

TEXAS A&M PREDENTAL SOCIETY

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UT Health
San Antonio

School of Dentistry



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Faculty from diverse backgrounds - age groups - career experiences

Close relationships between students and with faculty

Consistently high pass rate on board exams (national board exam, licensing exam)

* Early clinical experiences & lots of clinic time

* Many opportunities to provide care in the community

* Training in special needs dentistry

* Integrated campus - health care students of all types

Early clinical experiences

DS1: hands-on, clinic-based patient exam skills

Oral cancer screening, patient history, medical risk assessment

Hard tissue examination (cavities) & patient counseling

Periodontal (gum health) examination

Radiology



DS2: expanded hands-on experiences

Diagnosis and treatment planning

Pediatric dentistry

Local anesthesia

Nutrition


Local anesthesia & oral surgery

Medical emergencies

Recall exam & prophy (patient treatment)


Typical DS1 week



| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|----|---|---|--|--|--|
| AM | Craniofacial Complex <i>(gross anatomy)</i> | Intro to Restorative Dentistry <i>(w/ SimLab)</i> | Intro to Restorative Dentistry <i>(lectures)</i> | Patient Care Foundations <i>(rotations & clinical experiences)</i> | Craniofacial Complex <i>(gross anatomy)</i> |
| PM | Intro to Restorative Dentistry <i>(w/ SimLab)</i> | Craniofacial Complex <i>(gross anatomy)</i> | Patient Care Foundations <i>(rotations & clinical experiences)</i> | Patient Care Foundations <i>(rotations & clinical experiences)</i> | Unscheduled  |

Typical DS2 week



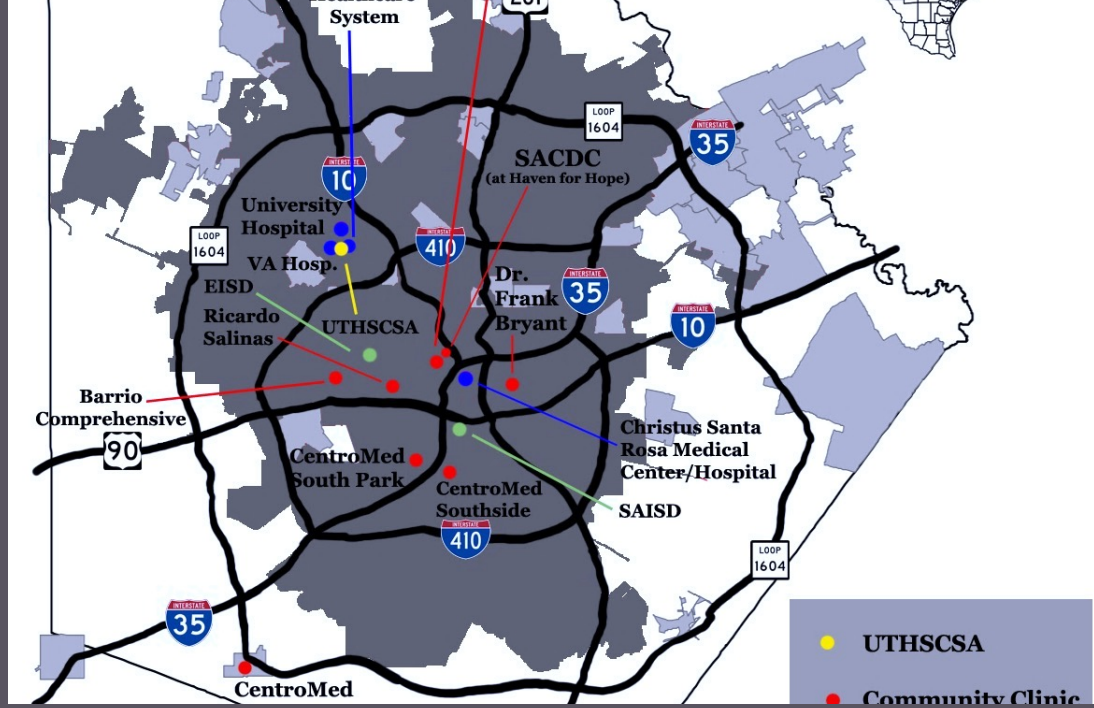
| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|----|--|---|--|--|--|
| AM | Cardiovascular & Pulmonary Systems <i>(lecture)</i> | Cardiovascular & Pulmonary Systems <i>(lecture)</i> | Advanced Restorative Procedures <i>(w/ SimLab)</i> | Patient Care Foundations <i>(rotations & clinical experiences)</i> | Patient Care Foundations <i>(rotations & clinical experiences)</i> |
| PM | Unscheduled  | Advanced Restorative Procedures <i>(w/ SimLab)</i> | Patient Care Foundations <i>(rotations & clinical experiences)</i> | Replacement of Teeth <i>(w/ SimLab)</i> | Cardiovascular & Pulmonary Systems <i>(lecture)</i> |

Typical DS3 week



| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|----|---------------|--|--|------------------|---------------|
| AM | Junior Clinic | Lectures Periodontics, Endodontics, etc. | Lectures Practice Administration, Geriatrics, etc. | Junior Clinic | Junior Clinic |
| PM | Junior Clinic | Junior Clinic | Junior Clinic | Unscheduled ☺ | Junior Clinic |

Caring for our
community while
educating our students



Community-based clinical
experiences all 4 years

4 years of community-based care



DS1

Fluoride varnish at HeadStart centers

DS2

Sealants at local elementary schools

DS3

Haven for Hope clinic for the homeless

DS4

Haven for Hope, South Texas clinics, Seguin/Luling offices, Laredo pediatric clinic, Ricardo Salinas pediatric clinic

Special Care Dentistry Curriculum

All DS3 and DS4 rotate through our special-needs clinic

DS3s take a course on dentistry for patients w/ special needs

UT Health San Antonio School of Dentistry awarded \$2 million federal grant to support special-care dental clinic

Posted on September 20, 2022 at 9:08 pm.

Shared by [Steven Lee](#)



Interact with students across the 6 schools of UT Health San Antonio

Interprofessional education
opportunities with non-dental
students:

School of Health Professions

Long School of Medicine

School of Nursing

School of Public Health

Graduate School of
Biomedical Sciences

**2023 LINC INTERPROFESSIONAL
FLASH! Case Competition**

Interprofessional teams develop a solution to a vexing healthcare problem in Texas.
Open to all students!

3-4 STUDENTS PER TEAM

3-4 HOURS OF TEAMWORK

Pick a problem. Solve it interprofessionally.
Record and submit 5-minute presentation.
Done!

RSVP by February 24th as a fully formed team or as an individual and we will place you on a team.

FIRST 100 TO RSVP & COMPLETE GET A PORTABLE SPEAKER!


Team submissions due **March 31st**.
Winners announced live on **April 14th**.

FLASH PRIZES FOR WINNING TEAMS

PRIZES!
1st Place: \$1,500
2nd Place: \$1,000
3rd Place: \$500

RSVP HERE

UT Health San Antonio
LINC - Quality Enhancement Plan
Questions? Email redish@uthsca.edu



School of Dentistry Main Campus



Center for Oral Healthcare & Research (COHR)





Mentorship

All DS1 are assigned a faculty mentor

All DS1 are paired with a DS2 mentor

DS1 Mentorship Committee – to help out the incoming class:

- *Informal mentoring*
- *DS1 Handbook*
- *Summer panel discussions*
- *Community service opportunities*

Clubs & service opportunities

San Antonio Oral Cancer Walk
Annual fundraiser for the Oral
Cancer Foundation



Clubs & service opportunities

Pediatric Dental Society

San Antonio Spurs 'Back to School Bash'



Clubs & service opportunities

Special Care Dentistry Club

Special Smiles / Texas Special Olympics



Clubs & service opportunities

17th Annual School of Dentistry Golf Tournament
Fundraiser for dental student scholarships



Just for fun

Around-the-World Cuisine
Night

Culture Night

Fall Fest

Around World

CULTURE NIGHT



Just for fun

Intramurals





We are looking for “100 different students” for our entering class

Students who can...

Address basic dental needs (general dentists)

Address advanced dental needs (specialists)

Be leaders in their community

Be part of a culturally sensitive workforce

Provide care in dental shortage areas

Become dental educators and researchers

...and more



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Holistic review of applicants



- ❖ Motivation to pursue a career in dentistry
 - ❖ Academics
 - ❖ Oral communication skills
 - ❖ Social skills
 - ❖ Maturity
 - ❖ Knowledge of the profession
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- ❖ Community involvement
 - ❖ Research activities
 - ❖ Volunteer activities
 - ❖ Employment
 - ❖ Leadership positions
 - ❖ Socioeconomic history
 - ❖ Letters of recommendation

More = better

Required courses for admission

| Subject | Semester Credit Hour Requirements |
|----------------------------|--|
| Biological Sciences | 14 = 12 lecture + 2 lab <i>General biology, microbiology, molecular biology, genetics, ecology, immunology, parasitology, anatomy & physiology, etc.</i> |
| General Chemistry | 8 = 6 lecture + 2 lab |
| Organic Chemistry | 8 = 6 lecture + 2 lab |
| Biochemistry | 3 <i>Separate from biological sciences requirement</i> |
| Physics | 8 = 6 lecture + 2 lab |
| English | 6 |
| Statistics | 3 |

All required coursework must be applicable toward a traditional science degree.
Grade of "C" or higher is required.

How important are GPA and DAT?

Important in determining the
interview pool

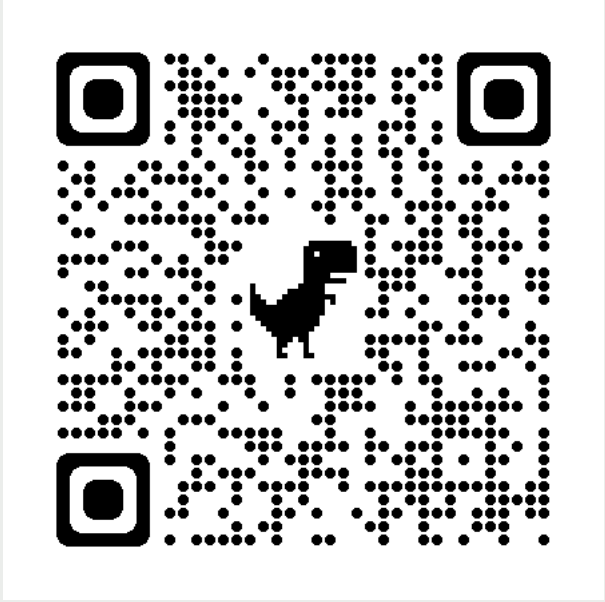
A measure of **potential success** in
dental school

For the Class of 2027 (DS1s), **about
320 of 1,005 applicants** were
interviewed

GPA and DAT are **not the sole
determinant** for ultimate selection



Application statistics data for TMDSAS applicants



Can you perform well academically while multi-tasking?



Dental-related & health-related volunteering
Shadowing in dental offices
Quality extracurricular activities/clubs/orgs
Level of involvement
Leadership positions held
Employment while in college*
Research roles*

*not required



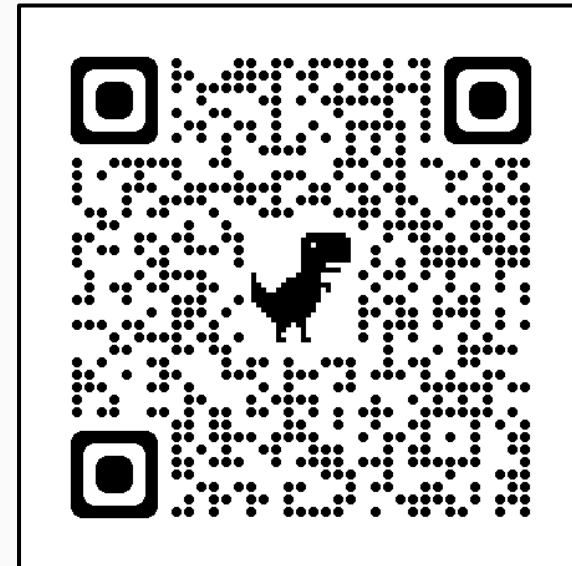
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Resources to help you when applying

| TMDSAS | Inside Health Education |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Instagram: tmdsas | Instagram: txhes |

- Annual panel of dental school Admission Deans
- “Office hours” - Help with filling out the application
- Advice on making your Activities section stand out
- Advice for non-traditional & military applicants
- And more



**Visit our
campus &
learn more**



Friday Predental Society campus visits:

February through April

Admissions advice, lunch with our students & clinic tour

San Antonio ASDA Predental Day

March or April

Admissions advice, student panels, try out your hand skills in our labs, campus tour

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