



UMKC

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI-KANSAS CITY

**SCHOOL OF
DENTISTRY**

*Doctor of
Dental Surgery*

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*Bachelor of Science in
Dental Hygiene*



What Makes UMKC Exceptional?

Our Academics

- Our academic program is carefully planned to guide you through classroom lectures and laboratory practice in preparation of the oral health care you'll be delivering to patients in our clinics.
- We stress evidence-based thinking and decision making in all aspects of our academic and clinical programs.
- Our completion rate is 97%, demonstrating the commitment and passion our students have to becoming successful dental professionals.

Our Clinical Training

- Your participation with patient care begins during your first semester. You'll be a member of a clinical team training side-by-side with your peers as well as dedicated faculty.
- Our students provide over 60,000 patient visits a year through a "Comprehensive Care" model that strengthens patient management and clinical skills.
- The Pre-Clinical Simulation Lab and Innovation Clinic and Practice Management Program enable you to experience the patient care, supervision, and state-of-the-art equipment of a dental practice.

Our Student Life

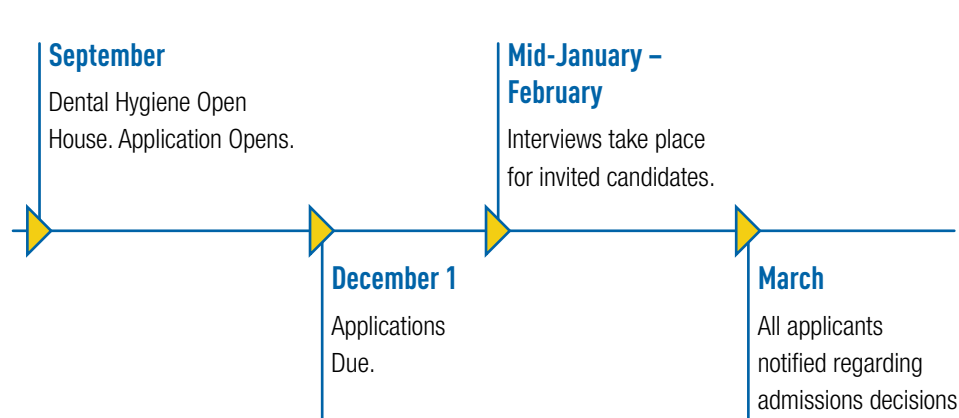
- Enjoy an active social life through numerous student organizations.
- Participate in Alumni Association events such as the annual Royals baseball game and practice management seminars.
- Have fun and gain valuable experience as a volunteer with Give Kids a Smile, March Madness, Lowry Pediatric Clinic, Mission of Mercy, Students Take Action, Dental Care with a Heart, Special Olympics Health Screenings, Team Smile, International Outreach, Ronald McDonald House and Jay Doc Student Clinic.
- Join the Student National Dental Association/Hispanic Dental Association where minority students enjoy fellowship, cooperation and support throughout their dental school experience.

Our Tradition

- Our Alumni Associations host the annual Midwest Dental Conference, which attracts about 3,500 attendees for a long weekend of continuing education and lively social events.
- Alumni and friends of the School have enabled us to award scholarships totaling more than \$1 million annually.

Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene

Application Timeline



The **UMKC Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene (BSDH)** expands professional opportunities beyond the private dental office to areas such as corporate, administration, public health, research, and education. Our courses prepare graduates to step into leadership roles, find diverse jobs and work collaboratively with other health care professionals.

Application Process

- Completion of prerequisites with satisfactory GPA
- General application to UMKC
- Supplemental application to the Division of Dental Hygiene
- Three letters of recommendation
- Official transcripts
- Transferology report

Admissions Prerequisites

- Satisfactory completion of approximately two years of college.
- Minimum cumulative and science prerequisite GPA of 2.75
- Accepted students' average science GPA: 3.4/cumulative GPA: 3.5
- Complete UMKC General Education Core
- Complete dental hygiene specific pre-requisites:
 - + General Biology or equivalent
 - + College Chemistry I with lab
 - + Microbiology
 - + Human Anatomy
 - + Human Physiology
 - + Public Speaking or Interpersonal Communication
 - + Introduction to Sociology
 - + Introduction to Psychology
 - + College Algebra

(totaling approximately 58 college credit hours)

Reserved Admissions Program

The Reserved Admissions Program for the BSDH degree at UMKC enables highly motivated students who are in their senior year of high school to apply directly for a reserved seat in a future dental hygiene class. Accepted students are able to participate in developmental opportunities with the Office of Student Programs throughout their first two years of college. Once candidates meet the full criteria they are allowed to bypass the traditional dental hygiene application process for admission.

Criteria to apply for the Reserved Admissions Program:

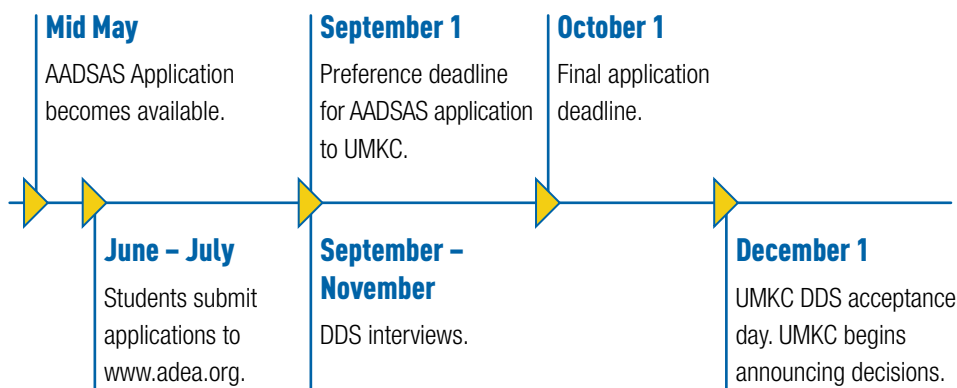
- 24 ACT
- 3.5 high school GPA (unweighted)
- Commit to taking prerequisite coursework at UMKC
- Apply in early spring

Students must maintain the following criteria once in college:

- 3.4 College GPA and Science GPA
- 30 hours of community service per year
- 30 hours of dental hygiene shadowing per year
- Required meeting with DH admissions adviser after first semester of college
- Participate in extracurricular/leadership activities

Doctor of Dental Surgery

Application Timeline



The **UMKC Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS)** is a clinic-based program focused on comprehensive care. The program includes rigorous academics, methodical training and a commitment to building leaders that improve lives through oral health. It emphasizes evidence-based dentistry as well as immersive clinical experience. Our team-based model allows students to gain clinical experience starting in year one along with provides courses every semester about the business side of dentistry.

Admissions Process and Prerequisites

Students are eligible to apply following the completion of 90 college credit hours provided they are continuing to work toward completion of a bachelor's degree. An application for admission must be submitted to the American Association of Dental Schools Application Service (AADSAS). The online application is available at the American Dental Education Association's website (www.adea.org). We review the entire scope of information that is available for each applicant: academic record (science GPA and DAT scores), essay; responses on the UMKC Application Survey; letters of recommendation; interview assessment and any other information provided by the candidate.

Objective Criteria:

Preference is given to candidates with a science GPA of 3.4 or higher and/or a DAT academic average of 17 or higher. Applicants must have at least a 3.0 science GPA and a 16 DAT academic average. Preferred DAT subscores are a 16 and above.

Subjective Criteria:

- Demonstrated investigation of the profession of dentistry
- Evidence of active and on-going social conscience and compassion
- Indication of fundamental personal character
- Evidence of critical thinking/problem solving
- Established effective interpersonal and communication skills
- Demonstrated ability to balance full academic schedules with extracurricular involvement or employment

Admissions Prerequisites

- Biology I*
- Anatomy*
- Physiology*
- Cell Biology**
- Chemistry I*
- Chemistry II*
- Organic Chemistry I*
- Organic Chemistry II*
- Biochemistry**
- Physics I*
- Physics II*
- English I
- English II

Reserved Admissions Program

The Reserved Admission Program for the DDS degree at UMKC enables highly motivated, ambitious, talented Missouri and Kansas residents to pursue a dentistry degree. As a Reserved Admission Program student you apply for admission directly to the School of Dentistry without going through the national application service required of traditional DDS candidates.

To be eligible to apply for Reserved Admission you must have completed a minimum of, but not more than, four semesters of college credit while being continuously enrolled in full-time course loads (a minimum of 15 credit hours per semester).

Your science grade point average must be at least 3.6 in a degree-seeking program. Once accepted into the program, you must maintain a 3.6 science GPA, score a 19 on the Dental Admissions Test, and meet expectations of the subjective criteria.

*lab required, **lab preferred but not required



Outstanding Opportunity

The field of dentistry has been recognized as an exciting and growing field. Dentistry and Dental Hygiene are consistently ranked by US News and World Report as some of the top jobs in the country with Dentistry often reaching #1.

The UMKC School of Dentistry has a deeply rooted reputation for innovative leadership in dental education. For more than a century, the school has led the way by preparing the next generation of oral health care professionals, conducting cutting-edge research, delivering high-quality care to patients and allowing professionals to elevate their careers through our continuing education and practitioner training programs.

As a UMKC SOD graduate you'll join the ranks of 7,500 outstanding alumni who are living and practicing in all 50 U.S. states and around the world. As a UMKC SOD student you'll be part of an educational environment that stands out with innovative, real-world learning opportunities.

The UMKC School of Dentistry is the **only public dental school in the state of Missouri** that includes a bachelor's of science in dental hygiene, doctor of dental surgery, and specialty advanced degree programs.

What does a dentist do?

Dentists provide patients' restorative oral health care needs. They diagnose and treat diseases and injuries, and perform surgical procedures such as fillings, implants, tissue grafts, and extractions. Dentists are licensed and receive the Doctor of Dental Surgery degree.

What does a dental hygienist do?

Dental hygienists focus on the preventive care and maintenance of the mouth and teeth. They perform screenings and cleanings, as well as promote oral health care both on an individual patient-provider level and out in the wider community. Dental hygienists are licensed and receive either an Associate's or a Bachelor's in Dental Hygiene.



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