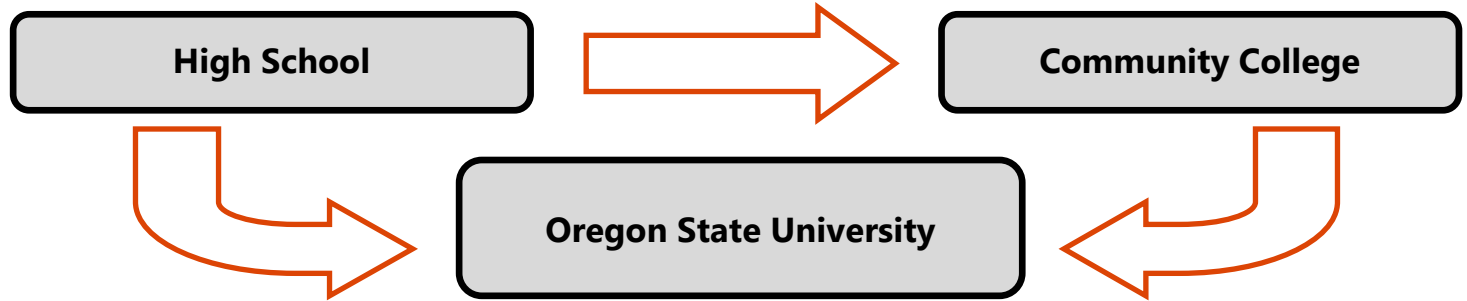


Oregon State University | Pre-Dental Education Pathway



Earn a bachelor's degree in any major while:

- Taking required pre-dental coursework
- Taking BHS 107: Pre-dental Orientation (W, 1 CR)
- Gaining shadowing experience (minimum 50 hours)
- Attending Pre-dental Club Meetings, (join listserv)
- Participating in extracurricular activities
- Volunteering in the community
- Meeting with a pre-dental advisor
- Making connections with faculty (letters of evaluation)

Prepare for:

- DAT Exam (preferably soon after pre-requisite coursework is finished)
- Application cycle after junior year (at the earliest), or after graduation.

This timeline should be followed the year leading up to your application to dental school. The earliest you can apply is after junior year, for matriculation after your senior year. Discuss your preparedness to apply with your pre-dental advisor.

November

- Attend fall workshop: "How to be a Competitive Applicant". Meeting date/time will be announced on the pre-dental listserv.

January-June

- Request letters of recommendation from faculty, dentists, volunteer coordinators, etc. (at least two science faculty and one dentist), maximum 4 letters (**Letters are due into the OSU Pre-Dental Portal by June 25**).
- Take the DAT (score at least 15 to apply)
- Attend the winter application seminar
- Schedule a meeting with a pre-dental advisor, who will help you review readiness to apply.
- Evaluate readiness and then decide whether to proceed with application. If delaying, letters will be kept until you are ready to apply.
- Schedule an appointment with your advisor to officially open your Pre-Dental File by **June 1**.
- Questions? E-mail pre-dental.program@oregonstate.edu

June - July

- Submit AADSAS Application & request transcripts to be sent with final Spring Grades

July-August

- Pre-dental advisor uploads letters of evaluation to AADSAS

July-September

- Student may receive secondary applications from schools
- Prepare for interviews

October-April

- Student Interviews at interested schools
- Be sure to meet financial aid deadlines

April 30

- Student will know if they were accepted, rejected, or waitlisted
- Pre-dental advisors can meet with students who were not accepted to discuss reapplication strategy.

Note: Students must usually wait a year to reapply. If you have not greatly improved your application, you are *very unlikely to be accepted*. Talk to your advisor about your preparedness for reapplication.

For more information, visit ADEA AADSAS [Preparing for Dental School](#)