

DENTISTRY PROGRAMS

About Dentistry

Our undergraduate Dental Program (D.M.D.), Doctor of Medicine in Dentistry, curriculum is innovative and dynamic, reflecting the minds of our outstanding professors and their vision for training tomorrow's leaders in oral health care. First and foremost, we want our graduates to be professionals who possess sound judgment. We believe this is the best way to ensure that their patients, and the population at large, receive the most effective care possible—health care that is supported by scientific evidence and a sense of social justice.

To attain this goal, we have created a curriculum that employs cutting-edge approaches to the management of oral health problems, as well as innovative teaching and learning techniques. It focuses on the relationship between oral health and general health.

During recent years, our curriculum has changed dramatically to reflect the evolving needs of society and the dental profession. In the coming years, our curriculum will evolve further to improve the capacity of our graduates to better serve underprivileged groups in our society and to become leaders in oral health-related research and academics, organized dentistry, dental practice, and government, all with a view to addressing the enormous disparities in oral and general health that exist in society today.

Dentistry Admission Requirements and Application Procedures

Admissions – Undergraduate Program

Application for admission to the Faculty of Dental Medicine and Oral Health Sciences for the Fall semester (beginning in September) will be available online as of September 1 of the previous year. Please consult the faculty's website for the most recent application procedures. All documents, including transcripts and curriculum vitae, must be submitted by the deadlines given below. Each application to the D.M.D. program (four years) or the DENT-P Year (one preparatory year + four-year D.M.D. program) must be accompanied by a non-refundable application fee; please refer to the Student Accounts website for fee details.

The Faculty of Dental Medicine and Oral Health Sciences encourages students from various backgrounds to apply. Prospective applicants are advised to pursue courses of study—whether in the humanities, the social sciences, or the natural sciences—that appeal to them. The Faculty aims to graduate socially aware, culturally-sensitive, and community-oriented practitioners who are committed to improving access to oral health care. Developing interpersonal skills such as active listening, communicating, empathy, and compassion are important if you select dentistry as a career.

Application Deadlines – Undergraduate Dentistry Program

Program	Date
Deadline to submit the online application to the DMD Advanced Standing for Foreign Trained Dentists	Sept. 15
Deadline to submit all required documents for the DMD Advanced Standing for Foreign Trained Dentists	Sept. 16
Deadline to submit the online application to the four-year D.M.D. program	Nov. 1
Deadline to submit all required documents for the four-year D.M.D. program	Nov. 3
Deadline to submit the online application to the Dentistry Preparatory Year (Dent-P)	March 1
Deadline to submit the online application to the Dentistry Preparatory Year (Dent-P)	March 3

Applications to the D.M.D. program must be submitted by **November 1**. Students applying to the Dent-P Year must submit their application by **March 1**. International Dental Graduates interested in applying to our DMD Advanced Standing for Foreign Trained Dentists Pathway must do so by **September 15**.

For students accepted into the four-year D.M.D. program or through the DMD Advanced Standing for Foreign Trained Dentists Pathway, notification of acceptance must be accompanied by a deposit of CAD \$500, which will be applied against tuition.

For students accepted into the Dent-P Year, notification of acceptance of the offer must be accompanied by a deposit of CAD\$500, which will be applied against tuition.

Deferred Admission

Admission into the first year of our D.M.D. program may be exceptionally deferred for a period of one (1) year at the discretion of the Admissions Committee. A deferral request can only be made once you receive an offer of admission. If your request for deferral is granted, a non-refundable deposit of \$500 is required.

Requests must be submitted in writing and addressed to our Chair of Admissions. This letter of a maximum of two pages should set out the reason(s) for the request, and must be submitted, along with any relevant supporting documentation, no later than **July 15**.

Note: Deferral admission is not granted for students accepted into the Dent-P Year or through the DMD Advanced Standing for Foreign Trained Dentists Pathway.

Extenuating Circumstances

Candidates who have experienced any serious medical or personal difficulty(ies) that had a significant impact on their academic performance may claim "Extenuating Circumstances (EXTC)" on their application.

Students Enrolled in a Graduate Program

Students enrolled in the D.M.D. program are not allowed to be registered simultaneously in any other program of study. Thus, students currently enrolled in graduate programs are normally expected to apply only when they are in the final year of that program. To be eligible for admission, graduate students applying to the four-year D.M.D. program must have submitted their written thesis by **July 31** of the year they will enter the D.M.D. program (e.g., July 31, 2024 for entry in Fall 2025). Written confirmation of thesis submission must be provided by the Thesis Office (or equivalent) of the university where the student is registered for graduate studies by July 31 of the year candidates enter the D.M.D. program. Failure to provide this confirmation of thesis submission by the aforementioned deadline will result in the candidate's offer being withdrawn.

Four-Year Undergraduate Dental Program (D.M.D.)

During the first 16 months of the program, the Fundamentals of Medicine and Dentistry are taught in conjunction with the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences. Students then complete seven months of intense preclinical training followed by two years of clinical training in our brand new state-of-the-art undergraduate teaching clinic. Students rotate through various hospital departments including Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (at the Montreal General Hospital), Pediatric Dentistry (at the Montreal Children's Hospital), the Jim Lund Dental Clinic (at the Welcome Hall Mission in St. Henri), and the Alan Edwards Pain Management Unit (at the Montreal General Hospital).

Requirements

Applicants to the program should have either completed the following entrance requirements or be completing them by **July 31** of the year of entry to the D.M.D. program.

A 120-credit ("four-year") or equivalent bachelor's degree from an accredited institution in any discipline is required. Applicants who have successfully obtained a Diploma of Collegial Studies (*Diplôme d'études collégiales*; DEC) in a pre-university program can apply with a 90-credit bachelor's degree. The program must have been undertaken on a full-time basis and should be completed in the time prescribed by the program. A full course load (e.g., 15 credits) is strongly recommended in regular sessions. Summer or other interim sessions are acceptable; however, they should not take away from regular sessions.

Applicants may be considered on the basis of a second undergraduate degree. 45 consecutive new graded credits (in a second/alternate bachelor's degree program) must be completed by the November 1 application deadline. The remaining 15 (or more) credits must be completed by July 31 of the year of entry to dental school, and these must be at a level comparable to that which appears in the academic records submitted at the time of application. A marked decline in academic performance in the final term(s) may lead to withdrawal of an offer of admission. The second undergraduate degree must be completed on a full-time basis (as recognized by your institution).

The Admissions Office does not consider degrees without a marking or grading system; narrative transcripts are not accepted.

Basic Science Requirements

Applicants are required to have completed (with official grades submitted) all of the basic science prerequisite coursework at CEGEP or university level by **May 31** of the year they will be applying. At least four of seven science prerequisite courses, including labs, must be completed (with official grades submitted) by the November 1

application deadline. Applicants must have successfully completed (or be in the final stages of completing) the following courses at the CEGEP or university level with laboratory or practical work in each:

- a minimum of 6 credits of Introductory Biology/Biological Sciences coursework with labs;
- a minimum of 6 credits of General (or Physical) Chemistry coursework with labs;
- a minimum of 3 credits of Organic Chemistry coursework with labs; and
- a minimum of 6 credits of Introductory Physics coursework with labs (3 credits in Calculus could also count toward half of the required credits in Physics).

Grades of Pass/Fail (Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory) are not acceptable in coursework except for Winter 2020. Numerical or letter-class grades are required. Academic performance within these courses will be considered. Distance or correspondence education courses will be considered by the Admissions Office.

The Admissions Office may accept Advanced Levels (UK System), French Baccalaureate *année Terminale, Série S*, IBO Courses (Higher Level), and AP Results (College Board) as acceptable alternatives. Official test results should be sent from the examination board directly to McGill Enrolment Services:

Service Point
McGill University
3415 McTavish Street
Montreal QC H3A 0C8
Canada
Website: mcgill.ca/servicepoint

Although not required, university-level courses in cell and molecular biology, physiology, statistics, and genetics are strongly recommended. Refer to the 4-Year DMD Program Requirements page for more information.

CASPer Test – Computer-Based Assessment for Sampling Personal Characteristics

All applicants to the Undergraduate Dental Program at McGill University are required to complete an online assessment (CASPerTM) prior to their application deadline. Completion of CASPer is mandatory in order to maintain admission eligibility.

CASPer assesses for non-cognitive skills and interpersonal characteristics that are important for successful students and graduates of our program, and will complement the other tools that we use for applicant screening to further enhance fairness and objectivity in our selection process.

The CASPer test is comprised of 12 sections of video and written scenarios. Following each scenario, you will be required to answer a set of probing questions under a time contract. Each response is graded by a different rater, giving a very robust and reliable view of personal and professional characteristics important to our program. No studying is required for CASPer, although you may want to familiarise yourself with the test structure and ensure you have a quiet environment to take the test. We strongly urge you to take advantage of the 12-section practice test, which will not only immerse you in the test environment but will also ensure you meet the technical requirements to access and complete the test.

In order to take CASPer, you will be responsible for securing access to a laptop or desktop computer with webcam and audio capabilities. No exceptions will be provided for applicants unable to take CASPer online due to being located at sites where internet is not dependable due to technical or political factors.

CASPer test results are valid for one admissions cycle. Applicants who have already taken the test in previous years will therefore be expected to re-take it.

Please refer to the 4-Year DMD Program Requirements page and takealtus.com for further information.

Dental Aptitude Test (DAT)

The Admissions Committee has decided to remove the Dental Aptitude Test (DAT) as a requirement for entry in the undergraduate dental programs (DMD and DENT-P) for Fall 2025. The use of the DAT for future cycles is currently under review.

French Language Requirements

Please note that you will need to acquire a knowledge of French equivalent to a B2 intermediate by the time you begin the Clinical Practice courses at the start of the third year of the program.

Dentistry Preparatory Qualifying Year (DENT-P Year + D.M.D.)

The Dent-P Year combines a preparatory year in the Faculty of Science (Dent-P Year) followed by the four-year D.M.D. program in the Faculty of Dental Medicine and Oral Health Sciences. The objective of the Dent-P Year is to offer students the opportunity to adapt to university-level academics before entering the rigorous curriculum of the D.M.D. program.

The Dent-P Year consists of two consecutive semesters of a Bachelor of Science-style curriculum. Students are officially registered in the Faculty of Science during their preparatory year and must complete the required courses and maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 3.5 to continue on to the D.M.D. program.

Requirements

Applicants must be recognized residents of Quebec and enrolled in the second and final year of the Sciences Profile of the Quebec Colleges of General and Professional Education (CEGEP) to be eligible to apply for the five-year Undergraduate Dental Program (DENT-P).

The five-year Undergraduate Dental Program (Dent-P) is not open to university-level students or to students outside of Quebec. This program is only open to immediate graduates of the Quebec collegial (CEGEP) system.

Applicants who have followed a combined three-year Science program (example: 200.11, 200.12, etc.), or have followed the joint Science and International Baccalaureate program (200.10) are also eligible providing they are currently enrolled in the final year of the DCS and that they have not extended the length of their program.

Applicants must have undertaken a minimum of six courses (13.33 credits) in each regular semester.

The integrated Arts & Science program (700.A0) is also acceptable, providing the applicants have obtained the necessary competencies listed in the "Basic Science Requirements" section below.

The Faculty accepts applicants from *Collège international Marie de France* and *Collège Stanislas* as part of this category under the following conditions:

- must be a recognized resident of Quebec;
- must be in the final year (*année terminale*) of the *Séries S*;
- must have attended the institution, at minimum, for *1ère année* and *année terminale* in full;
- must not have extended the length of their program for reasons of personal choice;
- must have an R-score along with course attestation (provided by school).

Basic Science Requirements

- Biology NYA (00UK), General Biology II NYB (00XU)
- Chemistry NYA (00UL), NYB (00UM), Organic Chemistry I (00XV)
- Mathematics NYA (00UN), NYB (00UP), NYC (00UQ)
- Physics NYA (00UR), NYB (00US), NYC (00UT)

Students in the 700.A0 program must have completed the Biology objectives of 01Y5 and 01YJ, Chemistry: 01YH and Physics: 01YF or 01YG.

Students in an IB-DEC (200.10) must complete (along with all other program requirements) a minimum of two courses (5.33 credits) in Biology, three courses (8.00 credits) in Chemistry, including Organic Chemistry, two courses (5.33 credits) in Mathematics and one course (2.67 credits) in Physics in order for their application to be considered. Preference is given to those who most closely adhere to the list of prerequisites above.

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Applicants must have successfully completed the CASPer test. Please refer to mcgill.ca/dentistry/dent-p-program/requirements for further information.

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Applicants not Admissible to the Dent-P Year:

- Applicants who are completing a Diploma of Collegial Studies (DEC) in more than two years (with the exception of certain students taking a "double DEC" or those enrolled in an approved *Sports Études* program);
- Applicants who have already obtained a Diploma of Collegial Studies, who are or have registered in an undergraduate degree program, or who have completed an undergraduate degree are not eligible.
- Applicants who have an IB Diploma from LCC or Grade 12 from Stanstead College.

Exceptions are made for:

- Students entering a remedial program before their first DEC program.
- Students who, from the onset of collegial studies, were enrolled in another pre-university DEC program for up to 1 year and, without interruption, transferred into one of the approved Science

DEC programs. The total duration of DEC studies must not exceed 3 years. All other eligibility requirements apply. The final determination of eligibility will be made by the Admissions Office only once the official application and all supporting documents are submitted.

- Students enrolled in a Sport-études program. Such applicants must submit the designated Sport-études form which describes in detail all relevant sport activities. A sub-committee will determine the eligibility of these students.
- Students who completed a DEC in Dental Hygiene (in Quebec), and after completion, enrolled into one of the approved Science DEC programs. The completion of both programs must not exceed 5 years. The final determination of eligibility will be made by the Admissions Office only once the official application and all supporting documents are submitted.

You may be eligible to apply for the DMD program. Please refer to the 4-Year DMD Program Requirements page for more information.

Available Programs

- Dental Preparatory (Dent-P) (B.Sc.) (30 credits)
- Dentistry (Four-Year Program) (D.M.D.) (221 credits)

Program Overview

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