



AUGUSTA UNIVERSITY

**DENTAL COLLEGE
OF GEORGIA**

- Academics
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- Research
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Growing with Us

The Dental College of Georgia was established in 1969. We are the only dental school in the state of Georgia, and recently celebrated our 50th anniversary

- Students consistently score 95-100 on the National Board and licensing exam.
- High acceptance rate of students into residency programs
- State-of-the-art facilities to include classrooms, clinics, and labs
- Diagonal curriculum includes patient treatment as early as the second year
- Community service provides a wide variety of patient care experiences
- Cultural competency/professional development courses throughout curriculum
- 20+ dental student and auxiliary organizations
- Dental mission trip opportunities
- Six weeks off-site clinical experiences with patients in underserved communities
- More than \$400,000 in scholarships awarded annually
- Alignment with Wellstar/MCG Health Medical Center allows experience with advanced and surgical patient cases
- Low-to-medium cost of living and a wealth of outdoor recreation opportunities.



Curriculum

Program of study consists of eight semesters in 47 months. The 276 hours includes clinical and basic science courses as well as professional development courses including business, ethics, and cultural sensitivity, including Business plans, Jurisprudence, Conflict Management, Leadership, Mental Health Awareness, and more Clinical treatment of patients, including restorative dentistry, begins in the second year.

Faculty

The DCG's 90+ full-time and part-time, and 300+ volunteer (clinical/adjunct) faculty offers expertise in private practice, public health, military dentistry, academia, and research.

The ratio of student to faculty averages 1 to 10 in pre-clinical settings; 1 to 5 in clinical settings. The ratio of student to faculty averages 1 to 10 in pre-clinical settings; 1 to 7 in clinical settings.

Many faculty members have a Ph.D. in a basic science discipline in addition to their dental degree, ensuring a broad and comprehensive education for DCG students.

Faculty also teach their specialization during pre-clinical courses as well as various clinics, creating continuity throughout dental curriculum.

Degree Programs

- Doctor of Dental Medicine (DMD)
- Doctor of Dental Medicine with distinction in research (DMD)
- Doctor of Dental Medicine with distinction in leadership (DMD)
- Dental Scholars/Seven Year Program (BS/DMD)
- Doctor of Dental Medicine / Masters of Business Administration (DMD/BMA)
- Master of Science in Oral Biology (MS)
- Doctor of Philosophy in Oral Biology and Maxillofacial Pathology (PhD)
- Certificate of Advanced Training in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery with M.D. degree

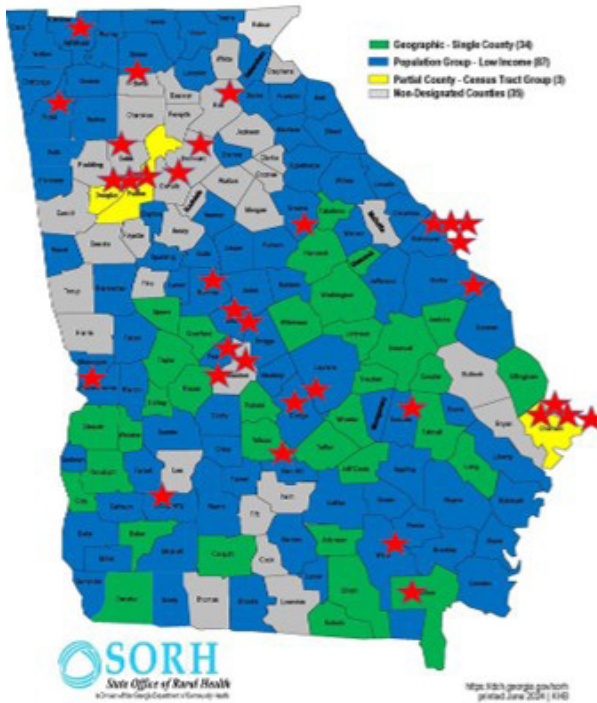


Residency Programs

There are an average of 64 residents in the eight programs at The Dental College of Georgia. These dentists attend advanced education courses, participate in advanced education conferences, conduct research, perform surgical procedures, treat patients clinically in the dental school, hospital/health care centers and community settings.

We offer residencies in Advanced Education in General Dentistry, Endodontics, General Practice Residency, Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, Orthodontics, Pediatric Dentistry, Periodontics, and Prosthodontics.

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Community-Based Clerkships

DCG seniors participate for three, two-week clinical rotations as part of a clerkship that addresses oral health needs at designated public health clinics.

Community Service & Outreach

Dental students complete community service hours each semester in their professional development courses. This allows students the flexibility to serve where they really feel they can make a difference. Students may earn DCG service credit as they function as mentors, serve as panelists, and assist on dental mission trips. Some initiatives include:

- Elementary Schools
- Community Clinics
- Give Kids a Smile Day
- Barnyard Flea Market
- Health Fairs
- Ronald McDonald House
- Georgia War Veterans Nursing Home

Pathway Opportunities

Pathways programs focus on supporting students on their journey to becoming dental professionals, including exploring academics, professionalism, resilience, diversity, technology, innovation and changing landscapes in health care and higher education.

- DCG Impressions Day program (first in the nation)
- DCG Tours
- Summer Enrichment Programs
- Prospective Student Consultations
- ASDA Pre-Dental Day
- Student Mentorships

Dental Student Organizations

Engagement matters. We offer 20+ active student organization and auxiliaries to provide networking, education, entertainment, and a sense of community outside of class.

Visit Augusta.edu/dcg/admit/organizations.

General Information for Applicants

Residency

The DCG currently accepts primarily Georgia residents; and up to 10% out of state students. All seeking Georgia residency must show proof of residing in Georgia for at least 12 months before enrollment. International students must present permanent resident documentation or eligible VISA to be considered.

All applicants must have a minimum of 90 semester hours of college coursework at an accredited American college or university. All applicants granted an interview must show documentation to prove lawful presence in the U.S. before being offered acceptance.

Re-applicants

Applicants who were not offered admission to The DCG are encouraged to contact our Admissions office to schedule an advising consultation to discuss areas of improvement within their application. Applicants may apply three consecutive times. Before submitting a fourth application, candidates must take at least one academic year to become more competitive before reconsideration by the committee.

Special English Language Requirements (TOEFL)

Applicants whose native language is not English are **REQUIRED** to take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). The exam will cover all four language skills for effective communication: speaking, listening, reading, and writing. Applicants applying to The DCG must achieve a minimum score of 100, with 26 in the speaking component. Deadline September 30. For information about the iBT TOEFL visit Ets.org or call 1-609-771-7100.

If an applicant's English is proficient, a TOEFL consultation can be scheduled for a possible waiver by contacting the admissions office at 706-721-3587.

Transfer Students, Advanced Standing and Foreign Trained Dentists

The Dental College of Georgia does not accept transfer students. All DCG students are required to complete the 4-year DMD program at DCG. There is not an advanced standing program or a program for foreign-trained dentists into the DCG DMD program at this time. For a list of the U.S. dental programs that offer transfer or advanced standing programs contact the American Dental Education Association at 202-289-7201 or visit website at Adea.org.



Important Application Dates

Mid May – Application first available to candidates

First week of June – Applications can be submitted

Mid August – Interviews begin

September 30 – Deadline for AADSAS application, DAT and TOEFL exams

December 15 – Initial acceptance offers will be made

End of December – Applicants will be notified of their status

Licensure Examination

Juniors and Seniors have the opportunity to take the Central Regional Dental Testing Services, Inc. (CRDTS) exam or the ADEX Dental Examination to become eligible to practice dentistry in Georgia and many other states. Graduates of The Dental College of Georgia are eligible for examinations by all U.S. dental licensing boards. All students are required to pass National Board examination in order to graduate. DCG students' scores are consistently among the highest in the nation, from 95-100 percent.

Patient Care

Our dental students complete more than 22,000 appointments each year. Students begin treating patients as early as their second year during "sophomore block." Second-year students for clinical interactions with assigned patients once a week.

Third-year students spend 48% of their time treating patients in DCG clinics; and 52% on clinical rotations through DCG residency programs, as well as clinical-related courses.

Fourth-year students dedicate 82% of their time to treating patients in DCG clinics.

All DCG students have the opportunity to participate in clinical outreach initiatives such as health fairs, and dental screenings throughout the state and beyond.



Research

The DCG is the the eighth most productive dental institution in the world. We are one of few dental schools to receive a prestigious UO1 grant from the National Institutes of Health. We have more than 2,200 manuscripts indexed in PubMed. Our Center for Excellence in Research, Scholarship & Innovation (CERSI) provides leadership and support to promote excellence in oral health-related scientific investigation, discovery and dissemination of knowledge.

- Bone Biology including Growth and Regeneration, Bioengineering and Biomechanics
- Translational / Clinical Research
- Genetics & Molecular Aspects of Oral Disease
- Systematic Conditions Which Impact on Orofacial Disease
- Biomaterial / Biomaterials Tissue Interactions
- Adhesive Dentistry
- Dental Ceramics
- Dentin Physiology
- Dental Bleaching
- Remineralization
- Fluoride

Prerequisite Course Requirements

Biology - One academic year* with lab

Chemistry - One academic year* of general or inorganic with lab

Advanced Chemistry - One academic year *of advanced chemistry with lab

(Semester requirements: one semester of organic chemistry *with* lab followed by a second semester of biochemistry {lab not required}). Organic chemistry II is recommended but not required (Quarter requirements include: two quarters of organic chemistry with lab followed by a third quarter of biochemistry {no lab required}).

Physics - One semester or two quarters with lab

English - One academic year or the portion of an academic year required for the baccalaureate degree at an accredited American college or university

**An academic year equals two semesters or three quarters or one semester and two quarters. Courses must be taken on a graduated grading scale (A, B, C, D, F); may not be taken on a pass/fail basis; must earn a grade of "C" or better. DCG does not consider +/- when averaging GPAs.*

Application

Application

DMD candidates can only apply to The Dental College of Georgia through the ADEA Associated American Dental Schools Application Service (AADSAS). The ADEA AADSAS application is available online at adea.org from the first week of June through Sept. 30.

Letters of Recommendation

There are two options. Option 1 includes a packet/composite letter for an applicant's university; and a letter from a dentist. Option 2 includes four letters: one letter from an academic advocate (science faculty), a second letter from a dentist. The remaining letters can be from instructors, advisors, dentists, employers, or personal references.

Supplemental Application

After the AADSAS application, applicants will be emailed a link to The DCG supplemental application within 1-14 business days. Based on review of their AADSAS application, supplemental application, letters of recommendation, and DAT scores, interviews may be granted. Any applicant taking the DAT after submitting their application is responsible for emailing an unofficial copy of their scores to DCGADMISSIONS@augusta.edu.

Dental Admissions Test

All applicants for admission must have taken the Dental Admissions Test (DAT) within three years of applying. The cost is \$540 (subject to change). The DAT must be taken by the Sept. 30 deadline, 10 months before those accepted are due to enroll. The DAT can be retaken in 60 days. For DAT information, call 1-800-232-1694 or visit Ada.org/education/testing/exams/dental-admission-test-dat.

Application Fee

The AADSAS application fee is \$264 for the first dental school. Subsequent applications are \$115 each. The DAT supplemental fee of \$55 is non-refundable and must be paid at the time of application submission. *All fees subject to change.*

Acceptance Deposit

The required \$500 (in-state) or \$1,000 (out of state) acceptance deposit ensures a spot in the class. The non-refundable deposit will be credited toward first semester matriculations fees.

Interviews

By invitation only; held from mid-August to early December. Candidates will participate in two one-on-one interviews with DCG faculty and administrators. Admissions committee members will help assess the applicants' communication skills, motivation, and ability.

Other Factors

The Admissions Committee considers other factors such as health care and shadowing experiences, research, leadership, community services, enrichment programs, family responsibilities, national recognition, life and cultural experiences, commitment to practice in Georgia, underserved areas, or dental health professional shortage.



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