University of Minnesota School of Dentistry
Doctor of Dental Surgery Program

PROGRAM FEATURES

COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAMS
Students complete 9-11 weeks in outreach providing care in Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSA) in urban community health clinics and in rural communities in Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Montana. Through the community outreach program, students enhance their clinical skills as they treat a diversity of patients with a variety of oral care needs and develop a broader understanding of their social responsibilities as oral health professionals.

SUMMER RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS
Ten students from each incoming DDS class are selected to take part in the summer research program where they get involved in dental and craniofacial research, clinical research, or dental public health research under the guidance of a faculty mentor. Summer research fellows receive a $4,000 stipend for their 10-week time commitment.

INTERNATIONAL EXTERNSHIPS
Fourth year dental students have the opportunity to undertake part of their clinical education in one of the countries where the School of Dentistry has exchange programs: Norway, Denmark, the Netherlands, and Germany.

TEAM-BASED EDUCATION
Dental students are educated in a team-based setting learning alongside dental hygiene and dental therapy students. Students in all three programs work in comprehensive care groups to deliver care to patients as a dental team.

DUAL DEGREE PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

DDS/MPH
Unique opportunity to integrate the practice of dentistry and public health to identify and solve community health problems in areas of oral health. Jointly offered by the School of Dentistry and the School of Public Health. The program can be completed in 5 years – student will matriculate into the School of Public Health for the first year, deferring admission to the dental school.

DDS/PhD
Prepares students to meet the challenges of interdisciplinary research and advancing technologies. Students will need 8 years to complete both the DDS and PhD. PhD students major in Oral Biology; other graduate programs may be possible. Students start in the PhD program before beginning the dental program. Students can apply concurrently or apply to the dental program during their first or second year of their PhD education.

DDS CLASS OF 2022 PROFILE

APPLIED: 1,198

DAT Averages:
- Academic Average: 20.80
- Perceptual Ability: 20.35
- Total Science: 20.53

Minnesota Residents: 66%
Nonresidents: 34%

ENROLLED: 110

GPA Averages:
- Cumulative: 3.66
- Science: 3.58
- Bio, Chem, Phys (BCP): 3.57

Matriculant Residency
- Minnesota (73)
- Wisconsin (11)
- California (6)
- Canada (4)
- North Dakota (4)
- Illinois (3)
- Florida (2)
- China (1)
- Michigan (1)
- Missouri (1)
- North Carolina (1)
- South Dakota (1)
- Texas (1)
- Virginia (1)

2018-19 TUITION AND FEES

Resident*
- 1st Year: $45,040
- 2nd Year: $60,368

Non-resident*
- 1st Year: $76,890
- 2nd Year: $102,019

*Projections are good faith estimates for planning purposes. Tuition and fees are subject to change without notice.

$2,232: cost of University’s Student Health Benefit Plan
At least 87 semester credits or 130 quarter credits of liberal arts courses are required from an officially accredited U.S. or Canadian college or university. A minimum of 23 credits must be earned at a four-year college or university. Required courses must be completed with a C or above by the end of the regular academic year (i.e., spring) for entry the following fall and must include:

1. English - 8 semester credits
2. General Biology or Zoology with lab - 8 semester credits
3. Physics with lab - 8 semester credits
4. General Chemistry with lab - 8 semester credits
5. Organic Chemistry with lab - 8 semester credits
6. Biochemistry - 3 semester credits
7. Math - 3 semester credits
8. Applied Human Psychology - 3 semester credits

All science courses, with the exception of biochemistry, must include both lecture and lab instruction. Online labs are not accepted. Courses in biology, chemistry, and physics may be considered outdated if taken more than five years before the time of application.

The Central Regional Dental Testing Service (CRDTS) is one of five examination agencies for dentists in the U.S. The University of Minnesota DDS degree qualifies graduates for other regional examinations for licensure.