



COVID-19 DMD ADMISSIONS UPDATES

Message from the Interim Asst. Dean for Student Affairs and Admissions, Dr. Alma Ljaljevic-Tucakovic:

Thank you for expressing your interest in the University of Louisville's School of Dentistry. As we move into the 2021-22 application cycle, I would like to underline our commitment to be a national leader in dental education, research, and service. Here at ULSD, we are committed to providing our students with a learning environment conducive to their optimal growth. We believe in building positive student-faculty relationships and constantly enhancing our campus community. I want you to know that ULSD remains dedicated to our mission to graduate competent health care providers. Our school is well known for respectful interactions with our applicants and will give you the most current guidance available. 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 our admissions process for this upcoming cycle and impacts of COVID-19.

GRADES (updated April 23, 2021)

We 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.

DAT (updated April 23, 2021)

We understand that things can always change in a pandemic and testing centers are at the mercy of CDC and/or state guidelines. It is our hope that testing centers will remain open and unimpaired throughout this application cycle. 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 23, 2021)

ULSD's standard requirement for dental shadowing is 40 hours of observation in a general dentistry setting. We understand many applicants have had great difficulty gaining in-person dental exposure over the last year. The goal of dental observation is so applicants can make a determination if this career is best for them and gain an understanding of the various facets of dentistry. An applicant may meet this goal through many avenues including: in-person shadowing or employment, virtual shadowing, job interviewing, watching videos, participating in professional development through their pre-dental organization, etc. We will accept all forms of dental exposure and leave it up to the applicant to demonstrate competence and determine if what they have done is sufficient to meet the spirit of the dental shadowing requirement.

INTERVIEWS (updated April 23, 2021)

We are currently monitoring CDC and state guidelines regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. We have not made a determination, at this time, about our 2021-22 interview process and whether it will be in person, virtual or a hybrid model.

Questions may be emailed to dmdadms@louisville.edu.