



## COVID-19 DMD ADMISSIONS UPDATES

### Message from the Assistant Dean for Student Affairs and Admissions, Dianne Foster:

Thank you for your interest in the University of Louisville's School of Dentistry.

The COVID-19 pandemic has wreaked havoc on traditional dental education systems and we are adapting to continue delivering quality education under these trying conditions. As we move into the 2020-21 application cycle, we want you to know ULSD is well known for respectful interactions with applicants and THAT HAS NOT CHANGED. We will be responsive to your questions and will give you the most current guidance available. We can't relieve the anxiety associated with this pandemic, but we can be patient as long as you are making your best effort. We look forward to working TOGETHER WITH YOU to process your application and move you toward your goal of becoming a dental professional.

Below is information about changes and discussions surrounding our admissions process. As more information comes available, we will update as needed.

### **GRADES** (updated April 28, 2020)

We have amended our admissions policy to accept both letter grades and pass/fail (satisfactory/unsatisfactory) marks for the Spring/Winter 2020 semester. Applicants should review pre-requisites and recommended courses and compare themselves to the averages of recently enrolled ULSD students in order to self-assess their preparation for the rigors of dental school. ULSD remains committed to a holistic review of our dental applicants during these uncertain times.

### **DAT** (updated April 28, 2020)

We understand that testing centers are currently closed. It is our hope that testing centers will reopen in the near future. We will continue to monitor information from the ADA and will consider how to best support applicants this cycle. We recommend applicants consider submitting their applications without DAT scores and take the test at the earliest possible future date. Currently, we have made no adjustments to our review process or timeline. The effects of the COVID-19 pandemic are fluid and ever-changing. We will adjust, if needed, to any upcoming challenges related to testing dates and ability to obtain scores.

### **DENTAL SHADOWING REQUIREMENT** (updated April 28, 2020)

ULSD's standard requirement for dental shadowing is 40 hours of observation in a general dentistry setting with a recommendation that applicants have close to 100 hours prior to submitting the application. Because our experience indicates this exposure to the profession significantly impacts career choices, we are reluctant to reduce this requirement. However, these are exceptional times and exceptional decisions can be made. Our best advice is to have no less than 40 hours of general dentistry observation BEFORE applying to ULSD.

## **INTERVIEWS** (updated June 11, 2020)

Interviews for the 2020-2021 cycle will be conducted virtually utilizing Microsoft Teams software. All interview invitations, details, and instructions will be emailed to applicants. An interview is required

Questions may be emailed to [dmdadms@louisville.edu](mailto:dmdadms@louisville.edu). They will be answered promptly - usually within 1-2 business days.