

Applying to Medical, Dental or Veterinary School



Entry Year 2015 Application
Texas Tech University

Applying to Professional School...

Is a long journey that means committing yourself to an intense course of study as well as an arduous application process. How to be prepared:

- Utilize your Health Professions Advisor
- Complete prerequisite coursework
- Volunteer/Shadowing experience
- Prepare for the MCAT/DAT/GRE
- Applications – primary and secondary

Completing the TMDSAS Application

- Be Prepared

- Educate yourself with the process
- Obtain copies of your transcripts to help in filling out the application
- Have dates and hours of all employment, community service, research, leadership, and healthcare activities

- Start Early

- Be Thorough

- Don't rush through the application. Quality matters.

- Use Resources on Website

- FAQ's
- Online [Application Instructions] and [Section Overview]

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- **Personal Competencies**

Factual knowledge/academic competencies are only part of what makes a skilled physician/dentist. Personal characteristics, experiences and attributes are equally important.

- Integrity and Ethics
- Reliability and Dependability
- Service Orientation
- Social and Interpersonal Skills
- Teamwork
- Capacity for Improvement
- Resilience and Adaptability



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The TMDSAS Application

- Application is available beginning May 1, 2014 at 8:00 am.
- Deadline to apply is 5:00 pm on October 1, 2014.
- Your application will not be processed until the following have been received:
 - Submitted online application
 - Application fee
 - Visa/PR card documentation – if applicable
 - **Spring 2014 grades**
- The TMDSAS website is your most valuable resource for any and all application information –
www.utsystem.edu/tmdsas



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Changes to the EY 2015 Application

Application Fee: Application fee is now a flat fee of \$140.00.

Biology-Chemistry-Physics-Math (BCPM) GPA: Beginning with the entry year 2015 application, TMDSAS will calculate a Biology-Chemistry-Physics-Math (BCPM) GPA in place of a science GPA.

BCPM GPA will be comprised of biology, chemistry, physics and math courses.

Supporting Documents



1. Transcripts

- Should be accompanied by Transcript Request Form
- Must submit one transcript from every school attended

2. Letters of Evaluation ***new delivery method ***

- HP Committee Packet
- Individual letters
- Extra letter
- Notify TMDSAS of any changes to your evaluators

3. MCAT/DAT/GRE Official Scores

- Must release your scores to TMDSAS
- Update your application of any changes to test dates

4. Visa/PR Documentation – if applicable

- Must be received before application will be processed

Application Cycle

Applicant



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Schools

Complete and submit online application

Mail in application fee to TMDSAS

Send transcripts, letters of evaluation and test scores to TMDSAS

Processes application

Collects supporting documents

Transmits application and supporting docs to schools

**This can take
2-4 weeks**

Collects any required Secondary application

Reviews applications

Conducts interviews

Makes admission decisions



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After you Submit your TMDSAS Application

While you wait to hear from the schools, here are some things you may want to do to prepare.

- **Complete Secondary Applications**

These should be submitted at the same time as your TMDSAS application

- **Monitor the status of your application online**

It is your responsibility to ensure that all supplemental materials have been received

- **Update your application**

Contact Info, Planned Coursework, Test Dates, Evaluators

- **Be professional**

When interacting with admission office personnel, always be polite and use good manners.

- **Follow-up with the schools**

Be your own advocate



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Secondary Applications

Secondary applications should be completed at the same time that you submit your TMD SAS application.

Completion of a secondary application is **required** by the following schools:

1. UT Southwestern Medical Center
2. Texas A&M HSC College of Medicine
3. Texas Tech University HSC School of Medicine
4. UNT HSC –Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine
5. TTUHSC Paul L. Foster SOM at El Paso
6. Baylor College of Dentistry
7. Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine

The Interview

- Interviews are held between August and December
- Look the Part - dress professionally
- Interview questions center around these qualities:
 - Interpersonal Skills and Effective Communication
 - Social Consciousness
 - Maturity, Stability, Tolerance (Professionalism)
 - Motivation
 - Attitude about Education and Learning
- Be Yourself and Ask questions

You are interviewing the school as well



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Medical School Acceptances

September 15: EDP admission actions announced

October 15: Non-Texas resident & special programs acceptances begin

November 15 – December 31: Pre-match offer period for Texas residents

January 21: Deadline to submit match preference rank list

February 2: Match results announced and rolling admissions begin



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Dental School Acceptances

- Begin extending offers on **December 1**
- Applicants can receive multiple offers
- Applicants who receive offers of acceptance from more than one dental school should choose the one school that they prefer and withdraw from the other school(s) in accordance with the terms of the acceptance (generally this should be within a two week period)



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List All Colleges Attended

List **ALL** undergraduate, graduate, and professional schools you have attended.

You must also enter information about ALL schools you plan on attending between now and the completion of Summer 2015.

This includes:

- College-level courses taken while in high school (i.e. dual credit courses), even if they did not count toward a degree at any college.
- Colleges at which you took a course, even if transfer credit was later accepted by another school.

Failure to list all colleges and universities may delay processing of your application and may be considered a violation of your application certification statement.

List Future/Planned Coursework

Be sure to list your future terms in the [Terms Attended] section and list the planned coursework in the [College Coursework] section.

If you are unsure what courses you will be taking, add a placeholder course so that you can enter the courses you have registered to take at a later date.

Add a Course

Academic Status:	SR-Senior ▼
Course Type:	RC-Regular Class ▼
Prefix:	BIO
Course Number:	xxx
Course Name:	Course to be determined
Course Area:	OthSci-Other Science ▼
Transcript Grade:	Not yet reported ▼
Credit Hours(##.##):	3.0
Was Last Time Taken:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
<input type="button" value="Add Course Information"/> <input type="button" value="Cancel"/>	

Helpful Reminders

- Do not submit any supplemental materials to TMDSAS until you have completed the [Colleges Attended] and [Letters of Evaluation] sections.
- Do not save an incomplete section – you will not remember to go back to it.
- Notify TMDSAS if MCAT/DAT test date plans change.
- Send updated transcripts (summer/fall 2014 and spring 2015).
- You cannot release your MCAT score to TMDSAS until you have received the score (30 days after testing).
- Make sure to enter your AAMC ID or DENTPIN properly so that MCAT and DAT scores can be matched.

Keep yourself informed by visiting the TMDSAS website.

Stay up to date with Important Announcements posted on the website.



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