Program

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Dean of IUSD

Student Perspective of Life at IUSD
Faculty Perspective on Admissions
Questions and Hopefully Answers
My Perspective of the Dental Experience

• BYU-Idaho
• Boise State
Extracurricular Activities
## Cost of Living

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100 = national average
Why Dentistry?

Family Life
Good Income
Good Status
People Friendly
(continued)
Health Promotion

Service Outreach

Time Control (Own Boss)

Creative (Science and Art)

Interesting/Challenging
Why Dentistry?

One of the ten most trusted and ethical professions in the United States.

Dentists enjoy unusual loyalty among their patients.
Another Advantage

Dentistry is not generally subject to the effects of managed care and reductions in federal funding that have affected other health care professions.
## Dentistry

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Dentistry

Eight new start-up dental schools
Programs for foreign dentists expanding

One of those is Roseman College of Dental Medicine, located in South Jordan, UT

Enrollment is 80 students, going to 100.
Percentage Age Distribution of Professionally Active Dentists in 2000, 2009 and the Projected Distribution in 2015

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Application

61 Dental schools in country
APPLY EARLY in June
Apply selectively-Special schools
   State of residence
   Special reason for applying
LOR 2 Profs, 1-Lay or committee
Personal statement is very important
Where to Apply

All schools have their relative strengths. A dental school ideally suited for one applicant might not be appropriate for another.

ADEA Official Guide to Dental Schools (2011)
Why IUSD

Strong Clinical Program
Graduate Programs
Plenty of Patients
Reasonable Cost of Living
Friendly Studentbody
Strong LDS Community (40)
How to do it

Send application to AADSAS (EARLY)
AADSAS notifies school it is accurate
We screen and evaluate application
We send out invitation for interview
Personal Statement

Why you want to go into dentistry
What have you done to demonstrate interest in dentistry
Commitment to helping others
Special leadership skills
Research experience
Overcome hardships or obstacles already
Developed cultural awareness
Applications in US

Applicant pool 12,210
Enrollees 4,871

Major not important
Biological Sciences 53%
Dental Aptitude Test (DAT)

Take after basic Biology and Chemistries
Kaplan prepares one for test
Most get books/CD Rom but don’t take course
Retake 90 days after previous one
Remember scores can go down

Do it right the first time
IUSD Interviews

Two faculty and one student interviews
Time for you to put your best foot forward
- Be honest
- Be positive/passionate about dentistry
- Be knowledgeable about school
- Be inquisitive-ask questions on their statements

Lasts 20 minutes!
**Interview Score**

The interview score represents a holistic appraisal of an applicant (excluding academic background), including life experiences, volunteerism, community involvement, manual dexterity and knowledge of and experience in dentistry.

Minimum hours observing: 40
IUSD Interview Scores

4- Excellent, Strongly Recommend
3- Good, Recommend
2- Average, Recommend/Reservations
1- Below Average/ Not Recommended
Admissions Committee

28 faculty members on committee
All students ranked with composite score
1) Interview Score
2) Science and Cumulative GPA
3) DAT, especially RC (Reading) and PAT ( Perception Aptitude)

Student with highest composite score is considered first then second etc.
Admissions Process

Chairman reads name of applicant
Someone has to nominate person to enter Class of 2017
Nomination must be seconded
Nomination is open for discussion
Vote >50% Yes, student accepted
>50% No, student not accepted, but name will remain on list
Admissions

Most schools notify students on Dec 1

Students who are accepted:

In state - 4 of 5 who are accepted, accept

Out of state - 1 of 4 who are accepted, accept

Alternates notified until July
Ten Characteristics of a Successful Applicant
(Dave Letterman Style)

10. Demonstrates a passion for dentistry
9. Balances multiple priorities
8. Has a meaningful research project
7. Demonstrates leadership in initiative
6. Demonstrates ethical values and professional stature
5. Has strong letters of recommendation
1. Applies early and to more than one school

2. Demonstrates clear career goals

3. Knows strengths and fit of school

4. Has familiarity with school and its strengths

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Applications and Acceptances at IUSD

Applicants: Total 1667
  In-state 191   Int 128
  Out-of-state 1,476   Int 316

Accepted: Total 102
  In-state 72
  Out-of-state 30

Gender: Females 52; Males 52
Characteristics of entering class at IU in 2010

Age: 24 (19-40)

Education: 3 y-3; 4 y-6; BA 72%, MS 20%

Mean DAT: AA-19 (17-24)
        PAT-19.3 (16-24)

Mean GPA: Total-3.60 (2.62-4.24)
        Sci-3.55 (2.47-4.24)
## Acceptances from Utah Schools (2010)

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Financial

Net income for Gen Dent $207,201
Net income for specialists $342,270
Cost of attending in-state $58,000
Cost of attending out-of-state $89,000
IU indebtedness/2010 grad $219,000

Cost of living in Indy 20,000/year
Money available, but be careful in loan
Income

A dentist’s average income is in the highest 5% of U.S. family income, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.
Financial

For every $10,000 you owe, it can be another $110 in monthly payments.

Borrow only the amount you need!
Dental Specialties

The majority of the 181,774 practicing dentists today are general practitioners. The remainder (about 20%) are dental specialists who limit their practices to one of the nine ADA recognized dental specialties.
Specialty Training

Difficulty to enter depends on program

Top 10% Orthodontics, Endodontics, Oral Surgery, Pathology
Top 30% Prosthodontics, Periodontics Pediatric, Radiology, Public Health

Helps—Research, work in Department
Decide after 2nd year in school
Military considerations

- Obligation 1 year service/year sponsored
- Spouse has to be on board
- Debt reduced 95%
- Less stress during training
- Sure job after graduation
What if I do not get in!

- Practice interview skills
- Score most easy to change is DAT
- Work in a dental office
- Enroll in Pre-Professional Master of Science Degree in Biology
- a 1 year non-thesis program
We welcome you to Indiana University School of Dentistry
Thank You
Question and Answer Time