

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

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Admission decisions are based on the quality of the applicant's academic degrees and record, the personal statement of purpose, letters of recommendation from professors or others familiar with the applicant's academic work, performance in aptitude and achievement tests, relevant work experience, preparation in the proposed field of study, and on the appropriateness of the applicant's goals to the graduate program and of the applicant's research interests to those of its faculty. Some graduate programs have additional admission criteria that applicants must meet; visit the individual program catalog pages for program admission requirements. Satisfaction of minimal standards does not, however, guarantee admission.

International applicants or non-U.S. citizens who did not receive their bachelor's degree in the United States, should consult the information for international students at the end of this section regarding additional admission.

An application for admission made through the Office of Graduate Admission implies a student's intention to work toward an advanced degree. An applicant may apply to more than one graduate program; however, they must choose only one program upon confirmation of their intent to attend Pacific.

Types of Admission

Full Admission

A student that meets all the admission criteria of a program will be classified as a student in full standing. Students are advanced from this classification to candidacy for advanced degree upon formal notification from the department.

Conditional Admission

This classification includes students who have been admitted into a particular degree program but have not yet met all admission requirements. Reasons for conditional status may include:

- Incomplete application materials
- Bachelor's degree not posted at time of admission

All conditions will be listed on an applicant's decision letter. A student will have no more than one term to meet all conditions. If conditions are not met by the end of the first term enrolled, the student will be subject to disqualification. Once all conditions are met, the student will be classified as full standing.

Unclassified Student Admission

Students who have a bachelor's degree but do not plan to work for an advanced degree may take classes as an unclassified student. No more than 12 credits earned as an unclassified student may be applied toward an advanced degree. Unclassified students are required to meet the same academic standards as other graduate students. Unclassified students who later wish to work toward an advanced degree must make a formal application to the appropriate department or interdepartmental program and be formally admitted by the Office of Graduate Admission as a student with full admission status.

General Admission Requirements for All Applicants

To be considered for admission with full standing, applicants must have:

- a bachelor's degree or the equivalent from a regionally accredited institution of higher education in the United States, or a foreign institution of acceptable standing,
- adequate undergraduate preparation in the proposed major field or equivalent evidence of an appropriate background for undertaking an advanced degree program, and
- a cumulative GPA of 2.65 or better in all post-secondary coursework **or** in the last 60 units of baccalaureate and/or post-baccalaureate work.

Some programs may have higher GPA requirements; review specific program information in the catalog for additional GPA requirements.

Applicants must complete a University of the Pacific Graduate Admission application. All applications must be complete, which typically includes: the online application, essay, official transcripts from each college or university attended, letters of recommendation, and test scores appropriate to the program. Unofficial transcripts will be accepted for application review, however unofficial transcripts must include ALL of the same information that would appear on an official transcript, including:

- Full Name
- Name of the college/university
- A complete list of all coursework listed by academic term, including number of units and grades earned
- Any degree already earned (and the degree date)
- The upload must be large enough to read, not blurry or pixelated, and all pages must be rotated so that the text is right-side up (not upside down or sideways).

- Unless the back of the transcript is completely blank (no stamps, signatures, grading scales or course information, etc.), the front and back of the transcript must be uploaded.

NOTE: Some programs may require official transcripts for admission. Review specific program admission requirements for details.

Final official transcripts from each college must be submitted prior to the first day of classes, and must show satisfactory work or the University has the right to revoke the offer of admission. For transcripts to be considered official, they must be in an envelope that has been sealed by the issuing institution. Recommendations must be written within the last year. For detailed information on required graduate entrance examinations and recommendations, see the program-specific pages.

Note:

- Applications submitted or completed after the posted deadlines may be evaluated and students will be admitted on a space-available basis (depending upon the program).
- Students are not permitted to register until they have submitted their confirmation of enrollment, and have satisfied all admission requirements.
- Admission will be denied to applicants possessing bachelor's degrees with a significant amount of credit awarded for work experience that was not supervised by a faculty member of an accredited university nor evaluated in units which identify the academic content.

Application Fee

Each applicant must submit the appropriate application fee in U.S. dollars; the application fee is submitted as part of the online graduate application. Application fees vary by program.

Testing Requirements

Some programs may require a graduate entrance examination as part of the application requirements; refer to the relevant program pages for more information. All test scores must be official, less than five years old, and received by the Office of Graduate Admission prior to an admission decision.

Deferral of admission

Students who wish to enroll in a different semester from which they were admitted, must contact the Office of Graduate Admission to defer their application. Deferral of application is subject to program approval. Applications will only be deferred for up to one academic year. If a student does not begin coursework within one year of your original application for admission, they must submit a new graduate application for admission. Previous admission status has no bearing on the decision for admission in the future.

GPA Waiver Policy

Students who do not meet the GPA requirement for admission to a graduate program at University of the Pacific may petition for admission by submitting the GPA Forgiveness Form to the Graduate School. In order to qualify, applicants must meet the following:

- Have a minimum of five (5) years of professional experience after completion of the baccalaureate degree
- Have the support of the Program Director and the Dean of the school in which the degree program is housed

- Submit a letter of recommendation addressing their potential for success as a graduate student from their current or most recent supervisor

Submission of this form does not guarantee approval. Final approval is granted by the Dean of the Graduate School.

International Applicants

In addition to the application materials required for domestic students, international applicants must supply the following information to be considered for admission to University of the Pacific graduate programs six weeks prior to the program admission deadline:

Transcript Evaluation: A course-by-course foreign transcript evaluation is required for all institutions attended outside of the United States, unless the coursework was taken before earning a graduate degree from a U.S. institution. Transcripts must be reviewed by one of the following approved foreign credential evaluation services:

- World Education Services (<https://www.wes.org/>), Inc. (WES)
- Educational Credential Evaluators (<https://www.ece.org/ECE/>), Inc. (ECE)
- Foundation for International Services (<https://www.fis-web.com/>), Inc. (FIS) Note: We will only allow evaluations done on photocopied transcripts on a case-by-case basis.
- International Education Research Foundation (<http://www.ierf.org/>), Inc. (IERF)
- Transcript Research (<https://transcriptresearch.com/>)
- Josef Silny & Associates (<http://www.jsilny.com/>)

Certification of Finances: Government regulations require that international students provide evidence that they are able to meet the financial requirements of their education, living expenses, and miscellaneous costs. This requires the submission of the "Certification of Finances" form (found here (<https://www.pacific.edu/sites/default/files/users/user482/COF20232024.pdf>)) in the amount to cover all of the aforementioned costs for one year.

English Proficiency Examination Results: Applicants whose native language is not English must submit official results (taken within the last two years) of one of the following in order to receive consideration for admission:

- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)
- International English Language Testing System (IELTS)
- Duolingo English Test (DET)

Information about TOEFL can be located online at <http://www.ets.org/toefl> (<http://www.ets.org/toefl/>); information about IELTS can be located at <http://www.ielts.org> (<http://www.ielts.org/>); information about DET can be located at <https://englishtest.duolingo.com/> (<https://englishtest.duolingo.com/applicants/>). University of the Pacific's TOEFL Code is 4065.

Minimum Score for Admission:

- TOEFL iBT: 80
- IELTS score: 6.5
- DET: 105

Some programs require higher scores; please contact specific departments for further information.

Minimum Score for Teaching Assistants:

- TOEFL iBT: 90
- IELTS score: 7.0
- DET: 115

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Admission Requirements

Doctor of Dental Surgery Requirements

Details on admission requirements for the Doctor of Dental Surgery degree are found here (<http://dental.pacific.edu/academic-programs/doctor-of-dental-surgery/dds-admissions-requirements/>). From here (<http://dental.pacific.edu/academic-programs/>) you can navigate to admission requirements for all degrees offered at the School of Dentistry.

Admission with Advanced Standing

Only under unusual and compelling circumstances does the School of Dentistry accept transfer students. Incompatibility of dental education programs generally inhibits transition from another dental school to the University of the Pacific's program. Students requesting such classification must reapply and resubmit an application through the American Dental Education Association's Application Service (AADSAS) to join the first-year class if a transfer is approved and granted. No student will be admitted to advanced standing beyond the second year. Special action regarding transfer is required.

Doctor of Dental Surgery

Basic requirements for admission to the course of study that leads to the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery: completion of required pre-dental education, minimum 40 hours of dental shadowing experience, completion of the Dental Admission Test (DAT), submission of complete application materials through the American Dental Education Association's Application Service (AADSAS), and appearance at the school for a personal interview.

The Dugoni School utilizes a holistic application review process where it considers not only an applicant's academic performance, GPA and DAT scores, but also personal characteristics, leadership/life experiences, extra-curricular activities, and potential for academic, clinical, and professional success as determined by the admissions interview and information provided in the AADSAS application. In addition, students must demonstrate they are capable of meeting the dental school's technical standards (<https://dental.pacific.edu/dental/academic-programs/technical-standards/>) with or without accommodations.

Pre-dental education must be completed at a college or university from which subject matter is accepted for credit toward advanced standing at University of the Pacific or universities with equal standing. At least three years of collegiate work, including 135 quarter or 90 semester units, is recommended. Courses from a community college are acceptable if they are transferable as equivalent to pre-dental courses at a four-year college.

Students are encouraged to develop their course of study with the assistance of a pre-dental advisor. Pre-dental advisors can identify courses that meet School of Dentistry requirements and help prepare individuals for the rigors of professional education and practice. They are also aware of courses that would best prepare a student for competitive scores on the Dental Admission Test (DAT).

Number of Required Pre-dental Courses

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| Biological Sciences with Laboratory* | 4 |
| General Physics with Laboratory | 2 |
| Inorganic Chemistry with Laboratory | 2 |
| Organic Chemistry* | 2 |
| English Composition, Communication or Speech ** | 2 |

* Predental students are strongly advised to complete one course in anatomy and physiology as part of the biological sciences requirement. The admissions committee requires applicants to complete two semesters of organic chemistry or, upon direction of the predental advisor, one semester each of organic chemistry and biochemistry. In addition to the aforementioned recommended courses, students are highly encouraged to take histology / cell biology, microbiology and biochemistry.

** One course in composition or technical writing is required. Other courses should develop written or verbal communication skills. Courses in English as a Second Language (ESL) do not meet this requirement.

Online Courses: The Dugoni School prefers prerequisite coursework to be completed in a traditional classroom setting. Prerequisite courses completed online will be evaluated in the context of your entire academic record. Note: online prerequisite courses completed during the spring, summer, and fall 2020 and 2021 terms fulfill admissions requirements as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Pass/Fail evaluations in required subjects are unacceptable unless accompanied by a narrative transcript provided by the awarding school.

Although it is recommended that applicants have a baccalaureate degree, no specific major is required or preferred. Upper-division courses that extend knowledge of required subjects and/or those in areas such as statistics, economics, computer science, business administration and the humanities are recommended.

The Dental Admission Test

The DAT is available year round at testing centers around the country. To be considered for admission, the exam must have been taken within 24 months of the date of the application. Information and applications are available from the Dental Admission Test Program, Division of Education, American Dental Association at 800-621-8099 or online at www.ada.org (<http://www.ada.org/>).

Dental Shadowing and Research Experience

Applicants are required to have a minimum of 40 hours of dental shadowing experience with one or more general dentists. Research is not required for admission.

Application Materials

The School of Dentistry participates in the American Association of Dental Schools Application Service (AADSAS). AADSAS is an information clearinghouse which transmits to a dental school the biographical and academic data required by admission committees, thereby relieving the applicant of the burden of completing multiple and repetitious individual applications. All AADSAS applicants must submit an online application at the ADEA web site, www.adea.org/aadsas (<http://www.adea.org/aadsas/>).

You will need to read/complete the following sections of the AADSAS application:

- a. Fee Assistance Program (optional),
- b. Add Programs, Submit Application and Check Status tabs,
- c. Personal Information,
- d. Academic History,
- e. Supporting Information, and
- f. Program Materials.

You will need to submit the following documents:

- a. Official transcripts from each college and university attended, and
- b. Three letters of evaluation or committee letter*.

Payment for the ADEA AADSAS application is by credit card (VISA, MasterCard, American Express or Discover) only.

Completed application materials must be received by AADSAS no later than February 1 for an applicant to be considered for the class entering in July; however, it is recommended that students apply as early as June. A nonrefundable online payment (<https://sfdental.pacific.edu/admissions1/DDS/secure/appFee.aspx>) of \$75 is required by the school before the processing of an application is initiated. The University of the Pacific does not require any secondary application.

* If the applicant's undergraduate institution has a pre-health science advisory committee, a committee evaluation is recommended. Otherwise, three letters of evaluation are required, two of which should come from pre-dental or upper division science course professors. At the applicant's discretion, up to two additional letters may be submitted if these provide supplemental information regarding the applicant's character, special abilities, and professional motivation.

Evaluations from health care professionals who know the applicant well are encouraged.

Personal Interview

Applicants whose credentials appear to meet pre-dental requirements may be invited to the school for an interview with one or more members of the Admissions Committee and a current dental student. Applicants selected for an interview are notified by phone (or email) of available dates for the interview. During the interview, the applicant's interest in dentistry, future plans, maturity, critical thinking, emotional intelligence and personal qualities needed for successful work with patients are assessed. In addition, applicants participate in an orientation seminar, meet informally with current students and tour the school.

Selection Factors

The Admissions Committee carefully considers each applicant's scholastic record, scores on the DAT, personal statement, letters of evaluation, evidence of manual dexterity (including the perceptual ability portion of the DAT), other personal attributes and qualities as well as a demonstration of his/her/their capability to meet the dental school's technical standards and understanding about a career in the dental profession. Applicants who are offered the opportunity to enroll must complete planned coursework at a specified performance level.

The Admissions Committee has a firm policy of not discriminating against any applicant because of age, creed, national or ethnic origin, marital status, race, color, gender, or sexual orientation. Established review procedures ensure applicants an equal opportunity to be considered for admission. The Executive Admissions Committee reserves the right to override admissions recommendations made by faculty interviewers.

Accelerated / Pre-Dental Programs

In cooperation with the College of the Pacific, the School of Dentistry offers an accelerated pre-dental advantage program for incoming university freshmen. These programs provide opportunities to pursue a bachelor of science college degree in addition to a DDS degree upon qualification and successful completion. The programs were initiated in 1984 and have been refined over the years.

Admission into the Pre-Dental Advantage Program

The pre-dental advantage program only admits students to start directly after high school. Changes from other majors within the University of the Pacific or transfers from other institutions are not possible. Any freshman applicant who selects "pre-dental" from the list of majors on his/her/their application for undergraduate admission is automatically considered for all programs.

Previous coursework:

1. Students interested in completing the undergraduate portion of the program within 2 years need to transfer courses (AP, IB, Early College) that satisfy three General Education (GE) categories (excluding Scientific Inquiry) before they start at Pacific. The online ROAR tool indicates the courses and grades that can transfer to Pacific satisfying GE requirements.
2. Biological Sciences and Inorganic Chemistry coursework is expected to be completed at the University of the Pacific. If one or more of these courses are completed elsewhere, they must be replaced with more advanced courses approved by the Pre-Dental Program Advisor.

Undergraduate Preparation

3+3 Bachelor's / DDS

The program allows for completion of all pre-dental and general education requirements and the courses for a biological sciences or chemistry major in three years (six regular semesters). Students admitted to the pre-dental advantage program who fulfill academic/non-academic requirements are guaranteed an interview at the Dugoni School, including:

- Complete all pre-dental program course requirements and dental school prerequisites
- Achieve an overall Grade Point Average of 3.05 or above in coursework from Pacific and other institutions, BBCEP (bio, biochem, chemistry, and physics), science, and cumulative
- Dental Admissions Test exam scores of 18 or above in all categories
- Submit a completed dental school application, including three letters of evaluation from two Pacific science faculty and one dentist, by September 1 of the application cycle
- Complete at least 40 hours of shadowing a general dentist

Before advancing to Dental School, admitted students must complete all the undergraduate requirements of a BS degree.

Freshmen admitted into the pre-dental advantage program will follow the 3+3 modality (three years of undergrad preparation and three years of dental school). At the end of the first year, students who meet specific academic requirements and receive approval from their pre-dental advisor can apply to accelerate to a 2+3 modality. They can also decelerate into a 4+3 modality if more time is desired to prepare for dentistry, or they can take no action and progress in the 3+3 modality.

The 2+3 modality provides the minimum foundation in pre-dental education through two years of study on the Stockton campus for a select group of highly qualified students. At the end of the first academic year and summer, students who meet the following criteria and receive approval from their pre-dental advisor will take a second year of classes in Stockton, apply to the Dugoni School of Dentistry, and be guaranteed an interview at the Dugoni School:

The biology coursework completed in San Francisco adds to the previous work in Stockton and allows these students to graduate with a BS in Biological Sciences during the fourth year of the program. In addition, they earn the DDS degree with the completion of the dentistry curriculum at the end of the fifth year. Criteria for change into the 2+3 modality:

1. Completion of CHEM 025, CHEM 027, CHEM 121, CHEM 123, BIOL 051, BIOL 061, CORE 001, CORE 002, COPD 093, and courses that satisfy 5 different GE categories (excluding Scientific Inquiry) and the Diversity Requirement.

2. GPA and DAT (Dental Admission Test) scores above the minimum marks. Currently, the following GPAs are considered, and each must be 3.7 or higher: Overall GPA (all coursework); Pacific GPA (all coursework at Pacific); BBCEP GPA (all biology, biochemistry, chemistry, and physics); Science GPA (all science coursework at Pacific). DAT must be taken by September 1 of your sophomore year, and currently, you must earn an Academic Average score of 25 or above and 18 and above in all other categories.

3. Completion of all academic and non-academic requirements and submission of an application to the DDS program at Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry.

4. Submission of a completed Program Change Form to the Office of the Registrar signed by the Pre-Dental Advisor. Before advancing to the Dental School, admitted students must complete the undergraduate requirements of the BS in Biological Sciences or BS in Biological Sciences with Department Honors, except for the DS and BMS courses, which will be taken within the DDS program.

Biological Sciences / Other Majors

The biological sciences major (and other Pacific majors), designed to prepare students' applications and preparation for all dental schools, does not guarantee an interview at the Dugoni School. However, if a student meets specific criteria during their undergraduate studies, their application will be strongly considered for an interview:

- Complete all pre-dental program course requirements and dental school prerequisites
- Achieve an overall Grade Point Average of 3.05 or above in coursework from Pacific and other institutions, BBCEP (bio, biochem, chemistry, and physics), science, and cumulative
- Dental Admissions Test exam scores of 18 or above in all categories
- Submit a completed dental school application, including three letters of evaluation from two Pacific science faculty and one dentist by September 1 of the application cycle
- Complete at least 40 hours of shadowing a general dentist

Biological Sciences / Other Majors

Biological sciences and other majors are expected to meet similar academic and non-academic criteria as the 3+3 / 4+3 pathways, but are not guaranteed an interview at the Dugoni School. However, applications will be reviewed and strongly considered by the committee.

Criteria can be amended on a case-by-case basis with the approval of the Executive Admissions Committee, the dean of admissions, and the dental school dean.

School of Dentistry Expectations for Admission

To be admitted to the School of Dentistry, pre-dental advantage students must:

- a. meet all course requirements for their respective pre-dental programs, including specified Grade Point Average and Dental Admissions Test minimums
- b. complete all pre-dental prerequisites from the University of the Pacific
- c. maintain full-time student status and course enrollment prior to graduation / completion of undergraduate coursework
- d. complete in-progress/planned courses listed in the application and achieve a B- or better grade in each course
- e. be clear of all academic and student conduct infractions
- f. successfully complete an interview, if granted, at the School of Dentistry
- g. file a competitive and complete AADSAS application by September 1
- h. submit the non-refundable \$75 application fee
- i. obtain at least three letters of evaluation from two science faculty and one from a dentist
- j. complete 40 hours of shadowing at a dental clinic

The Dugoni School reserves the right to change criteria for students entering in subsequent years. Students selected for an interview are not guaranteed admission to the Dugoni School.

International Dental Studies

Through the International Dental Studies (IDS) program, qualified internationally-educated dentists will have the opportunity to earn the Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from this 24-month, eight-quarter curriculum, which provides practical and comprehensive training in dental techniques as practiced in the United States.

The IDS curriculum includes pre-clinical and clinical instruction in dental subjects presented in the traditional DDS program, as well as instruction in clinical pharmacology and pathology, differential diagnosis of oral diseases, facial pain, special needs patients, hospital dentistry, and preparation for regional and state licensure; the behavioral sciences include basic management science, introduction to geriatric dentistry, fundamentals of dental practice, and jurisprudence. IDS students begin clinical patient care in the second quarter and spend the greater portion of their second year in clinical practice.

The University of the Pacific has recently announced the addition of our new Pacific Health Care Collaborative (PHCC) in Sacramento, California. This facility will be located in the historic Oak Park neighborhood, and the new clinical and academic facility will provide a new collaborative, interprofessional approach to health sciences education and patient care – the first of its kind in the United States.

The collaboration between the Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry and the School of Health Sciences brings the university's healthcare providers under one roof, putting the patient at the center. The new space where the PHCC will be located will feature state-of-the-art facilities to provide low-cost care to those who need it most. The clinic's dental students will be part of the Dugoni School's International Dental Studies Program, allowing our school to double the class size. Click here to learn more about the Pacific Health Care Collaborative. (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=peJagEfK3Cs>)

The IDS admissions committee considers the following factors in selecting applicants for admission: dental school achievement, pass results on the National Dental Board Examination Parts 1 & 2 or the Integrated National Dental Board Examination, English language proficiency, professional experience, community service, and advanced degrees. Applicants invited to interview are selected from those who meet preliminary admissions requirements.

Applications must be made through the American Dental Education Association (ADEA) Centralized Application for Advanced Placement for International Dentists (CAAPID) at <http://www.adea.org/caapidapp/>.

*The process to apply to the International Studies program is the same regardless of campus preference.

**The executive admissions committee considers campus preference, but it is not guaranteed.

Required documentation for admission consideration:

1. Copy of a dental diploma (any degree in a language other than English must be accompanied by a certified translation from a bona fide translator). *Provisional degrees are not accepted.
2. Successful completion of Parts I & 2 of the National Dental Board Examination (NBDE-1, NBDE-2) or the Integrated National Dental Board Examination (INDBE).
3. A score of 92 or above on the internet-based version of the Test of English as Foreign Language (TOEFL).

4. Copy of a course-by-course transcript evaluation from Educational Credential Evaluators (ECE) with a minimum U.S. grade point average of 2.00.

5. Three recent letters of recommendation written in English by U.S. or international dental professionals (dentists, dental school faculty).

6. Curriculum Vitae (CV) describing the applicant's dental experience and additional academic accomplishments since receiving the initial dental degree.

The program's admission process is described more fully on the school website (<https://dental.pacific.edu/dental/academic-programs/international-dental-studies/ids-program-how-and-when-to-apply/>).

For additional information, you may also contact the IDS program at:

University of the Pacific, Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry
155 Fifth Street
San Francisco, CA 94103, U.S.A.
Phone: (415) 929-6491
Email: IDS@pacific.edu

Endodontics

How to Apply

The Department of Endodontics participates in the American Dental Education Association's Postdoctoral Application Support Service (PASS), a centralized application service for more than 400 participating postdoctoral dental education programs. Applicants can complete an online application or download a copy of the application form from the PASS website (http://www.adea.org/dental_education_pathways/pass/Applicants/Pages/default.aspx).

- Completed application materials must be received by PASS prior to their deadline. Check their website for the application deadline.
- The completed PASS application and all supporting documents must be received by the admissions committee for the Advanced Education Program in Endodontology before August 1, 2025.
- A non-refundable fee of \$75 must be submitted along with your application. Pay application fee here > (<https://sfdental.pacific.edu/secure/EndoAppFee.aspx>)

Factors considered for possible admission include:

- Possession of a doctoral degree in dentistry (DMD, DDS, BDS);
- Excellence in predoctoral and dental school academic achievement;
- Dental class standing;
- Advanced Dental Admissions Test (ADAT);
- Practice, teaching and research experience;
- Possession of advanced academic degree(s);
- Dental National Board Examination scores; and
- Letters of recommendation.

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Contact:

Gloria Sue, Admissions Coordinator

Orthodontics

How to Apply

The Department of Orthodontics participates in the American Dental Education Association's Postdoctoral Application Support Service (PASS), a centralized application service for more than 400 participating postdoctoral dental education programs. Applicants can complete an online application or download a copy of the application form from the PASS Web site (https://www.adea.org/dental_education_pathways/pass/Applicants/Pages/default.aspx).

- Completed application materials must be received by PASS prior to their deadline. Check their Web site for the application deadline.
- The completed PASS application and all supporting documents must be received by the admissions committee for the Graduate Orthodontics Program by August 8, 2025.
- A non-refundable fee of \$75 must be submitted along with your application. Pay application fee here › (<https://sfidental.pacific.edu/secure/OrthoAppFee.aspx>)

Factors considered by the Graduate Orthodontics Program Admissions Committee include:

- Possession of the doctoral degree in dentistry;
- Excellence in predoctoral and dental school academic achievement;
- Dental class standing;
- Graduate Record Examination (GRE) score (Institutional Code 4065 / Department Code 0604);
- Advanced Dental Admissions Test Scores will be accepted but not required;
- Dental Match Program code;
- Practice, teaching and research experience;
- Possession of advanced academic degree(s);
- TOEFL scores (for international students only — Institutional code 4892 / Department Code 38)
- Dental National Board Examination scores;
- Letters of recommendation; and
- *Course by Course evaluation* of dental school transcripts — for international applicants (only evaluations by ECE will be accepted).

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Contact:

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415.929.6677 / gsue@pacific.edu

Anesthesiology Internship

Eligibility:

Qualified candidates *must*

- have graduated from a U.S. or Canadian accredited dental school
- be a U.S. citizen, U.S. permanent resident or Canadian citizen
- submit all required program application materials by the application deadline.

Application:

All materials must be submitted through PASS. ([https://programs.adea.org/PASS/programs/university-of-the-pacific-arthur-a.-dugoni-school-of-dentistry-\(internship\)-anesthesiology/](https://programs.adea.org/PASS/programs/university-of-the-pacific-arthur-a.-dugoni-school-of-dentistry-(internship)-anesthesiology/)) We will contact you for additional materials. *Recommended but not required:* NBME CBSE exam report.

Selection Criteria:

Selection will occur based upon review of the submitted PASS application and a virtual interview.

Dental Sleep Medicine Fellowship

Requirements

- DMD, DDS or BDS degree *and* a certificate of orthodontics
- *International applicants:* TOEFL or IELTS test score
- Curriculum vitae
- Personal statement including explanation of interest in this program
- Transcripts — dental school *and* orthodontic residency
- Two references
- Complete University of the Pacific application

Applicants may be selected for an initial interview based on these submissions.

Endodontic Internship

Requirements:

- A DDS or BDS degree
- TOEFL test score (for international applicants)
- Curriculum vitae
- Personal statement about why they are attracted to this program
- Two letters of recommendation

Application Process:

- Complete Pacific application and submit required documentation as listed above
- Applicants will be selected for an initial interview
- *For international applicants:* preference will be given to students who have completed some form of endodontic training.

Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery Internship

Application Information and Selection Criteria

Eligibility:

Qualified candidates must have DDS or DMD from U.S. or Canadian accredited dental school *and* must be a U.S. citizen, U.S. permanent resident, or Canadian citizen; *and* must submit all required program application materials by application deadline. Candidates in question *MUST HAVE AN ACTIVE CALIFORNIA DENTAL LICENSE prior to starting.*

To Apply:

Please submit PASS Program application, current CV and digital photo (headshot).

Recommended but not required: NBME CBSE exam report, official transcripts (dental school and undergraduate), 3 letters of recommendation.

Selection Criteria:

Admission to the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Internship Program is competitive, with initial screening of candidates based upon previous academic performance, letters of recommendation and professional experience. Interns will be chosen based upon the factors described

above, and the results of a personal interview with the program director and program faculty.

The Admission Requirements on this page is for the following undergraduate program on the San Francisco campus.

Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry Dental Hygiene

University of the Pacific seeks applications from students who have shown by past achievement that they have attained a high level of scholarship, initiative and maturity, possess good character, and have a serious interest in learning. Admission is selective and each applicant is considered on the basis of a variety of factors which are evaluated through a very personalized review. The University is interested in a student body characterized by diverse ethnic, religious, economic and geographic backgrounds.

Please refer to the Office of Admission website for the most current policies regarding all subjects in the following section of this catalog. The website address is www.pacific.edu/admission.html (<http://www.pacific.edu/Admission.html>).

Undergraduate Admission

www.pacific.edu/admission.html (<http://www.pacific.edu/Admission.html>)

Application Priority Dates

www.pacific.edu/admission/important-dates.html (<http://www.pacific.edu/Admission/Important-Dates.html>)

Fall Freshman Applicants

November 15 Application Priority Date

- All Pre-Pharmacy Applicants/Notification: January 15
- All Pre-Dental Applicants/Notification: January 15
- All Powell Scholarship Applicants/Notification : March 15
- All Early Action Admission Program Applicants /Notification: January 15

January 15 Application Priority Date

- Regular Admission Program (all majors not listed above)/Notification: March 15

Applications are reviewed once they are complete. Most students are mailed notification in mid-March. The University of the Pacific adheres to the May 1 national candidates reply date. It is on or before this date that the University expects a reply to its offer of admission for the fall semester.

Fall Transfer Applicants

February 15

Priority Admission and Financial Aid Application Date to Receive the Best Possible Financial Aid Package (based on individual circumstances and financial aid eligibility)

June 1

- Deadline for All Transfer Applicants and outstanding documents

Spring Freshman & Transfer Applicants

August 1

- Dental Hygiene Transfer Applicants

November 15

- All applicants (excluding Dental Hygiene applicants)/Notification: Rolling

Applications may be considered after these dates but space may be limited. Because of certain special procedures in the handling of applications for international students, these applications should be completed earlier than U.S. applications. Candidates for the Doctor of Pharmacy program should refer to the PharmD website: www.pacific.edu/pharmd (<http://www.pacific.edu/pharmd/>) for deadline information.

Early Action Admission Option

University of the Pacific offers a non-binding Early Action plan for high school students with exceptionally strong high school records, test scores and recommendations. Applicants who wish to be considered for Early Action must have a completed application on file with the Office of Admission postmarked by November 15. Early Action applicants are notified in mid-January. Those admitted under this plan have the same National Candidates Reply Date of May 1 as all other admitted students.

Interviews

Prospective students are encouraged to visit the campus, but formal interviews are not usually required for freshman or transfer applicants (except Powell Scholars, Pacific Humanities, Pacific Legal Scholars, and Organizational Behavior). The University reserves the right to ask prospective students to appear for an interview as part of the admissions procedure when such an interview appears appropriate and would assist in determining the applicant's qualifications for admission.

Campus Visits

www.pacific.edu/visitus (<http://www.pacific.edu/visitus/>)

Prospective students are invited to visit the campus as guests of the University. It is recommended that prospective students visit the campus when classes are in session, avoiding weekends or University vacation periods. (See Academic Calendar).

For individuals or small groups, student-led tours are available most days, Monday through Friday, morning and afternoon as well as some Saturday mornings. Tours and informational sessions for larger groups are also available, but must be planned at least two weeks in advance with the Office of Admission. During the academic year the Office of Admission is open most days Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on selected Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Summer hours may differ. Saturday visits and tours are by appointment only. Please go to www.pacific.edu/visitus (<http://www.pacific.edu/visitus/>) or call the Office of Admission to schedule a visit to campus.

Appointments, Information and Forms

For information on an area of specific interest, for application forms, or for an admissions appointment, use any of the following information to reach the Office of Admission:

Office of Admission
University of the Pacific
3601 Pacific Avenue

Stockton, CA 95211

Telephone: (209) 946-2211

Fax: (209) 946-2413

Website: www.pacific.edu/admission (<http://www.pacific.edu/admission/>)

E-mail: admission@pacific.edu

Admission of Freshman Students

Regular Admission

Freshman applicants are those who are either applying while seniors in high school or those who have not taken any college courses since earning their high school diploma or its equivalent. Verification of graduation from an accredited secondary school is required prior to the beginning of the first term of attendance. Exceptions may be made for those who have passed either the General Education Development (GED) Test or the High School Proficiency Exam.

Special emphasis is placed on the coursework selected, the grades achieved in those courses, and the cumulative grade point average. Supporting recommendation from a school counselor or teacher is also important. In addition, the Admission Committee reviews the results of either the SAT or the ACT.

The essay submitted with the University of the Pacific Application is carefully read, and the committee looks at co-curricular activities. Applicants are selected for admission only after a careful review of the entire application file.

A Completed Freshman Application Includes:

- Form and Fee: www.pacific.edu/apply (<http://www.pacific.edu/apply/>)
On-line application. The application must be filled out and submitted by the applicant.
- Transcripts: An official copy of transcripts for all high school and/or college coursework including courses offered by extension or correspondence, is required. Failure to acknowledge and submit all records is grounds to deny or revoke admission, or for dismissal from the University or revocation of degrees earned. Applicants must also submit transcripts for any college work taken while still in high school. Transfer applicants do not need to have high school transcripts sent, unless requested. Final official transcripts must be submitted prior to the first day of classes, and must show satisfactory work or the University has the right to revoke the offer of admission.
- Test Score Policies for Applicants
- Freshman applicants must submit scores from the SAT and/or ACT. If the applicant has taken the SAT or ACT multiple times, Pacific accepts the highest combination of sub scores from all SAT attempts and highest combination of all sub scores from all ACT attempts.
- Scores received in January from the December SAT or ACT tests are the last scores that are used for admission or scholarship consideration for fall applicants, except Pre-Dentistry and Pre-Pharmacy applicants for whom the November test scores will be accepted. Students for whom later tests are the first and only test taken are exempt from this policy.

Optional:

- Recommendation: www.pacific.edu/recommendation (<https://www.pacific.edu/admission/undergraduate/academic-recommendation/>). One academic recommendation from

an academic teacher, counselor or advisor is recommended.

Those recommending an applicant may use the online form at www.pacific.edu/recommendation (<https://www.pacific.edu/admission/undergraduate/academic-recommendation/>) or send a written recommendation on official letterhead.

- Essay: A personal statement as part of the application.

Special Admission Requirements

- Music Applicants: www.pacific.edu/music (<http://www.pacific.edu/music/>) In addition to academic requirements, who apply for admission to the Conservatory of Music must present evidence of music talent and achievement by performing an audition on the principal performing medium. Those who plan to major in composition must also submit an original composition. Auditions are held at the Conservatory at regular intervals throughout the academic year. Students unable to appear in person may substitute a recorded audition. Audition information is available at www.pacific.edu/music (<http://www.pacific.edu/music/>) or by calling the Conservatory of Music at (209) 946-2418.

Recommended High School Preparation

Although University of the Pacific does not require a fixed pattern of secondary school courses, applicants are expected to complete a solid college preparatory program. Generally speaking, preparatory courses are those in the fields of English, social sciences, foreign languages, laboratory sciences and mathematics.

It is strongly recommended that the following be included in the secondary school program: four years of English; three years of mathematics including algebra I, II and geometry; at least two years of laboratory science in at least two disciplines (biology, chemistry, earth science or physics); at least two years of the same foreign language; three years of social science; one year of fine or performing arts; and additional academic courses – all aimed at improving analytical abilities, promoting artistic development and strengthening written and oral skills.

Students interested in economics or business administration should take advanced mathematics in high school. Students interested in mathematics, science, engineering, dentistry or pharmacy should include biology, chemistry and physics as well as advanced mathematics in their secondary school program. (See chart for recommended course of study.)

Recommended Courses

| Course Others | Science & Technical | All Majors |
|---------------------------|---------------------|------------|
| English | 4 years | 4 years |
| Fine Arts/Performing Arts | 1 year | 1 year |
| Foreign Language (one) | 2 units | 2 years |
| Social Science | 2 years | 3 years |
| Mathematics* | 4 years | 3 years |
| Laboratory Science** | 3 years | 2 years |
| Academic Electives*** | 1 year | 1 year |

* Suggested math sequence for science and technical majors: algebra, geometry, algebra II, trigonometry or calculus. Minimum suggest math sequence for all other majors: algebra, geometry, algebra II.

** Biology, chemistry and physics are recommended for all students pursuing science and technical disciplines.

*** Academic elective courses should be in advanced foreign languages, mathematics, laboratory sciences or other solid preparatory courses.

Since the senior year in high school is perhaps the most important in preparing for college, a minimum program of four academic courses per semester is particularly recommended for that year.

Students are also encouraged to take honors and advanced placement courses whenever possible. In reviewing applications, the Office of Admission gives favorable consideration, not only to the overall strength of the academic program, but to the fact that honors and advanced placement courses have been taken.

Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate and College Credits Earned While In High School

Please see www.pacific.edu/advancedcredit (<https://www.pacific.edu/admission/undergraduate/advance-credit/>) for the latest policies regarding granting of advance credit. College credit (four units per examination) may be granted to students who achieve scores of a four and five on Advanced Placement examinations and/or scores of five through seven on International Baccalaureate exams taken at the higher level. A maximum of 28 units total from Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, DANTES and/or CLEP test results may be applied toward a Pacific degree including General Education and major requirements.

In addition, students who have taken college courses prior to high school graduation receive credit toward University of the Pacific graduation, as long as the credit is transferable, is earned at an accredited college and is awarded college credit on a transcript generated by that college. The purpose is to recognize advanced work of quality already accomplished by certain students, to preclude duplication of courses, and to provide increased opportunity for exceptional students to take elective work in their undergraduate programs. (See also the CLEP information below.)

College-Level Examination Program (CLEP)

College credit may be granted, within certain limitations, for the General and Subject Examinations offered through the College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) of the College Board when satisfactory scores have been earned. This program may be utilized by entering freshmen who take the tests prior to matriculation for the purpose of earning advanced standing credit, by regularly enrolled students for accelerating their programs or demonstrating competency in certain subjects, or by candidates for transfer who desire advanced credit or present the tests in support of applications for admission. Further details can be obtained from the Office of Admission.

A total of no more than 20 units may be applied toward a degree from any or all of the following: courses taken in accredited correspondence schools, extension correspondence schools, extension courses, and/or courses taken credit by examination. None of these credits, except extension courses taken at the University, is accepted during the term in which the student is completing requirements for graduation in this University.

A total of no more than 28 units may be applied towards a degree from Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), DANTES and/or CLEP tests.

Admission of Undergraduate Transfers

www.pacific.edu/transfer (<http://www.pacific.edu/transfer/>)

To be considered for admission a transfer applicant must:

- Be in good academic standing at the college in which he/she/they are currently enrolled
- Have demonstrated academic ability in his/her/their selected major

A Completed Transfer Application Includes:

- a. Form and Fee: www.pacific.edu/apply (<http://www.pacific.edu/apply/>)
On-line application. The application must be filled out and submitted by the applicant.
- b. Official Transcripts from all colleges attended

If transferable credits are less than 30 semester units:

- a. High School Transcripts
- b. SAT-I or ACT scores

Optional:

- Recommendation: www.pacific.edu/recommendation (<https://www.pacific.edu/admission/undergraduate/academic-recommendation/>). One academic recommendation from an academic teacher, counselor or advisor is required. Those recommending an applicant may send a written recommendation on official letterhead.
- Essay: A personal statement as part of the application.

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- Dental Hygiene Applicants: www.pacific.edu/dentalhygiene (<http://www.pacific.edu/dentalhygiene/>) Strong candidates who apply for the dental hygiene program are invited to campus for an interview after items one through five (above) have been received. Dental Hygiene applicants have separate application deadlines (September 1 for Spring). After an initial review, strong dental hygiene candidates are invited for interviews that are required for admission into the program.

Transferable Courses and Unit Limitations

The complete Transfer Credit Policy can be found on the Office of the Registrar website (<https://www.pacific.edu/about-pacific/administrative-offices/office-of-the-registrar/undergrad-transfer-policy/>).

- In interpreting transfer credit, University of the Pacific generally accepts those courses which are of the same quality and equivalency as courses offered on this campus.
- Courses taught at a community college are not acceptable to replace upper division courses at Pacific.
- The maximum number of units that is accepted from a community college is 70 and no community college credit is accepted after

a student has completed 70 units from all institutions attended. Courses are accepted in chronological order.

- A course with a grade of C- or below does not transfer to Pacific. No units are awarded for that course and it does not fulfill any requirements towards a degree.
- If a student repeats a course in which a C- or below was earned, the most recent grade is used and a new GPA for the course is calculated for the transfer admission grade point average only. *Note: Only course content and credit are accepted in transfer; the associated grades do not become a part of the Pacific record.*
- If a student repeats a course in which a C or higher is earned, the second attempt is calculated in the GPA. No units are awarded for the repeated course.
- Transfer applicants who attended universities outside of the United States **must** submit an evaluation of their academic records. Transcripts must be reviewed by one of the articulation review companies listed online at <https://www.pacific.edu/admission/international-student> (<https://www.pacific.edu/admission/international-student/>) evaluation and have an official copy sent directly to University of the Pacific. Students who attended universities outside of the United States **must also** submit course descriptions in English of their completed university work. The course descriptions must come from either the school's website or official catalog. Please send the course descriptions to University of the Pacific's Office of Admission.

Special Admission

Certain transfer applicants, such as veterans, or adult re-entry students and others with special circumstances, are given special consideration for admission when it is determined that they have the potential for satisfactory college work.

Admission of International Students

www.pacific.edu/international (<http://www.pacific.edu/international/>)

University of the Pacific welcomes applications from international students and provides complete support services for them through International Programs and Services. The University is authorized to issue appropriate immigration documents to international students for immigration purposes and provides immigration services to enrolled students.

In order to comply with regulations of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service, University of the Pacific requires international applicants who are not citizens or permanent residents of the United States to submit a detailed Certification of Financials showing sufficient financial resources for study at the University. Other special information and instructions regarding the admission of international students is provided upon request.

Special Requirements for Non-Native Speakers of English

Applicants who are not native speakers of English are expected to provide evidence of proficiency in the English language. Such proficiency may be demonstrated through the academic record, or by means of an English Language Proficiency Exam like the IETLS or TOEFL. For the most current English Proficiency review criteria please visit <https://www.pacific.edu/admission/international-student> (<https://www.pacific.edu/admission/international-student/>). The University reserves the right to administer its own English language test to new students and to adjust a student's academic program on the basis of test results.

Admission of Veterans

University of the Pacific encourages veterans to apply for admission. Satisfactory completion of a period of military service is taken into consideration in the evaluation for admission.

Accelerated Programs

Pre-Pharmacy Advantage Programs

www.pacific.edu/prepharm (<http://www.pacific.edu/prepharm/>)

Pacific offers three options which provide for guaranteed admission into our Professional Pharmacy (PharmD) Program, if all pre-pharmacy advantage requirements, which include courses taken in sequence at Pacific and minimum GPAs, are met and the formal pharmacy interview (which includes a writing sample) is passed. The current university minimum GPA requirement needed as one part of advancing from any of these Pre-Pharmacy Advantage Programs into our Professional Pharmacy Program is 3.00 overall and 2.70 in selected math/science courses.

The implementation of specific admission criteria for the Pre-Pharmacy Advantage Program are meant to ensure that students have the appropriate time to successfully prepare for advancement into the Professional Pharmacy Program.

Five-Year (2+3) Pre-Pharmacy/PharmD Option

Freshmen are admitted directly into the Pre-Pharmacy Program in the School of Pharmacy. After two years, they advance into the PharmD Program if they have fulfilled all pre-pharmacy advantage requirements.

Six-Year (3+3) Pre-Pharmacy/PharmD Option

Freshmen are admitted directly into the Pre-Pharmacy Program in the School of Pharmacy. After three years, they advance into the PharmD Program if they have fulfilled all pre-pharmacy advantage requirements.

Seven-Year (4+3) Bachelor's/PharmD Option

These Pre-Pharmacy applicants are admitted to any major at Pacific and pursue a Bachelor's degree, while also completing the pre-requisites for the Doctor of Pharmacy Program. If they complete their Bachelor's degree in four years (but no more than five years) they are eligible to advance into the PharmD Program if they have fulfilled all of the same Pre-Pharmacy advantage requirements. This option ensures that these students are on track from the beginning of their college careers to earn, at least, a Bachelor's degree.

Please note: There is no formal Pre-Pharmacy Advantage available to a student who attends another institution for a semester or a year or two and then transfers as a science major into Pacific's Arts and Sciences division. We have excellent undergraduate programs to which transfers are welcome to apply, but once here, these students compete with those who apply from other institutions for space in the PharmD Program.

Accelerated / Pre-Dental Programs

<https://dental.pacific.edu/dental/academic-programs/pre-dentistry> (<https://dental.pacific.edu/dental/academic-programs/pre-dentistry/>)

Pacific offers accelerated pre-dental programs to first-time freshmen. Any freshman applicant who selects "pre-dental" from the list of majors on his/her/their application for undergraduate admission is automatically considered for all programs.

3+3 Bachelor's / DDS

The program allows for completion of all pre-dental and general education requirements and the courses for a biological sciences or chemistry degree in three years (six regular semesters). Students admitted to the pre-dental advantage program who fulfill academic/non-academic requirements are guaranteed an admissions interview at the Dugoni School, including:

- Complete all pre-dental program course requirements and dental school prerequisites
- Achieve a cumulative, science, and BBCP (bio, biochemistry, chemistry, and physics) Grade Point Average of 3.05 or above in coursework from Pacific and other institutions
- Dental Admissions Test exam scores of 18 or above in all categories
- Submit a completed dental school application, including three letters of evaluation from two Pacific science faculty and one dentist, by September 1 of the application cycle
- Complete at least 40 hours of shadowing a general dentist

Before advancing to Dental School, admitted students must complete all the undergraduate requirements of a BS degree.

Freshmen admitted into the pre-dental advantage program will follow the 3+3 modality (three years of undergrad preparation and three years of dental school). At the end of the first year, students who meet specific academic requirements and receive approval from their pre-dental advisor can apply to accelerate to a 2+3 modality. They can also decelerate into a 4+3 modality if more time is desired to prepare for dentistry, or they can take no action and progress in the 3+3 modality.

The 2+3 modality provides the minimum foundation in pre-dental education through two years of study on the Stockton campus for a select group of highly qualified students. At the end of the first academic year and summer, students who meet the following criteria and receive approval from their pre-dental advisor will take a second year of classes in Stockton, apply to the Dugoni School of Dentistry, and be guaranteed an interview at the Dugoni School:

- Complete all pre-dental program course requirements and dental school prerequisites
- Achieve a cumulative, BBCP, and science Grade Point Average of 3.70 or higher in coursework from Pacific
- Dental Admissions Test exam Academic Average score of 25 and above and 18 and above in all other categories
- Submit a completed dental school application, including three letters of evaluation from two Pacific science faculty and one dentist, by September 1 of the application cycle
- Complete at least 40 hours of shadowing a general dentist

Biological Sciences / Other Majors

The biological sciences major (and other Pacific majors) is designed to prepare students' applications and preparation for all dental schools. This pathway does not guarantee an interview at the Dugoni School, however, if a student meets specific criteria during their undergraduate studies, their application will be strongly considered for an interview:

- Complete all pre-dental program course requirements and dental school prerequisites
- Achieve an overall, BBCP, and science Grade Point Average of 3.05 or above in coursework from Pacific and other institutions
- Dental Admissions Test exam scores of 18 or above in all categories

- Submit a completed dental school application, including three letters of evaluation from two Pacific science faculty and one dentist by September 1 of the application cycle
- Complete at least 40 hours of shadowing a general dentist

Effective Fall 2026, incoming pre-dental advantage freshmen will be required to meet the following academic requirements to be guaranteed an admissions interview with the Dugoni School:

3+3

- Minimum Pacific GPA (BBCP, Science, and Total) of 3.5
- Minimum DAT score of 20 (Academic Average, Perceptual Ability and Total Science) or equivalent in the new DAT scoring scale provided by the American Dental Association.

2+3

- Minimum Pacific GPA (BBCP, Science, and Total) of 3.7
- Minimum DAT Academic Average of 25 (with no scores below 20 in other categories) or equivalent in the new DAT scoring scale provided by the American Dental Association.

Biological Sciences / Other Majors: applicants are expected to meet similar academic and non-academic criteria as the 3+3 pathways, but are not guaranteed an interview at the Dugoni School. Applications will be reviewed and strongly considered by the Executive Admissions Committee.

The Dugoni School can amend the criteria on a case-by-case basis with the approval by the Executive Admissions Committee, dean of admissions and dental school dean.

School of Dentistry Expectations for Admission

To be admitted to the School of Dentistry, pre-dental and accelerated students must:

- meet all course requirements for their respective pre-dental programs, including specified Grade Point Average and Dental Admissions Test minimums
- complete all pre-dental prerequisites from the University of the Pacific
- maintain full-time student status and course enrollment prior to graduation / completion of undergraduate coursework
- complete in-progress/planned courses listed in the application and achieve a B- or better grade in each course
- be clear of all academic and student conduct infractions
- successfully complete an interview, if granted, at the School of Dentistry
- file a competitive and complete AADSAS application by September 1
- submit the \$75 application fee
- obtain at least three letters of evaluation from two science faculty and one from a dentist
- complete 40 hours of shadowing at a dental clinic

The Dugoni School reserves the right to change criteria for students entering in subsequent years. Students selected for an interview are not guaranteed admission to the Dugoni School.

Pacific Legal Scholars

Six-Year (3+3) Bachelor's/Juris Doctorate (JD)

<https://www.pacific.edu/academics/honors/pacific-legal-advantage>
(<https://www.pacific.edu/academics/honors/pacific-legal-advantage/>)

This program permits highly qualified students to enroll at University of the Pacific's McGeorge School of Law during the fourth year of study at the University and complete a bachelor's degree at the end of the first year of law school. Students must apply for admission to the Pacific Legal Scholars program and meet program admissions requirements, including an admissions interview. To move on to the McGeorge School of Law, students must complete all general education and major course requirements, complete three seminars and an upper division law course to prepare for law school and participate in a number of off-campus law-related activities. They must also complete the application for admission to University of the Pacific's McGeorge School of Law and meet all admissions criteria including the median LSAT score and undergraduate GPA for the prior year's matriculating students. The Pacific Legal Scholars Program is open to students in any major, but some majors may not be possible to complete in three academic years. A 4+3 version of the program is also available.

Admission of Professional PharmD Students

www.pacific.edu/pharmd (<http://www.pacific.edu/pharmd/>)

Students who seek admission to the Doctor of Pharmacy degree program who did not enter Pacific as a freshman through the pre-pharmacy advantage program must have completed a minimum of 64 transferable units prior to matriculation. These units must be in specific courses which meet University of the Pacific Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy requirements. Therefore, no application to the Doctor of Pharmacy program is accepted unless the applicant has taken, is taking, or plans to take, all of these pre-pharmacy courses prior to enrollment (see specifics in School of Pharmacy section). Students who have not taken organic chemistry or biology within the last seven years must enroll in refresher courses before entering.

Admission to the Doctor of Pharmacy degree program is competitive. Factors considered in the application review include overall grades, math/science grades, difficulty of course loads, academic performance trends, curriculum selection, recommendations, involvement in clubs, organizations and community service, demonstrated leadership positions, pharmacy work experience, communication skills, and a mandatory interview.

All students applying to the Doctor of Pharmacy program must apply through the Pharmacy College Application Service (PharmCAS): www.pharmcas.org (<http://www.pharmcas.org/>). Pacific's application deadlines, and all instructions for applying for this program, is found at www.pacific.edu/pharmd (<http://www.pacific.edu/pharmd/>). It is critical that candidates submit all required information in a timely manner. Applications are not reviewed until they are complete. Students who complete their files after published deadlines are considered on a space available basis only. A completed application includes: PharmCAS application and fee, supplemental application form and fee, two recommendations (on required forms), Educational Background Chart, resume, and official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended. International students must also supply an official letter on bank stationery that verifies funding for at least one full year, a copy of their I-20 form, and a copy of their I-94 form, and furnish an international address. Some documents must be sent to PharmCAS and some to Pacific. Students with international coursework are required to submit an evaluation from Educational Credential Evaluators (ECE). Students

whose native language is not English may be requested to submit scores from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). The minimum acceptable TOEFL score for admission consideration is 550 (paper-based), 213 (computer-based), or 80 (Internet Based). An IELTS score of 6.5 is acceptable in place of the TOEFL.

All admitted students are required to grant consent for a background investigation and to read and agree to the Technical Standards for Pharmacy Admission and Graduation prior to matriculation. Final approval for admission will not be granted until the background investigation results are reviewed. Additional information on the Technical Standards for the Doctor of Pharmacy program can be found at: <http://www.pacific.edu/Admission/Graduate-Professional/Pharmacy/Pharm-D-Technical-Standards.html> (<http://web.pacific.edu/Admission/Professional/Pharmacy/Pharm-D-Technical-Standards.html>).

Please visit www.pacific.edu/pharmd (<http://www.pacific.edu/pharmd/>) for details on application requirements. Direct any questions about the Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy to the Coordinator for Pharmacy Admission at (209) 946-2211.

Enrollment Deposit

An enrollment deposit is required of all admitted applicants to hold the applicant's space in the academic program. This enrollment deposit is nonrefundable, unless otherwise noted, and is applied toward the student's first-term tuition upon matriculation to the University. Deposit amounts may vary depending upon the academic program.