### Pre-Dentistry Program at Messiah College

| Description of Profession | • [http://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/dentists.htm](http://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/dentists.htm)  
| | • [www.GoDental.org](http://www.GoDental.org) |

| Course Requirements | 1 year general biology / 1 year general chemistry / 1 year organic chemistry / 1 year general physics  
| | These are the basic academic requirements. Additional requirements vary by school. See [ADEA Official Guide to Dental Schools](http://www.adea.org). |

| Application Timeline | Dental school directly after Messiah College:  
| | • Required courses completed by end of junior year  
| | • Apply during the June between the junior and senior years |

| Standardized Test | Dental College Admission Test (DAT)  
| | • Given numerous times yearly  
| | • Take after DAT prerequisite courses are completed (usually spring of junior year or summer between junior and senior years)  
| | • DAT sections:  
| | o Biology  
| | o Organic Chemistry  
| | o Quantitative Reasoning  
| | o Reading Comprehension  
| | o Perceptual Ability  

| Application Service | American Association of Dental Schools Application Service (AADSAS): [www.adea.org](http://www.adea.org)  
| | • Available ≈ June 1, earliest submission date is in early June  
| | • APPLY EARLY! |

| Admissions Criteria | Overall and Science GPA (check ADEA for #s)  
| | • DAT (check ADEA for #’s)  
| | • Letters of evaluation (committee letter or letter packet)  
| | • Interview  
| | • Extracurricular activities  
| | • Dentistry-related experience  
| | • Research experience |

| Degree | Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) or Doctor of Dental Medicine (DMD)  
| | (The two degrees are equivalent)  
| | • Dental school: 4 years  
| | • Additional time for a specialty |

| Additional Resources | • American Student Dental Association (ASDA) ([www.asdanet.org](http://www.asdanet.org))  
| | • Summer Medical and Dental Education Program (SMDEP; [www.smdep.org](http://www.smdep.org))  
| | • American Dental Association ([www.ada.org](http://www.ada.org)) |