



Entry requirements for UK dental schools
2023 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.

BMAT

Leeds Dental School uses the Biomedical Admissions Test or BMAT. There are usually two BMAT test dates per year. The first is in early September and applicants must register for this by early August. The second is in late October or early November and students should aim to register for this by the end of September, but late registrations are possible until the UCAS application deadline.

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 including Biology and Chemistry. These must be obtained in one sitting, in the same exam period of the same year. Human Biology may be offered, but not in addition to Biology. 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 grade 6 in Higher Level Chemistry and Biology.
	Personal statement	The personal statement will be assessed for motivation and commitment to study Dentistry.
	Admissions test	UCAT
Interview	Interview method	Multiple mini-Interviews.
	Work experience	Desirable, but not essential.
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)	2:1 Honours degree in any subject 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. AAAAB in Standard Highers with AA in Chemistry and either Biology, Physics or Mathematics at Advanced Highers.
	GCSEs/Scottish Nationals	GCSEs: 7/A in GCSE Mathematics or equivalent. 4/C in GCSE English. National 5 Mathematics A and National 5 English C. See alternative requirements: https://www.bristol.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/entry-requirements-qualifications/gcse/
	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 & Approaches or Applications & Interpretations).
	Access to Higher Education Diplomas/BTEC offer	Access to HE Diploma in Science, Biomedical/Medical/Health Science or Psychology (or related subjects). The 45 graded Level 3 credits must include: at least 30 credits at Distinction and 15 at Merit or above; and at least 12 credits at Distinction from Chemistry units; and at least 12 credits (with 9 at Distinction) from one of Biology, Physics or Mathematics. BTEC: DDD in Applied Science BTEC National Level 3 Extended Diploma, with Distinctions in 6 specified Chemistry units.
	Personal statement	We will not be using the personal statements.
	Admissions test	UCAT
Interview method	Work experience	On-line Interviews, format not yet confirmed. Work experience is not a requirement for this course but we recommend two weeks' work experience to inform applicants' decisions. This may also help during an interview.
	Widening participation	Please see the university's website for information on widening participation and contextual offers . Other contextual information is included in the main course page .

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](https://www.bristol.ac.uk/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, or equivalent, 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	Seven 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) and 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.
	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 must include evidence that the applicant has researched their prospective professional role within dentistry as a dental surgeon. The applicant must show evidence of a commitment to a career in dentistry, qualities and skills required for the dental profession, and work experience or knowledge of the nature of dentistry.
	Admissions test	UCAT. The overall score and the SJT band are currently scored.
Interview	Interview method	Multiple mini-interviews
	Work experience	Ideally, applicants will have had work experience in a dental environment. However, due to the restrictions of COVID-19, alternative experience will be accepted as evidence that the applicant has researched their prospective professional role within dentistry as a dental surgeon. A variety of resources on what working within dentistry involves is available online.
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 College Cork Dental School and Hospital

Dental Surgery BDS (CK702 CAO)

5 years

		Use in selection
Application	Degree qualifications (for graduate applicants)	For Canadian students who apply a primary degree is a prerequisite preferably a science based degree.
	A levels/Scottish Highers	At Least six subjects must be presented. Minimum grade H4 in two subjects and minimum grade O6/H7 in four other subjects. English and Irish are requirements for all programmes unless the applicant is exempt from Irish. Applicants will need to meet the following minimum entry requirements: H4 Chemistry, H4 Physics or Biology. O6/H7 Maths, O6/H7 Other Language, and O6/H7 in two other subjects. See website for more details.
	GCSEs/Scottish Nationals	The minimum acceptable level of English is Grade 4/C at GCSE Level. To compare the subject requirements in terms of Irish Leaving Certificate as specified on the HEI's website, use the Subject Grade Comparison table. See website for more details.
	International Baccalaureate	Minimum of 36 points excluding bonus points, including 3 HL subjects, of which Chemistry and one other Science subject (from Physics, Biology or Maths), at a minimum score of 6. If the third Science subject or Maths is presented at SL, it must have a minimum score of 6.
	Personal statement	For CAO applications as personal statement is not provided. For International and Mature entry applicants the personal statement is considered in terms of motivation, commitment, work experience and financial support.
	Admissions test	N/A
Interview	Interview method	Interviews for international students. 15 minute interview.
	Work experience	For International students & Mature entry students there is an expectation they have had some exposure to dentistry, e.g. working in a dental surgery or shadowing experience.
Widening participation		Please see the university's website for information on widening participation .

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

University of Dublin School of Dental Science

Dental Science B.Dent.Sc

5 years

		Use in selection
Application	A levels/Scottish Highers	Irish Leaving Certificate - CAO points system.
	GCSEs/Scottish Nationals	N/A
	International Baccalaureate	N/A
	Personal statement	N/A
	Admissions test	NA
Interview	Interview method	Panel Interview or MMI may be used for non-EU entrants.
	Work experience	N/A
Widening participation		N/A

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

University of Dundee School of Dentistry

Dentistry BDS (A200)

5 years

		Use in selection
Application	Degree qualifications (for graduate applicants)	Minimum 2:1 honours degree, preferably in a Life Sciences subject. This should be the first degree obtained.
	A levels/Scottish Highers	AAA including Biology and Chemistry. All to be achieved in one sitting with no retakes. Scottish Highers: AAAAB, including Biology and Chemistry. These are to be obtained at the first sitting of Highers. 3 Advanced Highers / Highers to be taken in 6th year, including Advanced Higher Biology or Chemistry.
	GCSEs/Scottish Nationals	GCSE: Biology and Chemistry at A/7 and English, Mathematics and one other subject at B/6. Scottish National 5s: English, Mathematics, Biology and Chemistry with grade B/6.
	International Baccalaureate	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.
	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 should have around 2 weeks work experience, but we appreciate that can be difficult to organise so candidates should make every effort to ensure they are making an informed choice to study dentistry. This could be by speaking to their own dentist, recent graduates or current dental students.
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](http://www.dentalschoolscouncil.ac.uk).

University of Glasgow School of Dentistry

Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) (A200)

5 years

		Use in selection
Application	Degree qualifications (graduate applicants only)	2:1 Honours degree or equivalent (e.g. GPA of 3.0 or above) in a relevant science subject. Must 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.
	A levels/Scottish Highers	AAA at A level including Chemistry and Biology/Human Biology at grade A, plus the GCSE requirements outlined below. Please note that General Studies is not acceptable as a third A-level. AAAAB including A in Higher Biology/Human Biology and Higher Chemistry and a pass C in Higher Maths/Physics and English/ESOL. Advanced Highers in a minimum of three subjects with Biology or Chemistry at grade B. Please note we look at 5th year results and would expect applicants to have attained AABB as a minimum, including Biology or Chemistry at grade A.
	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 Maths or Physics at HL then SL 6 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 and are also subject to re-read prior to offer.
	Admissions test	UCAT
Interview	Interview method	Our interview method for 2023 has not yet been confirmed.
	Work experience	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 still demonstrate the attributes in our BDS Person Specification. Our new FutureLearn course 'Becoming a Dentist' offers prospective applicants the chance to better understand what it's like to be a dental student and what a career in Dentistry could hold.
Widening participation		The University of Glasgow operates a system of contextualised admissions for applicants living in Scotland. See widening participation and contextual admissions 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 Glasgow School of Dentistry](http://www.dentalschoolscouncil.ac.uk).

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 grade B in Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Maths or Psychology at A-Level (or equivalent) and 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 but the admissions team may request further information to assess this.
	A levels/Scottish Highers	A*AA at A level including A in Biology or Chemistry, in addition to grade A in one of Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics or Psychology. If Maths is being used to meet the subject requirement, then we cannot consider Further Maths as the third A-level. A-levels in General Studies, Critical Thinking, Thinking Skills and Global Perspectives are not accepted. 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. Must include grade A in Advanced Higher Biology or Chemistry, and grade A in an additional Advanced Higher in one of Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics or Psychology.
	GCSEs/Scottish Nationals	Grade 6/B in both English Language and Mathematics for GCSEs. Maths and English are required at Intermediate 2/Standard Credit Grade 1 or 2/National 5 with B for Scottish Nationals.
	International Baccalaureate	35 points including 766 at HL, including grade 6 in HL Chemistry or Biology, and grade 6 in HL in one of Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics or Psychology. The total point score of 35 includes TOK/EE. We can accept either Mathematics - Analysis & Approaches or Mathematics - Applications & Interpretations. Grade 5 at SL is required in English and Mathematics if not offered at GCSE.
	Personal statement	Used in assessment of 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	The interview method is yet to be confirmed.
	Work experience	We would normally expect that applicants will have undertaken some voluntary 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	See contextual admissions for details and Enhanced Support Dentistry Programme BDS.
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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](#).

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 biomedical sciences or related subject and GCSE Maths at grade C/4.
	A levels/Scottish Highers	AAA including Biology and Chemistry. General Studies and Critical thinking A Levels are not accepted. The applicant must achieve a Pass in the practical element of any science A-levels. 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. Please note, you must still meet our standard GCSE requirements as outlined above. We are also unable to accept BTECs in Health and Social Care for entry to this programme.
	Personal statement	Used to assess the nature of the applicant's interest in the academic subject and is an important part of the selection process. Applicants must demonstrate their enthusiasm and aptitude for the academic subject. Further information about what we wish to hear about is available in our personal statement guidelines.
	Admissions test	BMAT

Interview	Interview method	Multiple mini-interviews
	Work experience	Not required. Applicants are expected to demonstrate insight into the profession and motivation to study the subject.

Widening participation	Access to Leeds is our undergraduate widening access programme. application is processed alongside your standard UCAS application. If you are eligible for an Access to Leeds offer and you are selected, you will receive two offers: your standard UCAS offer and a second Access to Leeds offer which is typically 2 grades lower than a standard offer. The Access to Leeds offer includes the requirement to complete the Access to Leeds module. See criteria for eligibility.
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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 Institute.

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. 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/7 and three at grade B/6. Grade B/6 or above should be achieved in English Language, Maths and Science. Vocational/Applied GCSEs are not accepted.
	International Baccalaureate	A total of 36 points including at least 6 in Higher level Chemistry and Biology.
	Access to HE Diplomas	Do not accept BTEC qualifications. 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. At least 5 GCSE subjects at grade B/6 including Maths, English Language and a Science subject. Vocational/Applied GCSEs are not accepted.
	Personal statement	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. Must demonstrate commitment to dentistry.
	Admissions test	UCAT

Interview	Interview method	Multiple mini interview
	Work experience	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	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)	Minimum of 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. Relevant subjects include most Biomedical and Life Sciences disciplines or other approved courses. Please see our FAQ pages. 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. Graduates and final year undergraduates must offer an academic reference on their UCAS form.
	A levels/Scottish Highers	AAA including Biology/Human Biology and Chemistry. A combination of three sciences is equally acceptable, however this does not include combinations of very similar subjects e.g. Biology and Human Biology or Maths and Further Maths together. 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 including HL Biology and Chemistry. 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. We accept both Maths options as part of the Diploma.
	Personal statement	Applicants must complete a Non-Academic Information Form. Although we do not directly assess your personal statement as part of the selection process, you will find that you can use most of what you have written as the starting point for your form, and we encourage you to do so.
	Admissions test	UCAT
Interview	Interview method	Multiple mini interview
	Work experience	Work experience focused towards dentistry, but other types of work experience are also acceptable. It's really important that you are able to reflect appropriately on the work experience you've done and provide evidence that you understand the qualities and attributes required to become a healthcare professional.
Widening participation		The University of Manchester uses contextual admissions to consider candidates' UCAS applications in context. 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 as a significant percentage of the degree. We also accept applicants with a Pass in a Dental Hygiene and Therapy degree.
	A levels/Scottish Highers	<p>AAA at A level including Chemistry and Biology. For Biology, Chemistry and Physics A Levels, we require a pass in the practical element. General Studies and Critical Thinking are not accepted.</p> <p>Scottish Highers: AAAAA at Highers including Biology and Chemistry. Two Advanced Highers are also 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	Minimum of a pass grade in Maths, English and a relevant Science qualification.
	International Baccalaureate	A minimum of 36 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. We do not accept BTEC qualifications.
	Personal statement	The personal statement is considered as part of the overall admissions process.
	Admissions test	UCAT
Interview	Interview method	A panel interview.
	Work experience	Some experience of public-facing work is expected, in a paid or voluntary capacity. We also expect candidates to have taken steps to find out about a career in dentistry. This could be through a range of methods and we do not expect all candidates to have secured specific dental work experience.
Widening participation		WP is dealt with through our PARTNERS programme which offers contextual offers for applicants who fulfil specific criteria: https://www.ncl.ac.uk/partners/

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.ncl.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	<p>The typical offer is A*AA – AAA 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.</p> <p>When shortlisting for interview we do not give preference to those who complete three Science A Levels. General Studies is not accepted. We are only able to consider A Levels completed within five years of the start of the application cycle.</p>
	GCSEs/Scottish Nationals	Applicants need to achieve 7 GCSE passes at grades C/4 or higher which must include English language, Mathematics and either GCSE double award science or two from single award Biology, Chemistry or Physics. We are unable to consider functional skills in lieu of GCSEs.
	International Baccalaureate	The typical offer is 36-38 points overall including 6 in HL Biology and 6 in one further HL science from Chemistry, Maths, Physics and Psychology at Higher Level.
	Personal statement	We do not score the personal statement or refer to it as part of the selection process.
	Admissions test	For those applying with school leaving qualifications we require UCAT. For all those holding degrees or without suitable A Levels we require GAMSAT.
Interview	Interview method	Multiple mini-interviews. Applicants will be assessed across a number of single assessor stations, which takes approximately 50 minutes. It is not a test of medical or scientific knowledge, but aims to explore attitudes, outlook and ways of thinking.
	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. Please visit our website for further information on our widening participation initiatives. Applicants with AAB are required to meet a minimum of three WA indicators as stated on our website to be considered.

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)	2:1 honours degree in a science-based subject, plus BBB at A-level. If the applicant achieves a 1st class honours degree, then BBC at A-level is acceptable.
	A levels/Scottish Highers	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. AA in Advanced Highers with AAAAA in Highers or AAB in Advanced Highers with AAAAB in Highers. A in Chemistry and A in Biology are required in Advanced Highers.
	GCSEs	GCSE performance in the best 9 subjects will be scored with 4 points awarded for an A* (grade 9 on the new 9-1 grading scale), 3 points for an A (grades 7 and 8), 2 points for a B (grade 6) and 1 point for a C*/C (grades 4 and 5). Please note that only GCSEs completed in Year 11 and Year 12 (Year 10 and Year 11 in England and Wales) will be counted for scoring purposes.
	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 in the selection process, but evidence of commitment and motivation to follow a career in dentistry is expected.
	Admissions test	UCAT
	Interview method	Multiple mini interviews
	Work experience	Work experience in a dental clinical setting is not a requirement for admission.
Widening Participation		The School is participating in the University's Pathway Opportunity Programme. See website for more details.

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](#).

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. AAAAB at Scottish Highers and AA in Advanced Highers Chemistry and Biology.
	GCSEs/Scottish Nationals	6 GCSE grades at 7/A including Maths, English Language and science.
	International Baccalaureate	37 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 and have an understanding of dentistry.
	Admissions test	UCAT

Interview method	Semi-Structured Panel Interview with additional Interpersonal skills test.
Work experience	Work experience used alongside other research into dentistry during the screening process to ensure applicant has understanding of dentistry and the personal qualities and values necessary.

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>
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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 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	Upper Second Class Honours Degree from a UK or recognised European University in health sciences, allied health professional or equivalent.
	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 and assessed through MMI.
	Admissions test	UCAT
Interview	Interview method	Multiple mini-interviews
	Work experience	Use DSC guidance on work experience during the COVID-19 pandemic. If the applicant can't get direct work shadowing, then they are expected to show equivalent skills.

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 Honours degree or minimum of 60% for an Ordinary degree in a relevant biomedical discipline. All applicants need to ensure their degree has met the learning outcomes listed in the verification of prior learning document.
	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. 3 Advanced Highers at a minimum of grade C in each subject, including two subjects from Maths, Biology, Chemistry and Physics.
	GCSEs/Scottish Nationals	A minimum of grade B/5 in GCSE English Language and Maths. A minimum of grade B at National 5 English Language and Maths.
	International Baccalaureate	A minimum of 28 points with a minimum of grade 5 in three subjects at Higher Level, including two science subjects from Biology, Chemistry, Maths and Physics. Maths and English at Standard Level with a minimum of grade 5 is also required.
	Personal statement	Must show evidence of motivation to study dentistry as well as an understanding of dentistry following work experience. The points above within the personal statement are taken into account alongside the academic requirements when selecting applicants to attend the entrance assessment exam prior to selection for interview.
	Admissions test	External aptitude test not required, but applicants must submit a fully completed Verification of Prior Learning document directly to UCLan by the deadline of 15th October. This form is accessed via the UCLan website and the applicants list the modules within their degree in which they have studied the above 12 learning outcomes.
Interview	Interview method	Multiple mini-interviews
	Work experience	Evidence of understanding of dentistry following 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	Used in assessment of 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. Your interests, achievements and contribution to your community are taken into account in addition to academic ability. We aim to ensure that all of our students can cope with the heavy academic workload of the programme and display those professional qualities, skills and attitudes that help to make competent and caring dentistry professional. Communication skills and the ability to work successfully in a team are of great importance. We look for applicants who have participated as fully as possible in school or college life, making the most of the opportunities available to them and also demonstrated some experience of society beyond their immediate environment.
Admissions test	UCAT	

Interview	Interview method	The interview method is yet 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	As this programme is a graduate/professional entry programme, we do not make contextual offers for this programme, and contextual consideration is not taken into account as part of the assessment process. Applicants can apply to both A205 (Dentistry BDS) and this programme via the UCAS application system, if they wish to maximise their chances of studying at King's. However, each application is assessed independently and you should ensure that you check the entry requirements and eligibility clearly for both programmes.
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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	Panel interviews.
	Work experience	

Additional information	<p>There are 10 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	Applications are through internal process. Personal statements are checked for confirmation of the applicants' academic potential and commitment to the profession.
	Admissions test	BMAT
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.	

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 2023 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	AAB with A in 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 665 at HL including grade 6 in HL Biology or 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](https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/dental-school/).