

About Creighton University

Creighton University, located in Omaha, Nebraska, offers a top-ranked education in the Jesuit tradition for people who want to contribute something meaningful to the world. It is where students, faculty and staff thrive in a supportive community committed to Jesuit, Catholic values and traditions. And, it is where students learn to become leaders through service to others. Creighton's nine schools and college deliver powerful education with degree programs spanning the arts, sciences, law and business, and health science programs in dentistry, medicine, nursing, pharmacy, occupational and physical therapy, public health and emergency medical services.

With completion in 2018 of a more than 200,000-square-foot, state-of-art facility, the School of Dentistry is leading dental education providing future generations of dentists who achieve excellence in care, demonstrate compassion and commitment to the service of others. The new building's bold vision of the future with larger class sizes, the latest dental technology and expanded community outreach. The School of Dentistry acts as a hub for providing dental care services, community collaborations, service initiatives, and partnerships in the community to prepare practice-ready dentists in the real world.

Application Procedure

The School of Dentistry participates in the Associated American Dental Schools Application Service (AADSAS). Apply electronically at adea.org anytime **after June 1, 2020**. Applications must be filed **between June 1 2020 and February 1, 2021**. Early application is strongly encouraged to give the Admissions Committee more time to evaluate the applicants. **All required credentials necessary to complete the application must be received by March 1, 2021. An incomplete application form after this deadline will not be reviewed by the Admissions Committee.**

The Creighton Dental Admissions Office will inform the applicant by email when their application has been received from AADSAS and processed. Send transcripts and letters of recommendation directly to AADSAS. AADSAS sends these items and your Dental Admission Test (DAT) scores to Creighton with your application.

After your AADSAS application is completed, send the following materials to our Admissions Office at any time. You do not have to receive any type of communication from us before these items are sent.

Supplemental application form. This can be submitted online from our website at: dentistry.creighton.edu/future-students/how-apply. You will need to have a photograph and a bank card to pay the \$60 application fee.

All correspondence should be addressed to the Creighton Dental Admissions Office, with which all credentials must be filed. Application credentials should be directed to:

Creighton University School of Dentistry
Attn: Admissions Office
780729 California Plaza
Omaha, NE 68178-0729

All credentials become the property of Creighton University upon submission and are not returnable.

Admission

It is the admission policy of Creighton University to accept qualified students within the limits of its resources and facilities. See also the University's Nondiscrimination Policy. All applicants are considered for admission on the basis of their potential to successfully complete the predoctoral program without compromise of the established standards of academic and clinical performance expected of all graduates of the School of Dentistry, and their potential to best serve the needs of society. The School of Dentistry believes a diverse student body enhances the educational opportunities for all members of the Creighton community and furthers the dental profession's goals of educating culturally competent professionals who can work successfully with all segments of the population and improve access to care for underserved populations.

Requirements for Admission

To meet legal requirements of state licensing boards and to gain the necessary background for the study of dentistry, the following minimum educational requirements for admission to the School of Dentistry must be fulfilled:

1. Graduation from an accredited four-year high school.
2. College credits covering a minimum of two years of study in an accredited college of arts and sciences. A minimum of 64 semester hours (96 quarter hours) must be obtained exclusive of credit in military science, physical education and non-academic courses. The 64 semester hours must include the following specific subjects and credits:

Biology	6 semester hrs.
Chemistry, inorganic	8 semester hrs.
Chemistry, organic	6 semester hrs.
English	6 semester hrs.
Physics	6 semester hrs.

All applicants are required to achieve a score of 17 in the academic average, perceptual ability and total science sections of the DAT for acceptance. Applicants that achieve scores of less than 17 in those three areas will have review of their application deferred until they retake the DAT and submit new scores.

The hours listed are suggested as most nearly conforming to a year's work in most colleges. The governing principle shall be that the credit presented in each subject shall represent a full academic year in an accredited college of arts and sciences.

The required hours and subjects must be completed by the end of the spring term preceding the fall in which the applicant wishes to enter the School of Dentistry.

The following electives are suggested for the remainder of the required 64 semester hours: English, modern language, mathematics, history, social science, philosophy, speech, economics, comparative anatomy and psychology.

The applicant should have attained at least a 3.0 average for all college work undertaken. Grades achieved in pre-dental sciences are given particular attention.

Dental Admissions Tests (DAT)

All applicants are required to take the Dental Admission Test (DAT) prepared and administered by the Council on Dental Education of the American Dental Association in cooperation with the American Dental Education Association. Applicants to Creighton School of Dentistry should arrange to take their tests preferably no later than August of their last pre-dental year. When the test application process is completed, this computerized test is taken by appointment at a Prometric Testing Center. These testing centers are located throughout the country. You can find the center closest to you and find out how to make the arrangements to take your DAT by going to the website ada.org.

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Recommendations

Each applicant must have three recommendations submitted, two by instructors in science and one by an instructor in a non-science department, testifying to the applicant's character and apparent fitness for the profession of dentistry. If an applicant's college has a recommending committee, its recommendation is preferred to the three individual ones.

Physical Fitness

Applicants must be able to perform the physical and manual functions with or without reasonable accommodations necessary to the performance of dentistry. Before matriculation, accepted applicants are required to submit a confidential health record to Student Health Services.

Selection

Selection of all students is based upon both objective and subjective evaluation. Objective criteria including GPA, DAT scores and science grades are given primary consideration. Other factors that will be considered will include, but are not limited to:

1) evidence of predisposition to provide dental health care in underserved areas; 2) evidence of participation in worthwhile community activities; 3) recommendation from teachers, known alumni, and other members of the profession; 4) quality of pre-professional education program; 5) residence in states having educational compact agreements with the school; 6) evidence of good moral character, motivation and emotional and intellectual maturity; and 7) any other personal background information the applicant chooses to submit to assist the admissions committee in giving each application holistic consideration (such personal background factors might include, but are not limited to: attributes one believes will enhance the campus community, public service, overcoming hardships or economic or educational disadvantages, first-generation college student, having lived in a foreign country or spoken a language other than English at home or language fluency).

This list is not exhaustive and none of these factors will be considered in isolation. Furthermore, no factor will result in the admission of an academically unqualified applicant.

Enrollment Reservation Deposits

First Deposit—A \$500 enrollment reservation deposit is required of each prospective student within 30 days following the date of the letter from the Creighton University Dental Admissions Office initially accepting the student for admission. The deposit is credited to the first semester's tuition. It is never returned unless the acceptance is canceled by the Committee on Admissions because the applicant failed to meet the conditions under which he/she was initially accepted.

Second Deposit—A second \$300 deposit is required of each prospective student within 15 days following the date of the letter from the Creighton University Dental Admissions Office finally accepting the student for admission. This deposit is also credited to the first semester's tuition. If the accepted student fails to register, or withdraws from the school after registering, the first and second deposits are forfeited to the University.

Advanced Standing Program

Our Advanced Standing Program is a space-available program. There is no guarantee that we will take any applicant in any given year. The basic requirements to be able to apply to our program are: (1) applicant must have foreign dental degree; (2) applicant must score at least 90 on TOEFL if their education was not in English; (3) applicant must pass National Boards Part I; and (4) applicant must show evidence of completing a specialty degree or certificate of a specialty from a United States institution.

Transfer Applications

Applications for transfer are considered as individual cases.

Registration

Registration occurs on the date preceding the opening of classes in August as specified in the calendar. Students failing to register on that day may not be enrolled. **No regular student may enroll after the first week of instruction.**

Tuition and Fees

Tuition and fees are payable at the time of registration for a semester, and are subject to change without notice.

Application of admission fee	\$60
Enrollment reservation deposits (credited to tuition)	
a. First deposit—required when initially accepted for admission	\$500
b. Second deposit—required when finally accepted for admission	\$300
Tuition per semester for courses in dental curriculum, effective August 2020	\$33,997

Textbooks and Instruments

For prospective students to have a general idea of expenses, the approximate costs of the prescribed books and instrument leasing fees are indicated below. Amounts shown are approximate only and subject to change without notice in accordance with market fluctuations.

	Textbooks	Instruments
First Year	\$1,557	\$ 8,020
Second Year	\$1,895	\$8,020
Third Year	\$1,262	\$ 8,020
Fourth Year	\$399	\$6,960

Student Financial Aid

Students may borrow up to the full cost of attendance, as determined by the Financial Aid Office, minus other aid, through the Federal Direct Student Loan Program. For example, a first-year dental student with no scholarships may borrow approximately \$100,000. The award notification letter will indicate the estimated cost of attendance and the maximum loan eligibility.

The Health Professions Student Loan—Creighton University participates in this program established through the Health Professions Education Assistance Act of 1963 (Public Law 88-129). The Health Professions Loan is limited to those students showing exceptional financial need. In all cases parental income information must be included regardless of taxable status or dependent/ independent status. The amount a student may receive will be dependent upon their “financial need” and available funds. This is a 5% deferred interest loan.

Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan—This form of assistance allows dental students to borrow up to \$44,944 per year. The aggregate maximum a student can borrow is \$224,000, including loans from undergraduate. The interest rate is fixed and there is an origination fee that will be deducted from each disbursement. **Please check the Creighton University Financial Aid Office’s website for the current interest rate and fee information.** First-time borrowers will need to complete a Master Promissory Note and online entrance counseling. Information to complete these requirements will be included with the award notification. Repayment begins six months after graduation.

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Federal Direct Grad PLUS Loan—This is a credit-based loan that allows graduate/professional students to borrow up to the cost of attendance less other aid. The interest rate is fixed and there is an origination fee that will be deducted from each disbursement. **Please check the Creighton University Financial Aid Office’s website for the current interest rate and fee information.** Students may borrow through this loan program as long as they don’t have adverse credit. First time borrowers will need to complete a Grad PLUS Master Promissory Note and online entrance counseling. Information to complete these requirements will be included with the award notification. Repayment begins six months after graduation.

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Apply for admission to Creighton University’s School of Dentistry. No financial aid commitment can be made until a student is accepted for admission. Students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon as possible after **October 1**, by going online at fafsa.ed.gov. To be considered for Health Professions Loan assistance, parental financial income must be supplied on the FAFSA regardless of the dependency status. Students that are eligible for assistance will be notified with an award letter.

Idaho Dental Education Program (IDEP)—Certified residents of Idaho can elect to take their first year of dentistry in their state of residency at Idaho State University and then complete their studies at the Creighton University School of Dentistry.

Compact States Aid—A limited number of qualified applicants are accepted and receive partial tuition remission from the compact states of Idaho, New Mexico, North Dakota and Wyoming. Residents of compact sites must contact respective state for residency certification.

More Information

Creighton University School of Dentistry
dentistry.creighton.edu

Creighton University Financial Aid Office
creighton.edu/financialaid

Supplemental Application Form
creighton.edu/dental-supplemental-app

Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
fafsa.ed.gov

Associated American Dental Schools Application Service (AADSAS)
adea.org



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