

Doctor of Medicine in Dentistry: Guaranteed Professional Admissions (GPA) Pathway Checklist & Timeline

Pathway 1: Direct Freshman Entry – BS/DMD

- For incoming high school seniors applying to LMU who would like to complete their Bachelor of Science (Biology, Chemistry, or Pre-Health Profession Track) and DMD degree in eight years via the BS/DMD degree path.
 - For high school seniors, either the ACT or SAT determines eligibility to take biology and chemistry courses. Minimum Score on the Required Entrance Test(s): ACT of 25+ or SAT of 1250
 - Students applying to the Doctor of Medicine in Dentistry (DMD) program must possess a cumulative high school GPA of 3.7 on a 4.0 scale.
 - Complete the LMU-CDM Application for Admissions
 - Initial Admissions Interview with LMU-CDM Admissions Committee (During Senior Year)
 - 1000-word essay – How have you arrived at this career goal?
 - Two letters of reference attesting to community service and leadership ability addressing character and other skills (from non-relatives)

Pathway 2: Undergraduate BS/DMD

- For: 1) DAT – Dental Admissions Test (can be no more than three years old): Student must score a 410 or better. 2) 60 observation/shadowing hours in a general dentist's office 3) Transfer students from other institutions entering Exercise & Rehabilitation Science major 3.) During the summer before the last year of college, the student will apply to LMU-CDM through the ADEA Associated American Dental Schools Application Service (ADEA AADSAS) for admission to the DMD program with three letters of recommendation. 4) Applicants must pass the LMU-CDM criminal background check upon Admission. 5.) Applicants must be drug-free, as evidenced through required drug testing (completed upon admission).

Pathway 3: GPA BS/DMD

- For students who complete a major other than BS/DPT and have completed all prerequisite course work.
 - Minimum 3.3 Science GPA
 - Minimum 3.2 non-Science GPA
 - C+ or higher in all required courses
 - 3 Letters of Recommendation from a Professor or Dental Professional
 - DAT no more than 1 year old with a minimum of a 410 or better
 - 60 observations/ shadowing hours in a General Dentist office

Pathway 4: Post-Baccalaureate Student Entry

- For students who complete a major other than BS/DMD and have completed all prerequisite course work

General Academic Requirements:

- Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.2
- Minimum grade of “C” AND minimum GPA of 3.3 in the following science courses:
 - General Biology I and II w/ Lab
 - General Chemistry I and II w/ Lab
 - Organic Chemistry I and II w/ Lab
 - Physics I and II w/ Lab
 - Introduction to English, Comp I and II
- Recommended Undergraduate Courses:
 - Anatomy and Physiology w/ Lab four semester hours
 - Bio Chemistry four semester hours
 - Cellular and Molecular Biology four semester hours
 - Histology four semester hours

Fall - Year 1

Requirement/Action Item	Completed	Ongoing Courses
Meet with DMD GPA contact	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> General Biology I and II w/ Lab
Maintain minimum cumulative GPA of 3.2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> General Chemistry I and II w/ Lab
Maintain minimum grade of “C” and/or GPA of 3.3 in required science courses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Organic Chemistry I and II w/ Lab
Begin observation/shadowing hours (60 required) in a general dentist’s office.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Physics I and II w/ Lab
		<input type="checkbox"/> Comp I and II
		<input type="checkbox"/> Inorganic Chem I and II
Start Studying for DAT		
Join LMU Pre-Dental Club		

Spring - Year 1

Requirement/Action Item	Completed	Notes
Maintain minimum cumulative GPA of 3.2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> General Biology I and II w/ Lab
Maintain minimum grade of “C” and/or GPA of 3.3 in required science courses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> General Chemistry I and II w/ Lab
Continue observation/shadowing hours (60 required) in a general dentist’s office.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Organic Chemistry I and II w/ Lab
		<input type="checkbox"/> Physics I and II w/ Lab
		<input type="checkbox"/> Comp I and II
		<input type="checkbox"/> Inorganic Chem I and II

Continue studying for DAT		
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Fall - Year 2

Requirement/Action Item	Completed	Notes
Maintain minimum cumulative GPA of 3.2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> General Biology I and II w/ Lab
Maintain minimum grade of "C" and/or GPA of 3.3 in required science courses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> General Chemistry I and II w/ Lab
Continue observation/shadowing hours (60 required) in a general dentist's office.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Organic Chemistry I and II w/ Lab <input type="checkbox"/> Physics I and II w/ Lab <input type="checkbox"/> Comp I and II <input type="checkbox"/> Inorganic Chem I and II

Spring - Year 2

Requirement/Action Item	Completed	Notes
Maintain minimum cumulative GPA of 3.2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> General Biology I and II w/ Lab
Maintain minimum grade of "C" and/or GPA of 3.3 in required science courses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> General Chemistry I and II w/ Lab
Continue observation/shadowing hours (60 required) in a general dentist's office.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Organic Chemistry I and II w/ Lab
Continue to study for DAT		<input type="checkbox"/> Physics I and II w/ Lab <input type="checkbox"/> Comp I and II <input type="checkbox"/> Inorganic Chem I and II <input type="checkbox"/> Anatomy and Physiology w/ Lab* <input type="checkbox"/> Biochemistry w/ Lab <input type="checkbox"/> Cellular and Molecular w/ Lab* <input type="checkbox"/> Histology w/ Lab*

Fall - Year 3

Requirement/Action Item	Completed	Notes
Maintain minimum cumulative GPA of 3.2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> General Biology I and II w/ Lab
Maintain minimum grade of "C" and/or GPA of 3.3 in	<input type="checkbox"/>	

required science courses		<input type="checkbox"/> General Chemistry I and II w/ Lab
Continue observation/shadowing hours (60 required) in a general dentist's office.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Organic Chemistry I and II w/ Lab
Continue to study for DAT. Schedule to take DAT starting in January	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Physics I and II w/ Lab
Have your personal statement completed		<input type="checkbox"/> Comp I and II
Reschedule second DAT if first score does not meet minimum		<input type="checkbox"/> Inorganic Chem I and II
		<input type="checkbox"/> Anatomy and Physiology w/ Lab*
		<input type="checkbox"/> Biochemistry w/ Lab
		<input type="checkbox"/> Cellular and Molecular w/ Lab*
		<input type="checkbox"/> Histology w/ Lab*

Spring - Year 3

Requirement/Action Item	Completed	Notes
Maintain minimum cumulative GPA of 3.2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> General Biology I and II w/ Lab
Maintain minimum grade of "C" and/or GPA of 3.3 in required science courses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> General Chemistry I and II w/ Lab
Prepare to submit application for DAT (link posted on AADSAS opens up last two weeks of May)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Organic Chemistry I and II w/ Lab
Reschedule second DAT if first score does not meet minimum; continue to study for DAT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Physics I and II w/ Lab
		<input type="checkbox"/> Comp I and II
		<input type="checkbox"/> Inorganic Chem I and II
		<input type="checkbox"/> Anatomy and Physiology w/ Lab*
		<input type="checkbox"/> Biochemistry w/ Lab
		<input type="checkbox"/> Cellular and Molecular w/ Lab*
		<input type="checkbox"/> Histology w/ Lab*
Secure 3 letters of recommendation		

Fall - Year 4

Requirement/Action Item	Completed	Notes
Pathway 1: Maintain minimum cumulative GPA of 3.2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> General Biology I and II w/ Lab
Pathway 1: Maintain minimum grade of "C" and/or GPA of 3.3 in required science courses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> General Chemistry I and II w/ Lab
Pathway 2: Meet with undergraduate professional	<input type="checkbox"/>	

advisor to discuss intent-to-graduate form		<input type="checkbox"/>	Organic Chemistry I and II w/ Lab
Pathway 2: Maintain minimum cumulative GPA of 3.2		<input type="checkbox"/>	Physics I and II w/ Lab
Pathway 2: Maintain minimum grade of “C” and/or GPA of 3.3 in required science courses		<input type="checkbox"/>	Comp I and II
Pathway 3: Maintain minimum cumulative GPA of 3.2		<input type="checkbox"/>	Inorganic Chem I and II
			Anatomy and Physiology w/ Lab*
			Biochemistry w/ Lab
			Cellular and Molecular w/ Lab*
			Histology w/ Lab*
Pathway 3 : Maintain minimum cumulative GPA of 3.2			
Pathway 4 (Post-bacc): Maintain minimum cumulative GPA of 3.2			
Pathway 4 (Post-bacc): Maintain minimum grade of “C” and/or GPA of 3.3 in required science courses			
All pathways must have completed ADDSAS submitted beginning of June.			
Scheduling and Accepting In-Person interviews			

Spring - Year 4

Requirement/Action Item	Completed	Notes
Pathways 1 - 4: Maintain minimum cumulative GPA of 3.2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> General Biology I and II w/ Lab
Pathways 1 -4: Maintain minimum grade of “C” and/or GPA of 3.3 in required science courses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> General Chemistry I and II w/ Lab
Ensure Intent-to-Graduate form is complete	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Organic Chemistry I and II w/ Lab
		<input type="checkbox"/> Physics I and II w/ Lab
		<input type="checkbox"/> Comp I and II
		<input type="checkbox"/> Inorganic Chem I and II
		<input type="checkbox"/> Anatomy and Physiology w/ Lab*
		<input type="checkbox"/> Biochemistry w/ Lab
		<input type="checkbox"/> Cellular and Molecular w/ Lab*
		<input type="checkbox"/> Histology w/ Lab*