



WESTERN UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES DOCTOR OF DENTAL MEDICINE PROGRAM

APPLICATION PROCESS AND CHECKLIST

This checklist is provided to assist you in submitting all the required materials. Qualified candidates will be invited for interview on a rolling basis throughout the admissions cycle. Decisions will also be made on a rolling basis beginning December 1, 2025. While the final deadline is December 1, 2025, applicants are encouraged to apply early in the process.

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___ A) **ADEA AADSAS APPLICATION**

Must be electronically submitted on or before 11:59PM (EST) December 1, 2025.

___ B) **SECONDARY APPLICATION FORM WITH ALL QUESTIONS ANSWERED**

Must be electronically submitted on or before 11:59PM (EST) December 1, 2025.

___ C) **SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION FEE**

A non-refundable application fee of \$60.00 must be paid via credit card at the time you submit your online application.

___ D) **LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION (should be submitted through AADSAS)**

The letters of recommendation requirement may be fulfilled one of two ways:

- Obtain one (1) letter of recommendation from your undergraduate institution's pre-professional committee; or
- Obtain three (3) letters of recommendation
 - Two (2) letters from Science professors (Review Acceptable Sources List)
 - One (1) letter from a dentist or another professor (dentist should not be a family member)
- Letters must be typed on official letterhead or have two forms of contact and signed by the recommender.

___ E) **DENTAL EXPERIENCE HOURS**

We require that all applicants have at least 30 hours of dental experience or shadowing.

- **Be sure to list these hours in the "Dentistry/Shadowing Experience" section of your AADSAS application.** If you do not list your hours in this section your application will not be processed.
- Although the minimum is 30 hours, to increase your competitiveness, we recommend 300+ hours.

___ F) **OFFICIAL DENTAL ADMISSIONS TEST (DAT) SCORES**

All applicants are required to take the DAT.

- Make sure you release your scores to Western University of Health Sciences (#15). Official scores will then be reported through ADEA AADASAS.
- DAT must be taken by December 1, 2025.
- Scores must be received before the application will be considered.
- DAT scores are valid for three years (based on the start of the application cycle). For the 2026 entering class, test dates prior to May 11, 2022 are NOT acceptable.
- Canadian DATs are not accepted.

Note: You will need to let us know right away if you are planning to re-take the DAT and want your application placed on hold until your new scores are received. Once your new scores are available, it will be your responsibility to contact us and request your application be taken off hold. **Once an application is sent for review, we cannot place it on hold to wait for new DAT scores.**

___ G) **CASPER**

- All applicants are required to complete Casper as part of their application for the 2025/2026 admission cycle. Casper is an online, open-response situational judgement test that takes 65-85 minutes to complete.
- Visit take.casper.com to create an account, register to complete Casper, and learn more about the assessment.

___ H) **RE-APPLICANTS**

- You will need to submit a new application through AADSAS.
- You will need to submit a new secondary application.
- If you submitted the three required letters of recommendation in your previous application, you do not need to submit any additional letters. If you choose to submit any additional letters, they should provide insight into the activities you have participated in since your last application submission and should be submitted through AADSAS.
- If you did not submit at least three letters of recommendation in your previous application, you need to provide additional letters to meet our three-letter requirement. At least one letter should provide insight into the activities you have participated in since your last application submission. New letters should be submitted through AADSAS.
- If you have re-taken the DAT since your last application, make sure you release your scores to Western University of Health Sciences (#15) so they will be reported through ADEA AADSAS.

The Admissions Office will email you to acknowledge that your application was received. When all required documents are received, your application will be processed. You will then receive an email message from the Admissions Office informing you of the status of your application.

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