Dentistry is a growing field and a profession that offers a balance of reward and challenge.

There are many reasons students choose dentistry as a career. Many dentists enjoy the independence and autonomy of owning their own practice and being in control of their own time. Advances in dental research, the discovery of links between oral and systemic diseases, the development of salivary diagnostics, and new materials and techniques make dentistry an excellent and exciting career choice.

Applying to dental school

Dental schools are looking for students with superior hand-eye coordination and manual dexterity, often developed through activities such as drawing, painting, woodcarving, sewing, mechanics or playing an instrument. They also look for students who communicate well, are comfortable with close personal interaction, have research experience and are comfortable with close personal interaction. The Dental Admission Test (DAT) exam is an important part of dental school admission. DAT results help admissions officers identify which students are likely to succeed in medical school by assessing students' problem-solving, critical thinking, and knowledge of science concepts.

Gain experience

► Job shadow.
► Apply for internships or jobs in a dental office.
► Seek opportunities for research experience.
► Pursue an art hobby for fine motor skills.

Find out more

The American Dental Association provides resources for students considering dentistry as a career.
► Visit ada.org for more information.

Dental career options

► Academic dentistry and dental education
► General dentistry
► Dental public health
► Dental research
► Endodontics
► Federal government service
► International health care
► Oral and maxillofacial pathology
► Oral and maxillofacial radiology
► Oral and maxillofacial surgery
► Orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics
► Pediatric dentistry
► Periodontics
► Prosthodontics
► Public health care policy

dental schools in South Carolina

► Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) College of Dental Medicine

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Accepted undergraduate students by major

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Average acceptance rate

- National average: 48%
- Clemson average: 85%
  - Clemson average is higher than the national average
  - Source: ADEA AADSAS
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  +37%

Students most frequently attend these schools after Clemson:

- Medical University of South Carolina College of Dental Medicine
- Augusta University Dental College of Georgia
- Virginia Commonwealth University School of Dentistry

Average GPA

- 3.6 Average GPA of accepted Clemson students
- 3.5 National average GPA of accepted students

Average DAT

- 21 Average DAT of accepted Clemson students
- 20 National average DAT of accepted students

Projected growth in employment

- $163,220 average dentist salary

2021–31: 6%

Source: ADEA AADSAS

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