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- UT Health San Antonio School of Dentistry
 - Close relationships between faculty and students
 - Early clinical experience & lots of CLINIC TIME
 - Consistent pass rate on board exams
 - National Board Exam and Licensing Exam
 - Training in Special Needs Dentistry
 - Integrated Campus with other fields in Health Care
- DS1
 - Hands on- Clinic Based Patient Exam Skills
 - They work in a clinic throughout the week with other dental students.
 - Oral Cancer Screening, Patient History, Risk Management
 - Hard Tissue Examination and Patient Counseling
 - Periodontal Examination
 - Radiology
- DS2
 - A typical week would include lecture, simlab, and clinical experience.
 - Diagnosis and Treatment
 - Local Anesthesia
 - Pediatric Dentistry
 - Preparation of Teeth
- DS3 and DS4
 - They spend 7 blocks per week doing clinic.
 - Much less time is spent in lecture.
- Community Service is very important as an applicant and is continued throughout your time in the dental program.
- Special Care Dentistry Curriculum is being created.
 - DS3 and DS4 will rotate through this and take a course on this.
 - 2 Million Dollar Grant for this new building and program.
- UT Health San Antonio Dental School
 - Has opportunities for continued education or specialities.
 - 200 of the 400 dental chairs (in the clinic) are for these specialities.
- Mentorship
 - DS1 has faculty mentor
 - DS1 are paired up with DS2 mentor
- Clubs and Service Opportunities are available for students.
- Admissions : They are looking for...
 - “100 different students”
 - Looking for future healthcare professionals for the state of Texas

GPA and DAT are important but are not the sole determinant.

- Important in determining the interview pool.

They do a HOLISTIC review.

- Motivation to pursue a career in dentistry.
- Academics
 - Biological Sciences are emphasized.
- Oral Communication Skills
- Social Skills
- Shadowing
- Dental Service
- Knowledge of the profession
- **Community Service** (Crucial)
- Leadership
- Letter of Recommendation
- Research Activities
- Employment: not required but is taken into consideration.

Be on the lookout for Pre-Dental Days in February - April.

- These are great ways to meet other students, gather more pre-dental information, get a campus tour, and even try out some hand skills in the lab.