



Entry requirements for UK and Ireland dental
schools
2024 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. You can find out more detail about how each dental school uses admission tests on their individual websites.

UCAT

The majority of dental schools use the University Clinical Aptitude Test or UCAT. The UCAT is a computer-based test. You can find a full list of dental schools which use the UCAT on the UCAT website.

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 with ABB or higher. BBB will be considered if a 1st is achieved in degree
	A levels/Scottish Highers	AAA at A level including Biology and Chemistry plus one other subject. All A levels need to 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.
	International Baccalaureate	32 points with grade 6 in Higher Level Chemistry and Biology, plus one other subject at 6.
	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	Work experience is ideal but not mandatory. However, an awareness and preparedness for the course and career will be assessed through screening and interviews.
Widening participation		Please see our website for information on widening participation and contextual offers . Variety of WP schemes which offer lower grade requirements plus pre-application support.

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: Advance numeracy requirement (7/A in GCSE Mathematics or equivalent) and Standard literacy requirement (4/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 & Approaches or Applications & Interpretations).
	Access to Higher Education Diplomas/BTEC offer	Access to HE Diploma in Science, Biomedical/Medical/Health Science or Psychology (or similar titles). 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 five specified Chemistry units
	Personal statement	We will not be using the personal statements. We may refer to the personal statement and reference to differentiate between applicants with similar academic profiles. In these cases, we use the following criteria: evidence of work experience & motivation and understanding of dentistry; evidence of team work or non-academic achievement; evidence of contribution to society.
	Admissions test	UCAT

Interview	Interview method	On-line Interviews, format not yet confirmed.
	Work experience	While not a requirement for the course, we would suggest that applicants have a minimum of two weeks work experience. Suitable work experience and subsequent reflection is important to inform an applicant about their potential vocation and what a career in healthcare entails. Applicants may be asked to reflect upon work experience during their interview.

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)	<p>Typical offer: 2.1 Honours degree.</p> <p>Graduates with a degree containing an appropriate amount of Biology and/or Chemistry: Level 2 requirements (GCSE or equivalent) must be met and grades BBB including Biology and Chemistry achieved at A-Level (or an accepted equivalent).</p> <p>Graduates with a degree without an appropriate amount of Biology and/or Chemistry: Level 2 requirements (GCSE or equivalent) must be met and grades AAB, including AA in Biology and Chemistry achieved at A-Level (or an accepted equivalent).</p>
	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. For applicants offering Scottish Highers/Advanced Highers, please see our latest Admissions Policy which will be available in September.
	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 1st 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	Applicants must submit a satisfactory personal statement to be eligible for consideration for an interview. The personal statement must show evidence of the following: evidence of commitment to a career in Dentistry; evidence of qualities and skills required for dental healthcare; evidence of work experience or knowledge of the nature of Dentistry.
	Admissions test	UCAT

Interview	Interview method	Multiple mini-interviews
	Work experience	Ideally, applicants will have had work experience in a dental environment. However, 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 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: [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	<p>Irish Leaving Certificate: Six subjects, three of which must be at grade 5 or above on higher Leaving Certificate papers. These must include: H3 + H4 In two of: physics, chemistry, biology, physics/chemistry. If you do not have a qualification in physics you must present mathematics at O5/H6 or better.</p> <p>UK: Advanced GCE (A-Level) Grade B + Grade C in two of Physics, Chemistry or Biology.</p> <p>If you do not have a qualification in Physics, you must present GCSE Mathematics at grade B or higher See website for full details.</p>
	GCSEs/Scottish Nationals	N/A
	International Baccalaureate	<p>3 HL subjects at grade 5 and 3 SL subjects at grade 4, to include English, Mathematics and another language. HL Grade 5+6 In two of Physics, Chemistry or Biology.</p> <p>If you do not have a qualification in Physics, you must have SL Mathematics at grade 6.</p>
	Personal statement	Personal statements are only required for non-traditional entry routes.
	Admissions test	N/A
Interview	Interview method	Interviews and MMIs are only applicable for non-traditional entry routes.
	Work experience	Work experience is only taken into account for non-traditional entry routes.
Widening participation		For alternative entry routes please see the Trinity Undergraduate Prospectus .

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](#).

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 at grade B.
	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	Interview format for entry 2024 is not yet confirmed, but will be multiple mini-interview online or in person.
	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 further information widening participation and contextual admissions . Contextual offers: Scottish Highers at grades AAABB, including Biology at A and Chemistry at A, plus Advanced Higher Biology or Chemistry at B, all to be achieved by the end of 6th year. No minimum requirements at the end of 5th year.

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)	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	<p>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.</p> <p>AAAAB including A in Higher Biology/Human Biology and Higher Chemistry and a pass C in Higher Maths/Physics and English/ESOL provided overall conditions are met. Advanced Highers in a minimum of three subjects with Biology and/or Chemistry at grade B and a further 1-2 Highers/Advanced Highers. 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.</p>
	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 HL subjects at 6,6,6. Must include: Chemistry AND Biology at HL, Mathematics 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. For a full list of accepted Access course please visit the website .
	Personal statement	Used for Interview selection and subject to review prior to offer.
	Admissions test	UCAT

Interview	Interview method	Our interview method for 2024 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. Other options you may wish to consider: DSC Work Experience Guide, Discover Dentistry, UofG Dental App for Apple and Android Springpod, TED talks.

Widening participation	The University of Glasgow operates a system of contextualised admissions for applicants living in Scotland. See the 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 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 Honours degree in any subject, with grade B in A-Level (or equivalent) in Biology or Chemistry and grade B in A-Level (or equivalent) in Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics or Psychology. Alternatively, a 2:2 is acceptable combined with a Master's degree with at least a merit, as long as the above stated A-Level grades are achieved. Graduates who have a sufficient quantity of Biology or Chemistry as part of their degree may not need the A-Level (or equivalent) 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. Please see the website for more details. Scottish Highers/Advanced Highers: AAB 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 Ad-vanced Higher in one of Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics or Psychology. Please note 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. Scottish Nationals: GCSE/IGCSE English Language and Mathematics requirements can be met via Intermediate 2/Standard Credit Grade 1 or 2/ National 5 with B (if not studying at Higher/Advanced Higher Level).
	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. Please see the website for more details.
	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 the 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	wDegree qualifications (for graduate applicants)	2:1 or Higher in a relevant Science or Healthcare subject plus GCSE Maths at Grade C/4. Please contact the Admissions Team to check the eligibility of your degree.
	A levels/Scottish Highers	AAA Including Biology and Chemistry, excluding General Studies and Critical thinking. You 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	A minimum of 6 GCSEs at Grade 6/B or higher including Chemistry, Biology (or Dual Science), English and Maths.
	International Baccalaureate	35 points including 6 HL 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.
	Access to Higher Education Diplomas/BTEC	Access to HE diplomas are not accepted for Dental Surgery. BTEC: We will accept either: Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Applied Science with D*DD or Level 3 National Diploma in Applied Science with D*D, plus A Level Chemistry at grade A. 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 in application to assess the nature of the applicant's interest in the academic subject. It 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. Further information is available in our personal statement guidelines.
	Admissions test	UCAT

Interview method	Multiple mini-interviews
Work experience	Not required.

Widening participation	We're committed to identifying the best possible applicants, regardless of personal circumstances or background. Access to Leeds is an alternative admissions scheme which accepts applications from individuals who might be from low income households, in the first generation of their immediate family to apply to higher education, or have had their studies disrupted. Find out more on our website .
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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.
	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 AA 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	36 points including at least 6 in Higher level Chemistry and Biology.
	Access to HE Diplomas/BTEC	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	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	UCAT
Interview	Interview method	Multiple mini interview
	Work experience	Applicants must demonstrate motivation and commitment to a career in dentistry. 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.

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)	M 2:1 honours degree and minimum of BBB at A-level (32 in IB) in your first sitting. Applicants with a relevant science degree are exempted from our subject specification at A-Level, but you 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 and website for more details.
	A levels/Scottish Highers	AAA including Chemistry and Biology/Human Biology. A combination of three sciences is equally acceptable at A-level. However, our offer will not include combinations of very similar subjects, for example, Biology and Human Biology or Maths and Further Maths together. 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 7 (A) or above. English Language, Mathematics and at least two science subjects are required at GCSE minimum grade 6 (B). If Dual Award Science or Core and Additional Science are offered, the minimum required is 66 (BB).
	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 option 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	We would like to see some 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. We want to see evidence that you understand the qualities and attributes required to become a healthcare professional. Please note that we are prepared to accept work experience in a non-traditional dental setting, such as a care setting. See website for more details.

Widening participation	The University of Manchester uses contextual admissions to consider candidates' UCAS applications in context. 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 Manchester School of Dentistry.](#)

Newcastle University Dental School

Dental Surgery BDS (A206)

5 years

		Use in selection
Application	Degree qualifications (graduate applicants)	2.1 honours degree pass in dental therapy degree. If degree does not include a significant amount of Chemistry and Biology, Level 3 qualifications in Chemistry and Biology would also be needed.
	A levels/Scottish Highers	AAA at A-Level including Biology and Chemistry. AAAAA at Scottish Higher Degree level plus AB at Advanced Higher to include Biology or Chemistry. If only one out of Biology and Chemistry is offered at Advanced Higher, a grade A is required in that science. Candidates offering only one out of Higher Chemistry and Biology will be required to take the other in their final year along with Advanced Higher in the first, and achieve A grades in both the Advanced Higher and the Higher. English and Mathematics required at grade 2 Standard Grade (or Intermediate 2 equivalent).
	GCSEs/Scottish Nationals	Minimum of a pass grade in Maths and English.
	International Baccalaureate	37 points with Chemistry and Biology at Grade 6 or above at HL.
	Access to HE Diplomas/BTEC	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	Used in the application.
	Admissions test	UCAT
Interview	Interview method	A panel interview.
	Work experience	We highly recommend that applicants secure some work experience observing dental practice. If this is not possible this does not exclude an applicant from consideration, however we would require that they are able to demonstrate that they have taken steps to understand what working in dental practice would entail in other ways. We require that applicants have some form of person facing paid or voluntary work with adults or children.
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/partners/).

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.
	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 and three Higher Level subjects at 666 including Chemistry or Biology plus one further science subject from (Chemistry, Biology, Physics or Maths). Three further subjects at Standard Level including Chemistry or Biology if not both offered at HL.
	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 method	Interview method	Panel interview.
	Work experience	Selectors will expect you to demonstrate knowledge about a career in dentistry and to have gained experience in a relevant setting.
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), 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 666 at HL 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 clinical setting is desirable, but not a requirement for admission. However we expect candidates to demonstrate an understanding of a career in Dentistry and motivation to study the subject.
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 including Chemistry and Biology + pass in the practical element of any science A Levels taken. A Levels + additional qualifications AAB, including AA in Chemistry and Biology + B in Dentistry or health-related EPQ (EPQ and A Levels must be taken in the same sitting to receive the alternative offer). Scottish Highers + 2 Advanced Highers AAAAB + AA in Chemistry and Biology
	GCSEs/Scottish Nationals	6 GCSEs at grade 7/A including English, Maths and Science.
	International Baccalaureate	36 points with 6 in Higher Level Chemistry and Biology.
	Access to Higher Education Diploma/BTEC	Access to HE Diploma Award of Access to HE Diploma in a relevant subject, with 45 credits at Level 3, including 39 at Distinction (all in Chemistry and Biology units), and 6 at Merit BTEC Extended Diploma D*DD in Applied Science including Distinctions in Chemistry and Biology units. BTEC Diploma DD in Applied Science + A at A Level in either Chemistry or Biology (BTEC units must cover sufficient Chemistry or Biology, depending on the A Level subject taken).
	Personal statement	Used as a screening tool for interview.
	Admissions test	UCAT
Interview	Interview method	Semi-Structured Panel Interview with additional Interpersonal skills test.
	Work experience	Research into the career and profession should be demonstrated, and work experience should form part of this research. This is assessed and used as a screening tool prior to interview and again assessed at interview for selection.
Widening participation		Please see the website for details on Access to Sheffield .

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.dental-schools-council.ac.uk).

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	2:1 in a Biomedical discipline.
	A levels/Scottish Highers	3 A levels at C or above and at least two must be science subjects.
	GCSEs/Scottish Nationals	English and Maths at grade B.
	International Baccalaureate	A pass International Baccalaureate diploma with 196 UCAS tariff points from higher level subjects, two of which must be science based.
	Personal statement	Used in the application and for shortlisting for interview.
	Admissions test	UCAT.
	Interview method	Multiple mini-interviews
	Work experience	Used for shortlisting for interview.

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.dentalschoolscouncil.ac.uk).

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	A minimum 2:1 (upper second class honours) undergraduate bachelor degree (or international equivalent) in a Biosciences subject, or a 2:2 (lower second class honours) undergraduate bachelor degree (or international equivalent) with a postgraduate degree with at least a Merit overall grade (or international equivalent) in a Biosciences subject. Please see website for further detail.s
	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. 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. See website for further details.
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	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</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).

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. This is an internal entry only so is not available on UCAS and number.
	A levels/Scottish Highers	N/A
	GCSEs/Scottish Nationals	N/A
	International Baccalaureate	N/A
	Personal statement	N/A
	Admissions test	N/A
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	<p>AAA including subject combinations that would be unsuitable for admission to the 5 year BDS. You must also meet the GCSE requirements.</p> <p>Scottish Highers: 4 Highers at grades AAAA by the end of Secondary 5. Grades should be achieved in the same sitting at first attempt. English Language and Maths, if not taken at Higher/Advanced Higher must have been achieved at SCQF level 5 (National 5, Intermediate II or Standard Grade Credit level grade 2 or above).</p> <p>Scottish Advanced Highers: At least two Advanced Highers at grades AA by the end of Secondary 6. You will also need Scottish Highers in addition to Scottish Advanced Highers. See website for further details.</p>
	GCSEs/Scottish Nationals	We require at least seven GCSEs at grade 7 (A) or above. English Language, Mathematics are required at GCSE minimum grade 6 (B). At least two science subjects are required at GCSE minimum grade 6 (B) if not taken to AS/A2-level. If Dual Award Science or Core and Additional Science are offered, the minimum required is 66 (BB). For applicants whose status has been confirmed as WP+ or WP++ using the University's Contextual Data Eligibility tool, we will accept 6 GCSEs at Grade 7 (A) or above.
	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.
	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 haven't wasted any time in writing it. You will find that you can use some of what you have written as the starting point for your Non-Academic Information Form, and we encourage you to do so.
	Admissions test	UCAT
Interview	Interview method	Multiple mini-interviews.
	Work experience	Experience focused towards dentistry is desirable, 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. We want to see evidence that you understand the qualities and attributes required to become a healthcare professional. Please see website for further details.
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 Dental School](#).

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	BBC including B in Biology or Chemistry. Applicants with predicted or achieved grades of AAB or above (or points equivalent), or with A in Chemistry, are not eligible for this course. 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 A grade, are not eligible for this course.
	GCSEs/Scottish Nationals	Standard literacy requirement (4 or C in GCSE English or equivalent) and Standard numeracy requirement (4 or C in GCSE Mathematics or equivalent).
	International Baccalaureate	29 points overall with 14 at Higher level, 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 no longer use the personal statement as a weighted component of our selection criteria.
	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 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 (i.e., hospital, GP or animal clinic based) 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		Please see the website for information on 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	Applicants must demonstrate motivation and commitment to a career in dentistry.
	Admissions test	N/A
Interview	Interview method	Face to face multiple mini-interviews
	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.
Widening participation		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 Liverpool](#).

Dental Hygiene and Therapy

This is a three year course training students to be safe beginner clinicians, prepared for registration with the GDC and employability as a dental therapist.

University of Birmingham School of Dentistry

BSc Dental Hygiene and Therapy (B750)

3 years

		Use in selection
Application	Degree qualifications (for graduate applicants)	2:1 in any subject, plus 3 A Levels at Grade C/4 or above, one of which must include Biology. You must meet the GCSE entry requirements in full for the programme.
	A levels/Scottish Highers	BBB at A Level, including Biology. Chemistry is recommended. A GDC recognised Dental Nursing qualification may be submitted in lieu of one A Level subject. Minimum of six GCSEs at grade C/4 to include English, Mathematics and a Biological subject/dual award science.
	GCSEs/Scottish Nationals	A minimum of 6 GCSEs at Grade C or 4 and above, including English, Maths and a Biological Science. Applicants offering a Dual Award GCSE Science must have 2 passes at C or 4 and above.
	International Baccalaureate	Overall 32 points with Higher Level 555 including Biology. You must meet the GCSE entry requirements in full for the programme
	Access to Higher Education Diplomas/BTEC	<p>Access to HE (Health or Science): 60 credits with a minimum of 45 credits at Level 3 including 30 at Distinction and 15 at Merit, to include Biology total 15 credits. Access to HE (Health or Science) + Dental Nursing: 60 credits with a minimum of 45 credits at Level 3, including 30 at Merit or above to include Biology total 15 credits.</p> <p>BTEC: BTEC Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care or Applied Science accepted. Grades required DDM. BTEC Diploma considered on a case-by-case basis when combined with an A level (Typical offer DD plus B in Biology). BTEC Subsidiary Diploma considered on a case-by-case basis when combined with two A levels including Biology.</p> <p>You must meet the GCSE entry requirements in full for the programme.</p>
	Personal statement	Used in the application.
	Admissions test	N/A

Interview	Interview method	Multiple mini-interviews
	Work experience	Applicants must have observation or work experience in the UK with a Dental Hygienist or Therapist.

Widening participation	Please see the university's 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 Birmingham School of Dentistry](#).

University of Bristol Dental School
 BSc Hons Dental Hygiene & Therapy (B750)
 3 years

		Use in selection
Application	Degree qualifications (for graduate applicants)	Science or biomedical science degree. Other qualifications will be considered on an individual basis including Dental Nursing and Dental Technologist qualifications recognised by the General Dental Council. All applicants must demonstrate an ability in Biology equivalent to the A-level requirement specified.
	A levels/Scottish Highers	ABB including Biology. We will accept certain Dental Nursing or Dental Technician Level 3 professional qualifications plus BB in two A-levels including Biology. Please contact the University for full details. Academic entry requirements for standard qualifications (A-level, SQA, IB, Access, BTEC, Welsh Bac, GCSEs) can be found in the undergraduate course finder .
	GCSEs/Scottish Nationals	We have removed the GCSE requirement but would accept Scottish National equivalents.
	International Baccalaureate	32 points overall with 16 at Higher Level, including 5 at Higher Level in Biology.
	Access to Higher Education Diplomas	We accept Access to HE Diploma in Science, Biomedical/Medical/Health Science or Psychology (or similar titles). The 45 graded Level 3 credits must include: 15 credits at Distinction and 30 at Merit or above; and at least 12 credits (with 9 at Distinction) from Biology units.
	Personal statement	Not considered at interview but is included as part of UCAS requirements.
	Admissions test	N/A

Interview	Interview method	Multiple mini-interviews
	Work experience	All applicants are normally expected to have relevant work experience specifically in Dental Hygiene and Therapy. We understand that due to Covid-19 some applicants may not have been able to secure work experience prior to applying. Where you have been unable to do more than two weeks of work experience you may be asked to evidence your knowledge of the profession in a different way, such as a piece of reflective writing or an online course. See website for further details.

Widening participation	See our Pathways to Health programme and contextual offers on our website .
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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
 BSc Dental Hygiene & Therapy (B752)
 3 years

		Use in selection
Application	Degree qualifications (for graduate applicants)	<p>Graduate applicants with a science-based degree (with Biology): Minimum Level 2 requirements must be met (subjects and grades) and grades BCC including Biology achieved at A Level (or an accepted equivalent).</p> <p>Graduate applicants with a degree (without Biology): Minimum Level 2 requirements must be met (subjects and grades) and grades BCC including B in Biology achieved at A Level (or an accepted equivalent).</p> <p>Typical offer: 2:2 Honours degree</p>
	A levels/Scottish Highers	<p>BBB-BBC. Must include grade B in Biology or Human Biology.</p> <p>For applicants offering Scottish Highers/Advanced Highers please see our latest Admissions policy which will be published in September.</p>
	GCSEs/Scottish Nationals	<p>Five GCSEs at grade C/4 including English language or Welsh 1st language at GCSE or an equivalent. If you require a Student visa, you must ensure your language qualification complies with UKVI requirements.</p>
	International Baccalaureate	<p>31-30 overall or 665-655 in 3 HL subjects. Must include grade 6 in HL Biology.</p>
	Access to Higher Education Diplomas	<p>Access courses must include sufficient credits with relevant content. You are therefore advised to contact DentalUGAdmissions@cardiff.ac.uk prior to application so that the qualification content can be verified.</p> <p>Typical offer: 60 credits overall with 45 credits at Level 3 with 30 credits at distinction and 15 at merit.</p>
	Personal statement	<p>The personal statement must show evidence of the following: evidence of commitment to a career in Dental Therapy; evidence of qualities and skills required for dental healthcare; evidence of work experience or knowledge of the nature of Dental Therapy.</p>
	Admissions test	N/A

Interview	Interview method	Multiple mini-interviews
	Work experience	<p>Ideally, applicants will have had work experience in a dental environment. However, 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.</p>

Widening participation	Please see the university's website for information on widening participation and the use of contextual data.
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University of Dundee School of Dentistry

BSc Oral Health Sciences (B750)

3 years

		Use in selection
Application	Degree qualifications (for graduate applicants)	Minimum 2:2 honours degree in a Life Science subject. For non-Life Science degrees, 2:1 honours degree plus Higher / A Level Biology at B or equivalent.
	A levels/Scottish Highers	BBB to include Biology Scottish Highers: ABBB to include Biology
	GCSEs/Scottish Nationals	GCSE - Chemistry at grade C. Scottish National 5: Chemistry at grade C/3.
	International Baccalaureate	30 points with 555 at Higher Level including Biology. Standard Level Chemistry at grade 4 is recommended.
	Access to Higher Education Diplomas	Pass in a relevant HNC plus Scottish Highers at BBB to include Biology.
	Personal statement	The personal statement is not used in selection for interview, however it may be used at interview.
	Admissions test	N/A
Interview	Interview method	Interview technique is not confirmed for entry 2024, but will be Multiple Mini Interviews either online or in person.
	Work experience	Candidates are expected to have found out about a career as a dental hygienist therapist, but work experience is not compulsory.
Widening participation		Please see the university's 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 Dundee School of Dentistry](#)

King's College London Faculty of Dentistry

Dental Therapy & Hygiene BSc (A900)

3 years

		Use in selection
Application	Degree qualifications (for graduate applicants)	2:1 honours degree, provided they have achieved/are predicted to achieve a minimum grade B in A-Level (or equivalent) Biology or Chemistry, and grade B in A-Level (or equivalent) in one of Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics or Psychology. We can also consider those who have achieved a 2:2 honours Bachelor degree, and have additionally achieved/are predicted to achieve a Master's degree with at Merit, as long as A-Level grades have been achieved/are predicted to be achieved.
	A levels/Scottish Highers	A Levels: BBB. Must include grade B in Biology or Chemistry, in addition to grade B in one of Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics or Psychology. Scottish Highers/Advanced Highers: BBB at Higher in one sitting and BB at Advanced Higher. Must include grade B in Advanced Higher Biology or Chemistry, and grade B in an additional Advanced Higher in one of Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics or Psychology.
	GCSEs/Scottish Nationals	GCSE - Five required at grade 5/C GCSE/IGCSE English Language and Mathematics requirements can be met via Intermediate 2/Standard Credit Grade1 or 2/National 5 with B (if not studied/studying at Higher/Advanced Higher Level).
	International Baccalaureate	32 points including 555 at HL, with 5 in HL Chemistry or Biology, in addition to grade 5 in HL in one of Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics or Psychology.
	Access to Higher Education Diplomas	Must be 60 credits in total. See the website for more details.
	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 dental therapy degree programme and career. See the website for more details.
	Admissions test	N/A

Interview	Interview method	Not 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	Please see the university's website for information on contextual admissions.
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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 School of Dentistry
 Dental Hygiene and Dental Therapy BSc (A900)
 3 years

		Use in selection
Application	Degree qualifications (for graduate applicants)	Minimum 2:2 or equivalent in a relevant science or healthcare professional's subject, plus GCSE Maths at grade 4 or C. Please contact the Admissions Team to check the eligibility of your degree.
	A levels/Scottish Highers	A-Level: ABB B in Biology, excluding General Studies and Critical Thinking. You must achieve a pass in the practical element of any science A-levels. Scottish Highers/Advanced Highers: ABB, including Biology. We consider all subjects for the remaining grades.
	GCSEs/Scottish Nationals	GCSE: A minimum of 5 GCSEs, at Grade 4/C or higher including Chemistry and Biology (or Dual Science) plus English and Maths.
	International Baccalaureate	34 points overall with three higher level subjects at grade 5, including Biology. English must be offered at higher or subsidiary level (grade 5 minimum if not offered at GCSE). Maths Studies is acceptable.
	Access to Higher Education Diplomas	30 level 3 credits awarded with Distinction. Your Access to HE programme must include a minimum of 12 graded level 3 credits in Biology. We will accept either: BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Applied Science with DDD, or BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Applied Science with DD plus A Level Biology at grade B.
	Personal statement	The personal statement of the application form 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. Please see the personal statement guidelines on the university's website for further information.
	Admissions test	N/A
Interview method	Multiple mini interviews	
Work experience	Not required.	
Widening participation	We're committed to identifying the best possible applicants, regardless of personal circumstances or background. Access to Leeds is an alternative admissions scheme which accepts applications from individuals who might be from low income households, in the first generation of their immediate family to apply to higher education, or have had their studies disrupted. Please see the university's website for more information on 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 Leeds School of Dentistry](#)

University of Manchester Faculty of Biology, Medicine and Science

Dental Hygiene and Therapy BSc (B840)

3 years

		Use in selection
Application	Degree qualifications (for graduate applicants)	Please contact the School of Medical Sciences Admissions Office to determine the suitability of an application. Graduates and final year undergraduates must offer an academic reference on their UCAS form.
	A levels/Scottish Highers	A Level: AAB to include Biology. Scottish Highers: ABBBB, to include two sciences, English Language and Mathematics. Scottish Advanced Highers: two Advanced Highers at grades BB, one of which must be Biology.
	GCSEs/Scottish Nationals	GCSE: at least five GCSEs at grade C (4). English Language, Mathematics and either two sciences, Dual Award Science or Core and Additional Science are required at a minimum grade C.
	International Baccalaureate	34 points overall, with 655 in HL subjects including Biology at HL. If Maths and English Language are not offered as part of the Diploma, they should be offered at GCSE or IGCSE at grade C (4) or above. We accept both Maths options as part of the Diploma.
	Access to Higher Education Diplomas	The Access course must be science based and you must have 60 credits at Level 3 with a minimum of 45 credits in graded Level 3 modules, which must include 30 credits at Distinction and 15 credits at Merit. A minimum of 15 credits are required in Biology. Applicants are also required to meet the English language requirements listed above and must offer GCSE Mathematics at Grade C (4).
	Personal statement	We do not usually read the personal statement of a Dental Hygiene and Therapy applicant that comes to us via UCAS; instead, we ask applicants to complete a Non-Academic Information Form. There are some circumstances where we will look at the personal statement, however, so it is important that you complete it.
	Admissions test	N/A
Interview	Interview method	Panel interview
	Work experience	Work experience focused towards dentistry is ideal but not mandatory. We want to see evidence that you understand the qualities and attributes required to become a healthcare professional. Please see the website for more information on what you should include.
Widening participation		Please see the university's website for information on 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 Manchester Faculty of Biology, Medicine and Health](#)

University of Portsmouth Dental Academy

Dental Hygiene and Therapy BSc Hons (B750)

3 years

		Use in selection
Application	Degree qualifications (for graduate applicants)	2:2 and above. Degree is dependent on title and subject content of modules / units. Must have pure science element to majority of the content.
	A levels/Scottish Highers	UCAS points – 128-136 points from 3 A levels, or equivalent, including 40 points from a pure Science subject. For A levels which include a separate science practical component, a pass is desirable and may strengthen an application (calculate your UCAS points).
	GCSEs/Scottish Nationals	Five GCSEs at grade 4/C or above to include English, Mathematics and Science.
	International Baccalaureate	30-31 points with 665 at HL to include 6 in a HL pure Science. 4 points from SL English and Mathematics (if not passed at GCSE grade C).
	Access to Higher Education Diplomas	128-138 Tariff points from the Access to HE Diploma (must have pure Science element). Applicants are advised to contact central admissions to enquire if specific Access Course is accepted.
	Personal statement	Personal Statement is screened and reviewed by school admission tutors against criteria which explores: motivation for the profession and role. Insight into the profession and role. Personal values, team work and transferable skills.
	Admissions test	N/A
	Interview method	Panel Interview currently online via Zoom.
	Work experience	Work experience is not a requirement, however experience and / or knowledge of the profession and role will support an application through the screening and interview process.
Widening participation		WP applications welcomed in line with University admissions processes and the Access & Participation Plan.

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

University of Plymouth Peninsula Dental School

Dental Therapy and Hygiene BSc Hons (B750)

3 years

		Use in selection
Application	Degree qualifications (for graduate applicants)	Degrees may be considered on an individual basis.
	A levels/Scottish Highers	<p>ABB at GCE A Level/Scottish Advanced Highers, which must include Biology. General studies at GCE A or AS level is not included in any offer.</p> <p>A suitable National Certificate or Diploma in Dental Nursing will be considered in lieu of a Grade A at A Level if alongside a minimum of 2 A Levels at BB, which must include Biology.</p>
	GCSEs/Scottish Nationals	Applicants need to achieve 6 GCSE passes (grade C/grade 4 or higher) which must include English Language, Mathematics and two Science subjects - either GCSE Double Award Science or two from single award Chemistry, Biology, or Physics.
	International Baccalaureate	The typical offer is 28-30 points overall including 5 in HL Biology.
	Access to Higher Education Diplomas	<p>BTEC National Extended Diploma: DDM in a predominantly science subject area.</p> <p>Access to Higher Education Diploma: Pass an Access to Higher Education Diploma in a predominantly science subject area with 60 credits overall to include 45 level 3 credits, of which 15 level 3 credits must be in Biology or Human Biology You must achieve Merit or Distinction in 33 level 3 credits, including the 15 credits in Biology or Human Biology.</p>
	Personal statement	We do not score the personal statement or refer to it as part of the selection process.
	Admissions test	N/A

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.
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