



## COVID-19 DENTAL HYGIENE ADMISSIONS UPDATES

### Message from the Interim Assistant Dean for Student Affairs and Admissions, Dr. Alma Ljaljevic:

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

2020/21 application cycle has been very different for all of us and many different aspects of our lives have been impacted. The world as we knew it, has completely changed and we have to adapt. As we move forward, we would like to reassure you that our commitment to continue delivering high quality education and guiding you toward success has not changed. We look forward to working TOGETHER WITH YOU to process your application and move you toward your goal of becoming a competent dental professional. Rest reassured that our Admissions Team is always available to answer your questions and guide you in the right direction.

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 lower division course requirements and compare themselves to the averages of recently enrolled Upper Division students in order to self-assess their preparation for the rigors of the Upper Division. ULSD remains committed to a holistic review of our Dental Hygiene Upper Division applicants during these uncertain times.

### **DENTAL HYGIENE SHADOWING REQUIREMENT** (updated September 28, 2020)

ULSD's standard requirement for dental hygiene shadowing is 20 hours of observation of a dental hygienist with a recommendation that applicants have more than the minimum prior to submitting an application. Because our experience indicates 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. We are reducing the minimum requirement for dental hygiene shadowing to 12 hours and will consider applications with less than this minimum. It is our suggestion that applicants do their best to explore alternate ways to gain exposure to the dental hygiene profession and thoroughly document those in your application.

**INTERVIEWS** (updated September 28, 2020)

The interview process for the class of 2023 cycle is still to be determined. All interview invitations, details, and instructions will be emailed to applicants.

Questions may be emailed to [dhygiene@louisville.edu](mailto:dhygiene@louisville.edu).