# Dentistry Schools – Canada

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## Relevant Websites

- Canadian Association of Orthodontists: [www.cao-aco.org](http://www.cao-aco.org)
- Canadian Dental Association: [www.cda-adc.ca](http://www.cda-adc.ca)
- Ontario Association for Public Health Dentistry: [www.oaphd.on.ca](http://www.oaphd.on.ca)
- Ontario Association of Orthodontists: [www.oao.on.ca](http://www.oao.on.ca)
- Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario: [www.rcdso.org](http://www.rcdso.org)
- Toronto Academy of Dentistry: [www.tordent.com](http://www.tordent.com)
- Commission on Dental Accreditation of Canada: [www.cda-adc.ca/cdacweb/en/](http://www.cda-adc.ca/cdacweb/en/)
FAQ – Dentistry Schools Canada

Below is some general information to help you with your applications for Dentistry school. Remember, if you have specific questions contact the school directly.

**What are the academic requirements of the Dental Schools in Ontario?**

**University of Toronto**
- Completion of 3 years of a full time undergraduate study
- Completion of required courses listed on the school website
- Minimum GPA of 3.0 (8 on the McMaster scale)
  - The accepting average for the 2015 admission cycle was 3.85 (~10.8 on the McMaster scale)
- Completion of DAT within 2 calendar years of the application deadline
  - Mean DAT scores: Academic Average (AA) → 22, Perceptual Ability Test (PAT) → 21
- Proficient in written and spoken English
- The application deadline is December 1st of every year for entry the following September
- [https://www.dentistry.utoronto.ca/admissions/doctor-dental-surgery-dds/academic-requirements](https://www.dentistry.utoronto.ca/admissions/doctor-dental-surgery-dds/academic-requirements)

**Western University**
- Completion of final year or in completion of final year of undergraduate degree program leading to a four-year undergraduate degree
- Completion of required courses listed on the school website with a minimum grade of 74.5% (8 on the McMaster Scale)
- Minimum average of 80% (10 on the McMaster scale) in each year of the two academic years considered
  - The class average based on the 2 best undergraduate years for the class of 2018 was 89% (~11 on the McMaster scale)
- Completion of DAT
  - Mean DAT score: Reading → 22, Academic Average(AA) → 21
- The application deadline is December 1st of every year for entry the following September

**What are the non-academic requirements of Dental Schools in Ontario?**

**University of Toronto**
- Interview

**Western University**
- Interview
- Reference Letter/Personal Statement may be submitted

**How long is will Dental School take to complete?**
- A minimum of 4-5 years depending on whether students pursue a dental specialty
- There are nine nationally recognized dental specialties in Canada:
  - Dental Public Health: [www.caphd.ca](http://www.caphd.ca)
  - Endodontics: [www.caendo.ca](http://www.caendo.ca)
  - Oral Maxillofacial Surgery: [www.caoms.com](http://www.caoms.com)
  - Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology: [http://caomr.org](http://caomr.org)
  - Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics: [www.caop.org](http://www.caop.org)
  - Pediatric Dentistry: [www.capd-acdp.org](http://www.capd-acdp.org)
  - Periodontics: [www.cap-acp.ca](http://www.cap-acp.ca)
  - Prosthodontics: [www.prosthodontics.ca](http://www.prosthodontics.ca)
FAQ – Dental Aptitude Test (DAT)

Is the DAT required to apply to Canadian Dental Schools?

- The DAT, conducted by the Canadian Dental Association (CDA) is required for admission to the 10 (including 2 French-only) Canadian Dental Schools
- Canadian DAT scores are accepted by most US dental schools, but the US DAT conducted by the American Dental Association is not accepted by Canadian Schools

When should I take the DAT?

- The DAT is recommended to be completed 1 year prior to entering dental school
- The test is offered 2 times per year in November and February

How many times can I take the DAT?

- You are allowed to take the DAT an unlimited number of times
- Only the results of your last attempt & total number of attempts will be recorded on your official DAT transcript

What is involved with the DAT?

- The DAT is designed to measure general academic ability, comprehension of scientific information, perceptual ability and manual dexterity
- The test assesses the applicant’s knowledge of biology and general chemistry

How many questions are on the DAT?

- There are a total of 210 questions on the English DAT, plus the Manual Dexterity Test
- The Survey of the Natural Sciences section consists of 40 Biology and 30 General Chemistry multiple choice questions
- The Perceptual Ability Test section consists of 90 multiple choice questions
- The Reading Comprehension Test section (English only) consists of 50 multiple choice questions

Dental Aptitude Test Information (Canadian Dental Association): www.cda-adc.ca/dat