edu/academics-and-admissions/how-apply>. In brief, applicants must have:

- Completed a minimum of 90 semester hours at an accredited college or university.
- Completed at least one year of college and all dental prerequisite courses in the United States or Canada if the student was educated at an institution outside the United States or Canada.
- Completed a minimum of eight semester hours in each of the following subjects, all with laboratory experience: biology, general chemistry, organic chemistry, and physics. It is also highly recommended that the student gained exposure to advanced science courses, particularly anatomy, biochemistry, histology, and physiology.
- Completed six semester hours in English.
- Met the technical standards established for behavioral, cognitive, communication, motor, and sensory/observation skills.

Letters of Reference:

Number Required: 2

From Whom: Letters of recommendation should be obtained from science professors or pre-health committee members.

Degree Required for Admission Consideration: Applicants should have completed a minimum of 90 semester hours from an accredited college or university. Students who have completed a baccalaureate degree are given preference in the admissions process.

Standardized Test Scores:

DAT: Required. Applications will not be reviewed without reported DAT scores. DAT scores more than two years old at the time of application will not be accepted. Proficiency in English must be demonstrated as determined through the interview, essays, and Reading Comprehension score on the DAT.

Transcripts: Complete official transcripts for all undergraduate coursework must be submitted.

Interview: Applicants are invited to visit the Kornberg School of Dentistry for a formal interview. The visit involves meeting with current students in the program, touring the facility, reviewing financial aid and housing procedures, and an interview. The applicant is given an opportunity to learn more about Temple and to review the submitted application. The interview affords the Admissions Committee an opportunity to learn more about the applicant and to gauge motivation, approach to problems, and communication skills.

Acceptance: Decisions are made starting December 1. Admission is rolling after that date. Upon acceptance, a non-refundable deposit is required to hold a seat in the class.

Program Requirements

General Program Requirements:

Number of Credits Required: 219

Required Courses:

Year 1		
Fall		Credit Hours
DENT D100	Biochemistry	4
DENT D101	General and Oral Histology	6
DENT D120	The Practice and Profession of Dentistry	2
DENT D150	Dental Materials I	1
DENT D162	Restorative Dentistry I – Lecture	2
DENT D163	Restorative Dentistry I – Lab	2
Term Credit Hours		17
Spring		
DENT D139	DPH I: Cariology, EBD and Principles of Prevention	1
DENT D202	Gross Anatomy	6
DENT D203	Neuroanatomy	2
DENT D262	Restorative Dentistry II Lecture	4
DENT D263	Restorative Dentistry II Lab	4
Term Credit Hours		17
Summer		
DENT D108	Science in Dental Practice I	1
DENT D200	Inflammation, Infection and Wound Healing	3
DENT D204	The Nervous System and Pain	3
DENT D210	Postnatal Craniofacial Growth and Cephalometrics	2
DENT D211	Behavioral Science I	1
Term Credit Hours		10
Year 2		
Fall		
DENT D300	Human Systems and Disease I	5
DENT D301	Human Systems and Disease II	5
DENT D339	Oral Surgery I	1
DENT D360	Restorative Dentistry III Lecture	4
DENT D361	Restorative Dentistry III Lab	4
DENT D373	Principles of Periodontology I	2
Term Credit Hours		21
Spring		

DENT D402	DPH II - Health Promotion in Populations	1
DENT D408	Oral Pathology I	3
DENT D420	Intro Clinical Dentistry	2
DENT D442	Pre-Clinical Radiography	2
DENT D456	Restorative Dentistry IV Lecture	3
DENT D457	Restorative Dentistry IV Lab	3
DENT D465	Oral Radiology	1
DENT D466	Pediatric Dentistry Lecture and Laboratory	3
DENT D473	Principles of Periodontology II	2
DENT D478	Local Anesthesia and Pain Control	1
Term Credit Hours		21
Summer		
DENT D401	Dental Ethics and Jurisprudence	1
DENT D403	Advanced Restorative Dentistry Lecture and Lab	3
DENT D421	Treatment Planning	1
DENT D422	Medical Emergencies	1
DENT D452	Endodontology Lecture	2
DENT D453	Endodontology Laboratory	1
DENT D589	Jr. Summer Clinic I	9
DENT D599	Jr. Summer Clinic II	6
Term Credit Hours		24
Year 3		
Fall		
DENT D506	Oral Pathology II	3
DENT D510	Basic Interdisciplinary Implant	2
DENT D552	Endodontology	1
DENT D553	Restorative Dentistry V	2
DENT D567	Oral Radiology	1
DENT D568	Oral Surgery	1
DENT D573	Periodontal Therapy and Treatment Planning	1
DENT D591	Jr. Practice of Dentistry	7
Term Credit Hours		18
Spring		
DENT D505	Medicine	1
DENT D608	Radiology	1
DENT D610	Adv Interdis Implant	1
DENT D637	Practice Management I	1
DENT D662	Restorative Dentistry VI	1
DENT D666	Pediatric Dentistry	1
DENT D668	Oral Surgery	1
DENT D671	Ortho Consideration in General Dental Practice	1
DENT D674	Admissions Clinic I	1
DENT D675	Emergency/Oral Surg. Cl.	2
DENT D676	Radiology Clinic I	1
DENT D691	Orthodontics-Clinic	1
DENT D692	Endodontology-Clinic	2
DENT D693	Periodontology Clinic	2
DENT D696	Pediatric Dent-Clinic	2
DENT D697	Restor Dent Clinic Jr	6
Term Credit Hours		25
Summer		
DENT D600	Senior Summer Clinic	12

DENT D611	Practice Management II	1
DENT D644	Dentistry for Patients with Special Needs	1
DENT D660	Behavioral Science II	1
DENT D700	Summer Clinic II	6
Term Credit Hours		21
Year 4		
Fall		
DENT D790	Sr. Pract of Dentistry	12
Term Credit Hours		12
Spring		
DENT D801	Science in Dental Practice II	2
DENT D808	Comprehensive Care	1
DENT D809	Practice Management III	1
DENT D810	DPH III: Community Health Engagement	2
DENT D874	Admissions Clinic II	1
DENT D875	Emergency/Oral Surg. Cl.	3
DENT D876	Radiology Clinic II	2
DENT D892	Endodontology-Clinic	3
DENT D893	Periodontology-Clinic	3
DENT D896	Pediatric Dent-Clinic	3
DENT D897	Restor Dent Clinic Sr	12
Term Credit Hours		33
Total Credit Hours:		219

Contacts

Program Web Address:

<https://www.temple.edu/academics/degree-programs/dentistry-dmd-dn-dent-dmd>

Submission Address for Application Materials:

<https://www.adea.org/aadsas/>

Associated American Dental Schools Application Service (AADSAS) Contacts:

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