

2025 – 2026 IVCC Transfer Guide for Pre-Dentistry Majors

Students wishing to transfer for Pre-Dentistry can choose any major but need to complete the Pre-Dentistry courses prescribed by each university. All state universities (NIU, ISU, SIU-C, SIU-E, WIU, EIU, and U of I) offer a Pre-Dentistry curriculum. Colleges listed below offer the Dentistry degree. Please see a counselor when choosing your classes.

UNIVERSITY	MINIMUM GPA REQUIRED	MAJOR COURSES REQUIRED FOR TRANSFER
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS CHICAGO	Competitive Admission	<p>Pre-dentistry students may choose any major, but should work with a Pre-Health Advisor to plan a course of study that fulfills the prerequisite requirements as well as the requirements for the major and college. The UIC College of Dentistry notes that it is very important for applicants to demonstrate a strong science foundation regardless of the major chosen.</p> <p>ENG 1001; ENG 1002; BIO 1003; BIO 1004; (The UIC College of Dentistry does not accept Advanced Placement (AP) courses as meeting course requirements. If basic-level biological sciences, chemistry, and physics course requirements are satisfied with AP credit, students must then take the specified number of credit hours in each area from upper-level science courses. Students are advised to take an additional English course if their ACT score allows exemption from the first English composition requirement). CHM 1006; CHM 1007; CHM 2002; PHY 2003; PHY 2004; or PHY 2011; PHY 2012; Foreign Language/four semesters of one language; Analyzing the Natural World = 2 lab courses; Exploring World Cultures = 1 course; Understanding the Past = 1 course; Understanding the Individual and Society = 1 course; Understanding the Creative Arts = 1 course; Understanding the U.S. Society = 1 course; Quantitative Reasoning = 1 course</p> <p>The College of Dentistry requires that all prerequisite science courses (except biochemistry) include labs. Additionally, all required prerequisite courses taken must be completed with a grade of C or better. Please note that a baccalaureate degree is required to matriculate into the DMD program at the College of Dentistry. Furthermore, the College of Dentistry gives strong preference to applicants who have taken three to four of the following science courses beyond the above minimum: human anatomy, physiology, microbiology, cell biology, histology, immunology, and genetics.</p> <p>In addition to the course work listed above, applicants to the College of Dentistry must also take the Dental Admission Test (DAT). The DAT is offered through the American Dental Association (ADA). For more information on the DAT, please see the ADA website. Applicants to the College of Dentistry must apply through a centralized application service sponsored by the American Dental Education Association (ADEA). More information on the Associated American Dental Schools Application Service (AADSAS) is available online.</p> <p>Students may obtain information regarding the DAT and AADSAS by attending workshops sponsored by Pre-Health Advising in LAS. Students are advised to declare a pre-health educational goal upon entering UIC which will alert them to specific workshops and as well as add them to a Pre-Health Advising Blackboard page where they will receive other pertinent information.</p> <p>Students are strongly encouraged to select an undergraduate major and begin fulfilling their degree requirements as they complete their pre-dentistry prerequisites. No specific major is required. To obtain a degree in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, pre-dentistry students must satisfy all degree requirements of the college, including a major program.</p> <p>The pre-dentistry information described above includes the minimum courses for application to the UIC College of Dentistry. Specific admission requirements of other dental schools are listed in The Official Guide to Dental Schools, which is published by the American Dental Education Association, 655 K. Street, N.W., Suite 800, Washington, D.C. 20001. Information on dental schools is also available online.</p>
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY/ EDWARDSVILLE	Competitive Admission. Priority given to Illinois residents Holistic Review	<p>Transfer students are strongly recommended to complete an AS degree prior to transfer including the following: BIO 1003, 1004; CHM 1006, 1007, 2002, 2003; MTH 1005, 1008, 2001; PHY 2003, 2004.</p> <p>50 students are admitted each year. Priority is given to Illinois residents. A minimum of 90 semester hours is required for admission, but 120 semester hours (Bachelor's degree) is preferred. A holistic approach to admission is taken so GPA and DAT cut scores are no longer advertised. Each application is evaluated in terms of composite scholastic record, calculation of the required biology, chemistry and physics courses GPA, quality of preprofessional education, performance on the DAT, recommendations, and other elements as may be determined by the Selection Committee.</p> <p>https://www.siu.edu/dental/doctor-dental-medicine/index.shtml</p>

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