



Entry requirements for UK dental schools
2022 entry



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Welcome

This guide contains information on entry requirements for all of the UK's bachelor's degrees in dentistry. It was created by the Dental Schools Council and is updated yearly from information passed directly from UK dental schools.

The purpose of the guide is to act as a point of reference and easy comparison for entry requirements. It cannot contain the full details of each dental school's requirements, so seeking confirmation and additional information on individual dental school websites is essential.

Diversity and widening participation

This guide will be useful to all who are considering an application to study dentistry. It was, however, created with particular focus on widening participation. This term refers to initiatives which provide opportunities for those who would make excellent dentists but who face barriers due to their educational and/or socioeconomic circumstances.

The Dental Schools Council believes that an applicant's chance of entering a dental degree programme should be dictated by factors such as academic ability, motivation and conscientiousness. Factors like wealth or cultural background should not present any barrier to studying dentistry. Removing barriers will help to build a dental profession that is diverse, highly capable and which represents the communities it serves.

Part of this is to present information on entry requirements in the clearest way. This is of particular benefit to students who lack good careers guidance. It will also help careers advisers ensure that their knowledge is correct and up to date.

Course types

The Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS or BChD/MChD) degree is a five year programme in the UK for undergraduate entry. This course can be abbreviated as BDS or BChD/MChD but both result in the same dentistry degree. Dentistry degrees have different names, but they fit into four types.

Standard Entry Dentistry

The Standard Entry Dentistry course is a five year programme which results in a dentistry degree.

Graduate Entry Dentistry

The Graduate Entry Dentistry course is designed to enable graduates with honours degrees in science subjects, and healthcare professionals with a degree, to study for a BDS. These degrees are usually four years in duration, but some may be shorter or longer than this.

Dentistry with a Preliminary Year

This course takes the form of a five-year standard degree with an additional year at the start, making it a six year course. It is designed for those who achieved highly at A level, or equivalent, but who did not take the required science subjects. The extra year gives students the necessary science training to catch up. It is not a means of boosting the grades of those who do not meet the entry requirements for standard entry dentistry.

Note →

These courses have been designed specifically for widening participation, but many of the Standard Entry Dentistry courses use contextual admissions too. See the 'widening participation' box in each entry.

Dentistry with a Gateway Year

These dental degrees are designed for students who are of high ability but who may have had barriers to their learning due to their socioeconomic and/or educational circumstances. These courses are open to UK students only who meet a specific set of eligibility criteria. Often these are six-year courses, with the first year being a foundation year. Some schools offer a stand alone foundation year, which upon successful completion allows progression on to a standard dentistry course.

Admissions tests

Nearly all dental degrees use an admissions test as part of their entry requirements. There are two admissions tests. Applicants may sit different combinations of these tests according to the dental schools they intend to include in their application.

UCAT

The majority of dental schools use the University Clinical Aptitude Test or UCAT (formerly UKCAT). The UCAT is a computer-based test. You can find a full list of dental schools which use the UCAT on the UCAT website. Applicants can book to sit the UCAT at a local Pearson Vue Test Centre.

Covid-19 has affected how UCAT is delivered. You must visit the [website](#) to confirm deadlines.

BMAT

Leeds Dental School uses the Biomedical Admissions Test or BMAT. In most years, you can choose to sit the test in September or November, however due to the Covid-19 pandemic BMAT will only offer a November test date in 2021. Previously the BMAT was a pen and paper assessment but in 2020 it was computer-based.

Covid-19 has affected how BMAT is delivered. You must visit the [website](#) to confirm deadlines.

About Access to Higher Education courses

In dentistry, Access courses are run by further education colleges and not by universities. This means there are many different Access courses on offer. Often they are designed for mature learners who may not have A levels or equivalent. As is the case for Dentistry with a Preliminary Year, Access courses are not a substitute for poor performance at A level.

If you are thinking about applying for a specific Access course, it will be useful to first check some things with dental schools and with the institution offering the Access course so you can feel comfortable with your decision.

Questions for dental schools

- Do you accept the qualification offered by this Access course as part of your entry requirements?
- If so, have you previously admitted students who have been on this course?

Questions for the Access course provider

- Have students who have taken the Access course gone on to study dentistry?
- If so, how many, and which dental schools did they go to?

Understanding the course tables

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1. These are the minimum entry requirements which must be met for the application to proceed. It is at the following stages, such as interview, where dental schools really start to differentiate the applicants.
2. This will tell you how the personal statement is used. Most dental schools do not score the personal statement (but may still read it for background information). Some do score the personal statement.
3. This states the admissions test used by the dental school.
4. Interviews can take different forms, such as a panel interview, or a series of short interviews called a 'multiple mini-interview'. Different styles can focus on different attributes in the candidate.
5. Dental schools may specify what kind of experience they are looking for. Remember: this is not a checklist. The key is the way in which an applicant discusses their experiences in the interview, not the places where they have gained the experience from. For instance, if asked to provide an example of working with other people, having had a part-time job can be just as valuable for answering this as having shadowed a dentist.
6. This box contains any information which relates to widening participation. This can take many forms, from stating specific widening access initiatives that the dental school is involved with, to describing the dental school's use of contextual admissions, if applicable.

Standard Entry Dentistry

The Standard Entry Dentistry course is a five year programme which results in a dentistry degree.

University of Birmingham School of Dentistry

BDS Dental Surgery (A200)

5 years

		Use in selection
Application	Degree qualifications (for graduate applicants)	2:1 in a full 3 year honours degree (e.g. BSc) in a health sciences related field plus A levels in Biology and Chemistry plus one other subject.
	A levels/Scottish Highers	AAA at A level in Biology, Chemistry and one other non related standalone subject (excluding General Studies or Critical Thinking). A levels must be taken concurrently over a maximum of 2 years. AAAAA at Highers or AB Advanced Highers plus AA Highers, including Chemistry and Biology.
	GCSEs/Scottish Nationals	GCSEs to include 7 or above in Mathematics, 7 or above in English Language OR Literature, 8 or above in Biology and 8 or above in Chemistry (or two grade 8 or above in double science or equivalent).
	International Baccalaureate	32 points with 6,6,6 in higher subjects, including Chemistry and Biology.
	Personal statement	The personal statement will be assessed for motivation to study Dentistry, engagement in activities such as work experience, voluntary work and extracurricular activities.
	Admissions test	UCAT
Interview	Interview method	Multiple mini-Interviews or other practical-based interview.
	Work experience	We usually require a minimum of 3 days work experience in an NHS or mixed NHS and private practice plus evidence of voluntary work within a community setting. This requirement is currently waived due to Covid-19 restrictions.
Widening participation		Please see our website for information on widening participation and contextual offers .

To confirm this information, see details on the course's entry requirements, and learn more about the course itself, see its webpage: [University of Birmingham School of Dentistry](#).

University of Bristol Dental School

BDS Dentistry (A206)

5 years

		Use in selection
Application	Degree qualifications (for graduate applicants)	Graduates are required to obtain a 2:1 in their degree and BBB at A-level including Chemistry and one of Biology, Physics or Mathematics.
	A levels/Scottish Highers	A-level: AAA including Chemistry and one of Biology, Physics or Mathematics. SQA Advanced Higher: AA in Chemistry and either Biology, Physics or Mathematics, and Standard Higher: AAAAB.
	GCSEs/Scottish Nationals	GCSEs: 7 or A in GCSE Mathematics or equivalent. 4 or C in GCSE English or equivalent.
	International Baccalaureate	36 points overall with 18 at Higher Level, including 6, 6 at Higher Level in Chemistry and one of Biology, Physics or Mathematics (either Analysis and Approaches or Applications and Interpretations).
	Access to Higher Education Diplomas/BTEC offer	We are currently reviewing our Access to HE and BTEC requirements for the 2022 cycle; please visit our website for up-to-date information.
	Personal statement	We will not be using the personal statement within our selection criteria for the 2022 admissions cycle. Please read our 2022 admissions statement for more information.
	Admissions test	UCAT

Interview	Interview method	Multiple mini-interviews
	Work experience	<p>While not a requirement for the course, we would suggest that applicants have a minimum of two weeks work experience. We recognise that not all applicants are able to obtain clinical work experience, but encourage applicants to seek out opportunities to work with the public in a customer service role, or volunteering in a care or health environment (nursing home, local hospice, shelter for the homeless, working with people with disabilities or special needs, or youth group).</p> <p>We are aware that many applicants will have been unable to undertake work experience during the coronavirus crisis. Please be assured that we will be taking the situation into account and you will not be penalised should your ability to gain relevant work experience have been adversely affected. We encourage applicants to seek opportunities to develop their awareness of the role of a medical practitioner, and the skills and attributes required of such roles through means such as online research, supporting their families and communities, etc.</p>

Widening participation	Please see the university's website for information on widening participation and contextual offers .
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To confirm this information, see details on the course's entry requirements, and learn more about the course itself, see its webpage: [University of Bristol Dental School](#).

Cardiff University School of Dentistry

Dental Surgery BDS (A200)

5 years

		Use in selection
Application	Degree qualifications (for graduate applicants)	Graduates must hold a 2.1 Honours degree and have ABB at A level including Biology and Chemistry. Level 2 requirements (GCSE or equivalent) must also be met.
	A levels/Scottish Highers	AAA at A level including Biology and Chemistry. Applicants need to pass the science practical element of the A level if this is part of their programme of study. AAAAA at Scottish Highers including two sciences (Biology, Chemistry or Physics) and AA at Advanced Higher including Biology and Chemistry.
	GCSEs/Scottish Nationals	Six GCSEs including grade A/7 in the single sciences or a minimum of grade AA or grade 7 in the Double Award, or equivalent qualifications (level, subjects and grade). English language or Welsh language at GCSE grade B/6 or an equivalent. If you require a Student visa, you must ensure your language qualification complies with UKVI requirements. Preference will be given to applicants who hold a grade A/7 at GCSE or equivalent. Scottish Nationals: Grade A in seven National 5 subjects including Biology, Chemistry, English language, and Mathematics.
	International Baccalaureate	36 overall or 6,6,6 in three Higher Level subjects. Must include grade 6 in HL Biology and Chemistry.
	Personal statement	The personal statement is read to check that the applicant has a good understanding and knowledge of the course and what the profession entails.
	Admissions test	UCAT. The overall score and the SJT band are currently scored.
Interview	Interview method	Multiple mini-interviews with ten stations.
	Work experience	Work experience will be used as part of the selection process for entry in 2022.
Widening participation		Please see the university's website for information on widening participation and the use of contextual data .

To confirm this information, see details on the course's entry requirements, and learn more about the course itself, see its webpage: [Cardiff University School of Dentistry](#).

University of Dundee School of Dentistry

Dentistry BDS (A200)

5 years

		Use in selection
Application	Degree qualifications (for graduate applicants)	Upper second class honours degree, preferably in a Life Sciences subject. This should be the first degree obtained. Candidates should have undertaken academic study in the last 3 years prior to entry to the Dentistry course.
	A levels/Scottish Highers	<p>Scottish Highers: AAAAB, including Biology (preferably Human Biology) and Chemistry. These are to be obtained at the first sitting of Highers. In addition, National 5s in English, Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry and one other subject. 3 Advanced Highers / Highers to be taken in 6th year, including Advanced Higher Biology (preferably Human Biology) or Chemistry, all usually at grade B.</p> <p>A Levels: AAA including Biology and Chemistry. In addition, GCSE Biology and Chemistry at A/7 and English, Mathematics and one other subject at B/6.</p>
	GCSEs/Scottish Nationals	<p>GCSE: Biology and Chemistry at A/7 and English, Mathematics and one other subject at B/6.</p> <p>Scottish National 5s: English, Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry and one other subject.</p>
	International Baccalaureate	IB: 37 points including 6,6,6, at Higher level with no retakes and including Biology and Chemistry. In addition, three subjects at Standard level with average of grade 6. Candidates should also submit certificates for other nationally recognised exams.
	Personal statement	The personal statement is not used in selection for interview, however it may be used at interview.
	Admissions test	UCAT
Interview	Interview method	Multiple mini-interviews
	Work experience	Ideally candidates will have around 2 weeks work experience. This is not compulsory but it is recommended so that candidates make an informed decision to study dentistry.
Widening participation		Please see the website for information on widening participation and contextual admissions .

To confirm this information, see details on the course's entry requirements, and learn more about the course itself, see its webpage: [University of Dundee School of Dentistry](#).

University of Glasgow School of Dentistry

Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) (A200)

5 years

		Use in selection
Application	Degree qualifications (graduate applicants only)	The Dental School considers applications from graduates who have a 2.1 Honours degree or equivalent (eg GPA of 3.0 or above) in a relevant subject, and who demonstrate the equivalence of Chemistry and Biology (Grade A, A Level/Higher) and Maths or Physics (Grade B, GCSE/Higher) obtained within the last 6 years. These qualifications can be evidenced through the degree transcript or from prior qualifications. Most life sciences subjects are considered. Where a graduate has studied a non science degree, the above qualifications must be obtained in addition to a 2.1 honours degree.
	A levels/Scottish Highers	AAA at A level including Chemistry and Biology/Human Biology at grade A, plus the GCSE requirements outlined below. AAAAB at Scottish Highers including grade A in Biology/ Human Biology and Higher Chemistry and a pass at grade C in Maths/Physics and English/ ESOL. Advanced Highers in a minimum of three subjects with Biology or Chemistry at grade B.
	GCSEs	6 GCSE subjects at Grade A/7. Must include: Maths or Physics English Language or Literature (accepted at grade B/6 provided 6 other GCSE's have been attained at A/7).
	International Baccalaureate	36 points including three Higher Level subjects at 6,6,6. Must include: Chemistry AND Biology at HL plus Maths or Physics at HL (if it is not possible to take Mathematics or Physics at HL then SL6 will be considered).
	Access to Higher Education Diplomas	Accepts some Access to Higher Education Diplomas. Please contact the admissions office for a full list of acceptable courses.
	Personal statement	Used in selection.
	Admissions test	UCAT

Interview	Interview method	Online panel interviews
	Work experience	For entry in September 2022 we are not asking applicants to carry out work shadowing. While it might not be practical to undertake shadowing in a dental setting at present, applicants may still be able to secure alternative forms of shadowing or voluntary work in other sectors that would demonstrate the attributes in our BDS Person Specification. The School will look for alternatives to work shadowing in the personal statement during the initial screening.

Widening participation	The University of Glasgow operates a system of contextualised admissions for applicants living in Scotland. A grade concession will never be offered for a Chemistry or Biology qualification. Additionally, achieving the adjusted results will allow the applicant to be considered for interview and does not guarantee admission to BDS. Any adjustments will apply only once at the time of first application. See widening participation and contextual admissions for details.
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To confirm this information, see details on the course's entry requirements, and learn more about the course itself, see its webpage: [University of Glasgow School of Dentistry](#).

King's College London Faculty of Dentistry

Dentistry BDS (A205)

5 years

		Use in selection
Application	Degree qualifications (for graduate applicants)	Minimum 2:1 in any subject, with a grade B in Biology or Chemistry and a B in Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Maths or Psychology at A-Level (or equivalent). The applicant must also meet the GCSE requirements. Alternatively, a 2.2 honours degree is acceptable combined with a master's degree (with at least a merit). Graduates who have a sufficient quantity of Biology or Chemistry as part of their degree may not need the A-Level in this subject.
	A levels/Scottish Highers	A*AA at A level including Biology or Chemistry, in addition to studying one of Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Maths or Psychology. If Maths is being used to meet the subject requirement, then we cannot consider Further Maths as the third A-Level. Please note that A-levels in General Studies, Critical Thinking, Thinking Skills and Global Perspectives are not accepted by King's as one of your A levels. If you are taking linear A-levels in England, you will be required to pass the practical endorsement in all science subjects. AAA at Higher in one sitting and AA at Advanced Higher (we do not count the Higher and Advanced Higher in the same subject). Must include grade A in Advanced Higher Chemistry or Biology, and an additional one of Chemistry, Biology, Physics, Maths or Psychology (we do not count the Higher and Advanced Higher in the same subject).
	GCSEs/Scottish Nationals	GCSEs: grade 6/B in both English Language and Mathematics if not offered at A-level. Scottish Nationals: Maths and English are required at Intermediate 2/ Standard Credit Grade 1 or 2/National 5 with B.
	International Baccalaureate	35 points including 766 at Higher Level, with HL Chemistry or HL Biology, and an additional one of Chemistry, Biology, Physics, Maths (either Analysis & Approaches or Applications & Interpretation) or Psychology at Higher Level at grade 6. The total point score of 35 includes TOK/EE. Additionally, grade 5 at Standard Level is required in English and Mathematics if not offered at GCSE.
	Personal statement	Your personal statement is one of the many factors in the overall assessment of your application. We are looking particularly for evidence of appropriate commitment to, and realistic appreciation of, the academic, physical and emotional demands of a dentistry degree programme and career.
	Admissions test	UCAT

Interview	Interview method	Usually multiple mini-interviews (yet to be confirmed for 2021)
	Work experience	We would normally expect that applicants will have undertaken some voluntary work experience in a caring/health environment and/or observation in a dental clinical setting. It is important for applicants to have a realistic appreciation of what a career as a health professional involves.

Widening participation	See the Enhanced Support Dentistry Programme BDS for details.
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To confirm this information, see details on the course's entry requirements, and learn more about the course itself, see its webpage: [King's College London Faculty of Dentistry](https://www.kcl.ac.uk/faculty-of-dentistry).

University of Leeds Dental Institute

Dental Surgery MChD/BChD, Oral Sciences BSc (A200)

5 years

		Use in selection
Application	Degree qualifications (for graduate applicants)	2:1 in related science/healthcare subject and GCSE Maths at grade C/4.
	A levels/Scottish Highers	A Level: AAA including biology and chemistry; alternative conditions ABB including A in biology or chemistry plus Access to Leeds/ROpps/Reach for Excellence. General Studies and Critical thinking A Levels are not accepted. Scottish Highers: Applicants must have grade B minimum in Chemistry, Biology, English and either Physics or Maths at Higher level. At Advanced Higher, we require AA in Biology and Chemistry, plus either a third subject at grade A at Advanced Higher level, OR two additional Highers at grade B.
	GCSEs/Scottish Nationals	GCSE: A minimum of 6 GCSEs at grade B/6 or higher, including Chemistry, Biology (or Dual Science) English and Maths. Scottish Nationals not required if Highers subject requirements met as above.
	International Baccalaureate	At least 35 points overall including a score of 6 in higher level Chemistry and Biology, plus a further higher at grade 6. English must be offered at higher or subsidiary level (grade 5 minimum if not offered at GCSE). Maths Studies is acceptable.
	BTEC	D*DD for Extended Diploma (A2L: DDD) D*D for National Diploma and a grade A in A level Chemistry (A2L: DD and an A in A level Chemistry). Subject requirements to be confirmed.
	Personal statement	Reviewed for interest in the course; not scored. Reference reviewed for general suitability for course; not scored.
	Admissions test	BMAT
Interview	Interview method	Multiple mini-interviews
	Work experience	Not required.
Widening participation		Access to Leeds is our undergraduate widening access programme. It could offer you the chance to study an undergraduate degree with lower entry requirements than those listed on our course pages. If you participate in the scheme you will take part in a study module and you will benefit from support and events to help prepare you for university. See website for details.

To confirm this information, see details on the course's entry requirements, and learn more about the course itself, see its webpage: [University of Leeds Dental Institute](http://www.dentalschoolscouncil.ac.uk).

University of Liverpool School of Dentistry

Dental Surgery BDS (A200)

5 years

		Use in selection
Application	Degree qualifications (for graduate applicants)	Degree in any subject at a minimum of a 2:1 classification. Those with a degree that is not classified (MBChB etc.) should have achieved an overall grade of 70% or above. A minimum of 3 A levels at grade ABB or above including Chemistry and Biology. A minimum of 7 GCSEs at grade B/grade 6 or above including Maths, English Language and a Science subject. Vocational/Applied GCSEs or A levels are not accepted.
	A levels/Scottish Highers	AAA in 3 A levels taken at one sitting, after two years of study. Biology and Chemistry are essential and the third subject may be from the Arts or Sciences. General Studies, Critical Thinking and Vocational/Applied A levels are not accepted. For Science A levels that include the separately graded practical endorsement, a Pass is required. Scottish Higher and Advanced Higher: AAAAA at Higher level and AAA at Advanced Higher-level including Chemistry and Biology.
	GCSEs/Scottish Nationals	A minimum of 8 GCSEs to include at least five subjects at grade A/grade 7 and three at grade B/grade 6. Grade B/grade 6 or above should be achieved in English Language, Maths and Science. Vocational/Applied GCSEs are not accepted. Two short courses will be counted in lieu of one full course.
	International Baccalaureate	A total of 36 points including at least 6 in Higher level Chemistry and Biology taken in one sitting, after two years of study.
	Access to HE Diplomas	We consider Access courses to be suitable for adult learners who should normally have been out of education for at least 5 years. Applicants offering Access to HE Diplomas should present from courses with 12 credits in Biology and 12 credits in Chemistry at Level 3. Candidates are expected to achieve a distinction in 45 credits at level 3. We would expect the equivalent of a score of 80% to be achieved overall.
	Personal statement	The personal statement is assessed to ensure that the applicant has knowledge of and insight into the profession with emphasis on work experience/observation.
	Admissions test	UCAT

Interview	Interview method	Multiple mini interview
	Work experience	It is desirable on all dental programmes that candidates have completed a period of work experience/shadowing in a local dental practice or hospital and preferably in more than one establishment. Applicants which have not been able to obtain any work experience should contact the dental school before applying.

Widening participation	The university uses contextualised admissions. Applicants with a certain number of widening participation indicators will be considered for a reduced academic programme offer (ABB). See website for details.
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To confirm this information, see details on the course's entry requirements, and learn more about the course itself, see its webpage: [University of Liverpool School of Dentistry](#).

University of Manchester School of Dentistry

BDS Dentistry (A206)

5 years

		Use in selection
Application	Degree qualifications (for graduate applicants)	Graduate applicants must have achieved or be predicted a minimum of an upper second class (2:1) honours degree and should have achieved a minimum of BBB at A-level (32 in IB) in their first sitting. Applicants with a relevant science degree are exempted from the subject specification at A-Level, but must still meet the BBB academic standard. Applicants offering other degrees will need to hold at least two science subjects at A-level including Biology and Chemistry. UCAT, Maths at minimum Grade B (6) at GCSE and English Language requirements also apply.
	A levels/Scottish Highers	AAA at A level including Biology/Human Biology and Chemistry. Where the science A-level syllabus is available with a practical element this also must be offered and passed. AAAA at Highers by the end of Secondary 5 and at least AA at Advanced Highers by the end of Secondary 6. See website for details.
	GCSEs/Scottish Nationals	We require at least seven GCSEs at grade A (7) or A* (8+). English Language, Mathematics and at least two science subjects are required at GCSE minimum grade B (6). If Dual Award Science or Core and Additional Science are offered, the minimum required is BB (66).
	International Baccalaureate	37 points are required overall (to include core points) with at least 766 at higher level. If Maths and English Language are not offered as part of the Diploma, they should be offered at GCSE or IGCSE at grade B (6) or above. Major subjects must include Chemistry and Biology, plus one further subject at higher level. We accept both Maths options as part of the Diploma.
	Personal statement	Applicants must complete an online information form with respect to their non-academic activities. This form will be sent to all applicants after the 15th October UCAS deadline by the School of Medical Sciences Admissions Office.
	Admissions test	UCAT
Interview	Interview method	To be confirmed for 2022 entry.
	Work experience	Work experience may be paid or voluntary and should include some time spent in a dental setting but can also include examples from other healthcare and related environments. We do not have a requirement on the length of the work experience.
Widening participation		The University of Manchester uses contextual admissions to consider candidates' UCAS applications in context. If you meet the criteria and your predicted grades are within two grades of our minimum entry criteria you may be made a reduced offer of AAB at A level. See website for details.

To confirm this information, see details on the course's entry requirements, and learn more about the course itself, see its webpage: [University of Manchester School of Dentistry](#).

Newcastle University Dental School

Dental Surgery BDS (A206)

5 years

		Use in selection
Application	Degree qualifications (graduate applicants)	A 2:1 honours degree or higher is required, and must include Biology and Chemistry as a significant percentage of the degree.
	A levels/Scottish Highers	<p>AAA at A level including Chemistry and Biology (including a pass in the science practical components). Contextual offers (e.g. PARTNERS) are typically BBB at A-Level or equivalent, subject to attending a summer school.</p> <p>Scottish Highers: AAAAA at Highers normally including Biology and Chemistry. Two Advanced Highers also normally required (minimum A/B) to include Biology and/or Chemistry. If only one out of Biology and Chemistry is offered at Advanced Higher, a grade A is required in that science.</p>
	GCSEs/Scottish Nationals	GCSEs or equivalent qualifications are reviewed as part of the initial application process.
	International Baccalaureate	A minimum of 37 points with Chemistry and Biology at Grade 6 or above at Higher level.
	Access to HE diplomas	At least 45 level 3 credits to be achieved at Distinction. Must include at least 15 level 3 credits in each of Biology and Chemistry (Human Biology and Chemistry for the HEFC). A minimum of 2 years of full-time employment required after undertaking school-leaving examinations before commencing the Access to HE Diploma.
	Personal statement	The personal statement is considered as part of the overall admissions process. It is important to indicate your clear interest in dentistry.
	Admissions test	UCAT
Interview	Interview method	A panel interview with two academic and/or clinical members of staff.
	Work experience	Emphasis on applicants being able to show a commitment to caring which can be accomplished in a number of ways other than in a hospital or general practice setting, such as volunteering in an elderly care home, hospice, nursery or helping someone less fortunate. The dental school is also interested in individuals who have shown commitment to working as part of a team over a prolonged period of time in any area, including voluntary, sports, other extra-curricular activities.
Widening participation		Through our PARTNERS programme, you could receive an offer up to three grades lower than the typical requirements, and get support throughout the application process. To apply through PARTNERS, you must be based in the UK and meet our eligibility criteria. There are also other schemes through which reduced offers may be available. See website for details.

To confirm this information, see details on the course's entry requirements, and learn more about the course itself, see its webpage: [Newcastle University Dental School](http://www.newcastle.ac.uk/dental-school).

University of Plymouth Peninsula Dental School

BDS Dental Surgery (A206)

5 years

		Use in selection
Application	Degree qualifications (graduate applicants)	Degrees are not accepted. GAMSAT required for degree holders.
	A levels/Scottish Highers	The typical offer is A*AA – AAB at GCE A level/Scottish Advanced Highers which must include an A grade in Biology and A in one further science from Chemistry, Maths, Physics and Psychology. The third GCE A level/Scottish Advanced Higher can be from any subject area including the Humanities, Languages, Music, Sport, Science and the Social Sciences.
	GCSEs/Scottish Nationals	Applicants need to achieve 7 GCSE passes at grades A-C/9-4 which must include English language, Mathematics and either GCSE double award science or two from single award Biology, Chemistry or Physics. Scottish Nationals are considered in lieu of GCSEs.
	International Baccalaureate	The typical offer is 36-38 points overall including six in Biology and one further science from Chemistry, Maths, Physics and Psychology at Higher Level.
	Personal statement	Not scored throughout any part of the admissions process.
	Admissions test	UCAT for school leavers/applicants with Level 3 qualifications taken within 5 years of application. GAMSAT for degree holders/applicants with Level 3 qualifications that do not meet our requirements or whose qualifications were awarded more than 5 years ago at point of application.
	Interview method	Multiple mini-interviews
	Work experience	Not required.
Widening participation		The University of Plymouth is committed to widening access (WA) and ensuring that all students with the potential to succeed, regardless of their background, are encouraged to apply with us. The additional information gained through contextual data enables our admissions advisory panel to recognise a student's achievements and identify their potential to succeed in the context of their background and experience. Please visit our website for information about our widening participation activities. Applicants are required to meet a minimum of three WA indicators as stated on our website to be considered for a lower AAB offer.

To confirm this information, see details on the course's entry requirements, and learn more about the course itself, see its webpage: [University of Plymouth Peninsula Dental School](#).

Queen Mary, University of London

Dentistry BDS (A200)

5 years

		Use in selection
Application	Degree qualifications (graduate applicants)	2:1 or above in any subject (achieved or predicted) with supporting science qualifications where necessary. Please see our degree title checker for subject specific information.
	A levels/Scottish Highers	A*AA at A level (results must be achieved in one sitting over a study period of no longer than two years). Must include Biology or Chemistry, and a second science (Chemistry, Biology, Physics or Mathematics).
	GCSEs/Scottish Nationals	AAABBB (777666 for GCSEs taken from 2015) or above (in any order) to include Biology (or Human Biology), Chemistry, English Language, and Mathematics (or Additional Mathematics or Statistics). The Science Double Award may substitute all sciences at GCSE.
	International Baccalaureate	38 points overall with 666 in Higher Level subjects. Must include Biology or Chemistry and a second science subject or Mathematics.
	Personal statement	Interviewers will consider your interests, talents, and the contribution you can make to the university. Your personal statement will help us to ask you relevant questions. We look for applicants who have participated as fully as possible in school or college life, and who have also contributed in some way to the outside community.
	Admissions test	UCAT
Interview	Interview method	Panel interview.
	Work experience	Selectors will expect you to demonstrate some knowledge about a career in dentistry and to have gained experience in a relevant setting. However, we recognise the challenge of obtaining relevant work experience.
Widening participation		We will take into account some of your personal circumstances and background when considering your application. Find out more about contextual admissions .

To confirm this information, see details on the course's entry requirements, and learn more about the course itself, see its webpage: [Barts and The London School of Medicine and Dentistry](#)

Queen's University Belfast Dental School

BDS Dental Surgery (A200)

5 years

		Use in selection
Application	Degree qualifications (graduate applicants)	<p>Applications from graduates or those in the final year of their degree are considered and the full academic background is taken into account. The minimum A-level threshold (or equivalent in other qualifications) is either BBB at first attempt, ie: prior to commencing degree studies for those with an Upper Second Class Honours degree, or BBC at the first attempt for those with a First Class Honours Degree or a PhD and an Upper Second Class Honours degree. Applicants must have an appropriate science background at GCSE and A-level or equivalent (see below) and at least a 2.1 Honours classification in their primary (first) degree, which can be from a wide range of different subjects. A-level Chemistry and Biology/Human Biology are required. In addition, GCSE Mathematics minimum grade C/4 is required if not offered at AS-level or A-level. Graduate applicants who fulfil these criteria are then scored with their UCAT.</p> <p>Graduate applicants from a non-science background but who fulfil the conditions in terms of grades achieved at the first attempt (ie in their original choice of A-level subjects) and degree performance will be considered if they undertake the appropriate Science qualifications on completion of their degree.</p>
	A levels	AAA at A-level including Biology/Human Biology and Chemistry. GCSE Mathematics minimum grade C/4 is required if not offered at AS-level or A-level. For A-level School Leavers a maximum of one Applied A-level will be counted. Please also note that only one Mathematics subject will be counted at A-level. A-level Critical Thinking and both A-level and AS-level General Studies are not acceptable.
	GCSEs	For NI and GB applicants, GCSE performance in the best 9 subjects will be scored with 4 points awarded for an A* (grade 9 in the new grading scale) and 3 for an A grade (grade 8/7 in the new grading scale). Points are not awarded for B and C grades (grades 6, 5 and 4 in the new grading scale).
	International Baccalaureate	36 points overall including 6 6 6 at Higher Level including Biology and Chemistry + GCSE Mathematics grade C/4 or an equivalent acceptable to the University.
	Personal statement	Not scored.
	Admissions test	UCAT
Interview method	Multiple mini interviews	
Work experience	Work experience in a dental clinical setting is not a requirement for admission however, applicants should state what they have done to find out about a career in dentistry.	

To confirm this information, see details on the course's entry requirements, and learn more about the course itself, see its webpage: [Queen's University Belfast Dental School](https://www.dentalschoolscouncil.ac.uk).

University of Sheffield School of Clinical Dentistry

Dental Surgery BDS (A200)

5 years

		Use in selection
Application	Degree qualifications (graduate applicants)	2.1 honours in science and related degrees.
	A levels/Scottish Highers	AAA at A level including Chemistry and Biology/Human Biology. AAAAB at Scottish Highers including Biology and an A in Chemistry or AAAAB at Scottish Highers including Chemistry and an A in Biology.
	GCSEs/Scottish Nationals	6 GCSE grades at 7/A including Maths, English Language and science.
	International Baccalaureate	36 points with a 6 in Higher Level Chemistry and Biology.
	Access to Higher Education Diploma/BTEC offer	60 credits overall in a relevant subject, with 45 credits at level 3, including 39 credits at Distinction in Chemistry and Biology and 6 credits at Merit. BTEC - D*DD in science including Distinctions in Chemistry and Biology units.
	Personal statement	The personal statement is used as a screening tool for interview. Applicants need to demonstrate that they possess the personal qualities and values to become a healthcare professional. The applicant should also demonstrate that they have explored dentistry and the allied health professions as careers to ensure that they are making an informed choice.
	Admissions test	UCAT
Interview	Interview method	Semi-Structured Panel Interview and separate Interpersonal skills test.
	Work experience	As part of their career exploration, it is recommended that applicants undertake a mixture of work experience, independent research, discussion with healthcare workers, online course etc.to inform their decision to apply for dentistry.
Widening participation		<p>The Discover Dental Professions programme is a two-year pathway starting in Year 12 for widening access students who are interested and have the potential to progress into a career in the field of dentistry, as a dentist, hygienist or therapist.</p> <p>The University of Sheffield also participates in the Realising Opportunities programme.</p> <p>With Access Sheffield, applicants meeting contextual criteria could qualify for additional consideration or a reduced offer.</p>

To confirm this information, see details on the course's entry requirements, and learn more about the course itself, see its webpage: [University of Sheffield School of Clinical Dentistry](#).

Graduate Entry Dentistry

The Graduate Entry Dentistry course is designed to enable graduates with honours degrees in science subjects, and healthcare professionals with a degree, to study for a BDS. These degrees are usually four years in duration, but some may be shorter or longer than this.

University of Aberdeen Institute of Dentistry
Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) (A201)

4 years

Only open to applicants from the UK.

		Use in selection
Application	Degree qualifications	First Class or Upper Second Class Honours Degree from a UK or recognised European University in applied health sciences or recognised relevant biomedical sciences.
	A levels/Scottish Highers	N/A
	GCSEs/Scottish Nationals	N/A
	International Baccalaureate	N/A
	Personal statement	The personal statement is used in selection for interview.
	Admissions test	UCAT
Interview	Interview method	Multiple mini-interviews
	Work experience	Work experience is used in selection for interview and is assessed as part of multiple mini-interviews.

To confirm this information, see details on the course's entry requirements, and learn more about the course itself, see its webpage: [University of Aberdeen Institute of Dentistry](https://www.abdn.ac.uk/institute-of-dentistry/).

University of Central Lancashire School of Dentistry

Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) (A202)

4 years

Only open to applicants from the UK.

		Use in selection
Application	Degree qualifications	Minimum of a 2.1 BSc in a relevant biomedical subject (subjects that meet the learning outcomes listed in the verification of prior learning document). The applicant must meet the A level and GCSE (or equivalent) requirements too.
	A levels/Scottish Highers	3 A-Levels with a minimum of grade C in each subject, including two subjects from Biology, Chemistry, Maths and Physics.
	GCSEs/Scottish Nationals	A minimum of grade B/5 in GCSE English Language and Maths.
	International Baccalaureate	A minimum of 25 points with a minimum of grade 5 in three subjects at Higher Level, including two science subjects from Biology, Chemistry, Maths and Physics.
	Personal statement	Not graded but used to ensure that all applicants who progress to interview have demonstrated their motivation for studying dentistry and pre-Covid, that they undertook some suitable dental work experience.
	Admissions test	External aptitude test not required, but all applicants that meet the requirements must sit the UCLan School of Dentistry entrance exam to verify their relevant biomedical knowledge in order to be selected for interview.
Interview	Interview method	Multiple mini-interviews and manual dexterity test.
	Work experience	All applicants who progress to interview must have demonstrated their motivation for studying dentistry and pre-Covid, that they undertook some suitable dental work experience.

To confirm this information, see details on the course's entry requirements, and learn more about the course itself, see its webpage: [University of Central Lancashire School of Dentistry](https://www.uclan.ac.uk/school-of-dentistry).

King's College London Faculty of Dentistry

Dentistry Graduate/Professional Entry Programme BDS (A202)

4 years

Only open to applicants from the UK.

		Use in selection
Application	Degree qualifications	Either a minimum 2:1 (upper second class honours) undergraduate degree (or international equivalent) in a Biosciences subject or a 2:2 (lower second class honours) undergraduate degree with a postgraduate degree (with at least a Merit) in a Biosciences subject.
	A levels/Scottish Highers	N/A
	GCSEs/Scottish Nationals	N/A
	International Baccalaureate	N/A
	Personal statement	The personal statement and reference are used in the shortlisting process for interview, however, examination results and the UCAT score are the most important factors when considering applications.
	Admissions test	UCAT

Interview	Interview method	To be confirmed.
	Work experience	

Widening participation	When considering those students which will be shortlisted for interview, the selectors consider the following; predicted or achieved 2.1 (or equivalent) in a Biosciences degree, or predicted or achieved merit in a postgraduate degree in Biosciences along with achieved 2.2 (or equivalent) undergraduate degree; the personal statement, the reference, and the score in the UCAT. These contribute to the shortlisting of candidates, and we do assess for this programme holistically, taking in to account all these factors and your performance in the context of your educational background.
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To confirm this information, see details on the course's entry requirements, and learn more about the course itself, see its webpage: [King's College London Faculty of Dentistry](https://www.kcl.ac.uk/faculty-of-dentistry).

King's College London Faculty of Dentistry

Dentistry Entry Programme for Medical Graduates BDS (A204)

3 years

Only open to qualified doctors from the UK.

		Use in selection
Application	Degree qualifications	Applicants must be qualified doctors (registered with the UK General Medical Council) who have completed Foundation Years 1 and 2, and wish to pursue a career in either oral and maxillofacial surgery or oral medicine/pathology.
	A levels/Scottish Highers	N/A
	GCSEs/Scottish Nationals	N/A
	International Baccalaureate	N/A
	Personal statement	Your personal statement is one of the many factors in the overall assessment of your application. We are looking particularly for evidence of appropriate commitment to, and realistic appreciation of, the academic, physical and emotional demands of a dentistry degree programme and career.
	Admissions test	None.

Interview	Interview method	To be confirmed.
	Work experience	

Additional information	<p>There are seven places available for this programme and candidates will be expected to demonstrate a firm commitment to a career in either oral and maxillo-facial surgery or oral medicine/pathology. There are no ring-fenced places for graduates of King's and all applicants are treated equally.</p> <p>Please note, this programme is not open to Overseas fee payers.</p>
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To confirm this information, see details on the course's entry requirements, and learn more about the course itself, see its webpage: [King's College London Faculty of Dentistry](https://www.kcl.ac.uk/faculty-of-dentistry).

University of Leeds

Dental Surgery MChD/BChD, Oral Sciences BSc (Graduate Entry)

4 years

		Use in selection
Application	Degree qualifications	2:1 in BSc Dental Hygiene and Dental Therapy from the University of Leeds only.
	A levels/Scottish Highers	N/A
	GCSEs/Scottish Nationals	N/A
	International Baccalaureate	N/A
	Personal statement	Scoring for shortlisting (if required) prior to interview.
	Admissions test	None.
Interview	Interview method	Panel interview.
	Work experience	N/A
Additional information		This is a direct entry route into dentistry for graduates from the BSc Dental Hygiene and Dental Therapy course offered by the University of Leeds.

		Use in selection
Application	Degree qualifications	Graduates are accepted onto the full 5-year course. A degree with a 2:1 or higher is required, and must include Biology and Chemistry as a significant percentage of the degree.
	A levels/Scottish Highers	We only take into account the most recent qualification (degree) for graduate applicants.
	GCSEs/Scottish Nationals	We only take into account the most recent qualification (degree) for graduate applicants.
	International Baccalaureate	We only take into account the most recent qualification (degree) for graduate applicants.
	Personal statement	The personal statement is considered as part of the overall admissions process. It is important to indicate your clear interest in dentistry.
	Admissions test	UCAT is compulsory for BDS (A206). The UCAT score must be achieved in the year of application.
Interview	Interview method	A panel interview with two academic and/or clinical members of staff.
	Work experience	It is important to include some relevant experience in a public facing role in your personal statement as this is considered by the admissions team.

To confirm this information, see details on the course's entry requirements, and learn more about the course itself, see its webpage: [Newcastle University Dental School](https://www.newcastle.ac.uk/dental-school).

Dentistry with a Preliminary Year

This course takes the form of a five-year standard degree with an additional year at the start, making it a six year course. It is designed for those who achieved highly at A level, or equivalent, but who did not take the required science subjects. The extra year gives students the necessary science training to catch up. It is not a means of boosting the grades of those who do not meet the entry requirements for standard entry dentistry.

University of Manchester Dental School

BDS Dentistry (pre-dental entry) (A204)

6 years

		Use in selection
Application	A levels/Scottish Highers	Our standard A-level offer is AAA including subject combinations that would be unsuitable for admission to the 5 year BDS. Combinations of very similar subjects, for example, Biology and Human Biology or Maths and Further Maths together, are not acceptable. Two AS-levels in place of one A2-level will not be accepted. Please see the university website for alternative level three qualifications.
	GCSEs/Scottish Nationals	We require at least seven GCSEs at grade A (7) or A* (8+). English Language and Mathematics are required at GCSE minimum grade B (6). At least two science subjects are required at GCSE minimum grade B (6) if not taken to AS/A2-level. If Dual Award Science or Core and Additional Science are offered, the minimum required is BB (66).
	International Baccalaureate	36 points are required overall (to include core points) with at least 666 at higher level. We accept both Maths options as part of the Diploma. If Maths and English Language are not offered as part of the Diploma, they should be offered at GCSE or IGCSE at grade B (6) or above. Higher level subjects should include subject combinations that would be unsuitable for admission to the 5 year BDS.
	Personal statement	
	Admissions test	UCAT
Interview	Interview method	All interviewees will be sent detailed information which explains the interview procedure and format of the interview process.
	Work experience	We require applicants to undertake some relevant work experience prior to application so that they can gain some insight into what the role of a dentist involves.
Widening participation		Widening participation applicants with a contextual data flag are identified through the UCAS application and may be given a reduced offer of AAB at A level in non-science subjects. See website for details.

To confirm this information, see details on the course's entry requirements, and learn more about the course itself, see its webpage: [University of Manchester Dental School](http://www.dentalschoolscouncil.ac.uk).

University of Leeds Dental School

Studies in Science with Foundation Year BSc, progressing onto Dental Surgery MChD/BChD, Oral Sciences BSc (6H89)

6 years

		Use in selection
Application	A levels/Scottish Highers	<p>A-level: ABB or above, or equivalent excluding critical thinking and general studies.</p> <p>BB at Advanced Highers (A.H.) and AABBB in Highers - or - B in A.H. and AAABB in Highers - or - AABBBB in Highers.</p> <p>To be considered for admissions to this extended degree, the subject range of these qualifications must not match that required by the discipline you wish to study at degree level.</p>
	GCSEs/Scottish Nationals	GCSE: English and science at grade C/4 or above and GCSE mathematics at grade B/6 or above, or equivalent.
	International Baccalaureate	34 overall (16 higher).
	Personal statement	The personal statement of the application helps us to assess the nature of the applicant's interest in the academic subject and is an important part of the selection process. It is essential that applicants take this opportunity to demonstrate their enthusiasm and aptitude for the academic subject.
	Admissions test	Applicants applying to the BSc Interdisciplinary Science with Foundation Year and BSc Studies in Science with Foundation Year will be asked to complete a Maths exam as part of the selection process on the day of interview.
Interview	Interview method	Panel interview for entry to the foundation year, and an MMI to progress onto the main dental surgery programme.
	Work experience	Not required.
Widening participation		The University of Leeds offers a number of alternative routes in order to widen access to higher education. For further details see our Access to Leeds (A2L) scheme .

To confirm this information, see details on the course's entry requirements, and learn more about the course itself, see its webpage: [University of Leeds Dental School](#).

Dentistry with a Gateway Year

These dental degrees are designed for students who are of high ability but who may have had barriers to their learning due to their socioeconomic and/or educational circumstances. These courses are open to UK students only who meet a specific set of eligibility criteria. Often these are six-year courses, with the first year being a foundation year. Some schools offer a stand alone foundation year, which upon successful completion allows progression on to a standard dentistry course.

University of Bristol Dental School
Gateway to Dentistry BDS (A208)
6 years

Only open to UK applicants who meet specific widening participation criteria.

		Use in selection
Application	A levels/Scottish Highers	A-levels: BBC including B in Biology or Chemistry. Applicants with predicted or achieved grades of AAB or above, or with A in Chemistry, are not eligible for this course. SQA: Advanced Higher: BB including Biology or Chemistry, and Standard Level: BBBBC. Applicants with achieved or predicted Advanced Higher grades of AA, or with Chemistry at an A grade, are not eligible for this course.
	GCSEs/Scottish Nationals	4 (C) in GCSE Maths or equivalent (Standard numeracy requirement) and 4 (C) in GCSE English or equivalent (Standard literacy requirement).
	International Baccalaureate	29 points overall, including 5 at Higher Level in Biology or Chemistry. Applicants with predicted or achieved grades of 33 points overall including 16 at Higher Level, or with 6 at Higher Level in Chemistry, are not eligible for this course.
	BTEC offer	DMM in Applied Sciences, Medical Sciences or Health and Social Care (Science pathway). Applicants who are taking BTECs plus A-level Chemistry are not eligible for this course.
	Personal statement	We do not use the personal statement in our selection criteria for this course. Please read our 2022 admissions statement for more information.
	Admissions test	UCAT
Interview	Interview method	Multiple mini-interviews
	Work experience	All applicants, regardless of intended pathway, should have some practical work experience in their chosen career field in order to develop their understanding of the profession, show their commitment to the course and career, and as a basis for questions at interview. This does not necessarily have to include clinical experience and can include work placements undertaken as part of a relevant course or as independent voluntary work. There is no minimum number of hours or weeks required, although undertaking at least five days is recommended.
Widening participation		This course is open to applicants from specific schools and colleges in the UK only and/or to those who have spent three months or more in care. For further information visit: Contextual offers .

To confirm this information, see details on the course's entry requirements, and learn more about the course itself, see its webpage: [University of Bristol Dental School](#).

King's College London Faculty of Dentistry

Enhanced Support Dentistry Programme BDS (A206)

5 years

Only open to applicants that meet specific widening participation criteria.

		Use in selection
Application	A levels/Scottish Highers	AAA at A level including Biology or Chemistry, in addition to studying one of Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Maths or Psychology. If Maths is being used to meet the subject requirement, then we cannot consider Further Maths as the third A-Level. Please note that A-levels in General Studies, Critical Thinking, Thinking Skills and Global Perspectives are not accepted by King's as one of your A levels. NOTE: If you are taking linear A levels in England, you will be required to pass the practical endorsement in all science subjects.
	GCSEs/Scottish Nationals	Grade 6/B in both GCSE English and Mathematics, if not offered at A/AS-level.
	International Baccalaureate	35 points including 666 in three HL subjects, including HL Biology or HL Chemistry, in addition to studying one of Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Maths or Psychology at Higher Level. Additionally, Grade 5 SL is required in both English and Mathematics, if not offered at GCSE.
	Personal statement	Your personal statement is one of the many factors in the overall assessment of your application. We are looking particularly for evidence of appropriate commitment to, and realistic appreciation of, the academic, physical and emotional demands of a dentistry degree programme and career.
	Admissions test	UCAT
Interview	Interview method	To be confirmed.
	Work experience	We would normally expect that you will have undertaken some work experience in a caring environment and/or observation in a clinical setting. If this is not possible, we look for evidence that you have worked in a setting where you can interact with the general public, e.g. in a pharmacy, check-out or restaurant.
Widening participation		<p>To be eligible to be considered for the Enhanced Support Dentistry Programme, you must have attended only non-selective state education within Greater London, as determined by the UK government's Department for Education (DfE), since the age of 11. Please list all the schools that you have attended since the age of 11 on your UCAS application.</p> <p>Applicants cannot have started or completed a degree before submitting their application, and all applicants must have sat the UCAT prior to submitting their application.</p>

To confirm this information, see details on the course's entry requirements, and learn more about the course itself, see its webpage: [King's College London Faculty of Dentistry](https://www.kcl.ac.uk/faculty-of-dentistry/).

University of Leeds Dental School

Interdisciplinary Science with Foundation Year BSc, progressing onto Dental Surgery MChD/BChD, Oral Sciences BSc (CFG0)

6 years

Only open to applicants that meet specific widening participation criteria.

		Use in selection
Application	A levels/Scottish Highers	A-level: CDD or above excluding critical thinking and general studies, or equivalent. Applicants taking a Science A-level (in England) will be required to achieve a pass in the practical element in addition to the standard A-level grade requirement.
	GCSEs/Scottish Nationals	GCSE: English, mathematics and science at grade C/4 or above.
	International Baccalaureate	24 overall (12 higher).
	Personal statement	The personal statement of the application helps us to assess the nature of the applicant's interest in the academic subject and is an important part of the selection process. It is essential that applicants take this opportunity to demonstrate their enthusiasm and aptitude for the academic subject.
	Admissions test	Applicants applying to the BSc Interdisciplinary Science with Foundation Year and BSc Studies in Science with Foundation Year will be asked to complete a Maths exam as part of the selection process on the day of interview.

Interview	Interview method	Panel interview for entry to the foundation year, and an MMI to progress onto the main Dental Surgery programme.
	Work experience	Not required.

Widening participation	<p>To be eligible to apply for this course you must live permanently in the UK and meet at least one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your permanent address is in a neighbourhood with low progression to higher education (we use the OfS postcode checker). You attended a school which achieved less than the national average of five grade A*-C or 9-4 passes (including English and Maths) at GCSE or attainment 8 score in a state school. We use the All England State funded attainment 8 score, excluding applicants from selective and/or independent schools. You grew up in public care. <p>We actively encourage applications from mature students. Further consideration will be given to the life experience of mature applicants and the circumstances in which they gained prior qualifications.</p> <p>The University of Leeds offers a number of alternative routes in order to widen access to higher education. For further details, see our Access to Leeds (A2L) scheme. We also accept applicants through the Realising Opportunities Scheme.</p>
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To confirm this information, see details on the course's entry requirements, and learn more about the course itself, see its webpage: [University of Leeds Dental School](#).

University of Liverpool Dental School

Foundation to Health and Veterinary Studies (Year 0) (OAAW)

1 year (allows progression to BDS)

Only open mature students from the UK who have typically been out of formal education for some time or who have taken non-traditional qualifications.

		Use in selection
Application	A levels/Scottish Highers	Please note that we will not consider A-Level students or school leavers. However, consideration may be given to candidates who studied some time ago.
	GCSEs/Scottish Nationals	5 GCSE subjects at Grade B (Numerical Grade 6) to include: Mathematics, English Language and either Biology, Chemistry or Physics, Core and additional Science or Dual Science Award.
	International Baccalaureate	N/A
	Personal statement	The personal statement is assessed to ensure that the applicant has knowledge of and insight into the profession with emphasis on work experience/observation. Evidence of a caring attitude and awareness of the values embedded within the NHS constitution is also sought.
	Admissions test	None.
Interview	Interview method	Multiple mini-interviews
	Work experience	Applicants must demonstrate motivation and commitment to a career in dentistry/dental therapy. Candidates are expected to show a range of skills and it is desirable on all dental programmes that candidates have completed a period of work experience/shadowing in a local dental practice or hospital and preferably in more than one establishment.
Widening participation		<p>This unique widening participation programme is available to adult learners and non-traditional students who have typically taken a break from studies. If successful, this programme provides automatic progression onto your desired profession at the University of Liverpool.</p> <p>See website for details.</p>

To confirm this information, see details on the course's entry requirements, and learn more about the course itself, see its webpage: [University of Liverpool](http://www.dentalschoolscouncil.ac.uk).