

Admissions

The Midwestern University College of Dental Medicine-Illinois considers for admission those students who possess the academic, professional, and personal qualities necessary for development as exemplary dental professionals. To select these students, the College uses a rolling admissions process within a competitive admissions framework.

Admission Requirements

To be competitive, an applicant should have earned a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university and possess both a science (biology, chemistry, and physics) and total GPA of 3.00 or more on a 4.00 scale.

Prerequisite Courses:

Course	Semester/Quarter Hours
Biology with lab	8 Semester/12 Quarter hours
General Chemistry with lab	8 Semester/12 Quarter hours
Organic Chemistry with lab	4 Semester/6 Quarter hours
Anatomy	3 Semester/4 Quarter hours
Microbiology	3 Semester/4 Quarter hours
Physics	8 Semester/12 Quarter hours
Physiology	3 Semester/4 Quarter hours
Biochemistry	3 Semester/4 Quarter hours
English Composition/Technical Writing	6 Semester/9 Quarter hours

In order to be considered for admissions, an applicant must:

1. Complete above prerequisite courses.
2. Submit competitive scores on the Dental Admission Test (DAT).
 - All candidates must submit results from the US DAT.
 - A total DAT score (summative scores less total Science and Academic Average) should be 110 and above to be competitive.
 - Scores in the area of 18 or higher will be expected for the Academic Average, Reading Comprehension, Perceptual Ability and total Science sections
 - The DAT test must have been taken no more than 3 years prior to application.
3. Submit two letters of recommendation.
 - One must be from either a predental advisory committee or a science professor
 - The other preferentially should be from either someone with a D.O./M.D. or D.D.S./D.M.D. degree and/or someone who can testify to the integrity and ethical standards of the applicant
 - Letters written by immediate family members will not be accepted
 - All letters of evaluation must be submitted directly from the evaluators. The Office of Admissions will not accept letters submitted by students.
4. Demonstrate a sincere understanding of, and interest in, the humanitarian ethos of health care and particularly dental medicine.
5. Reflect a service orientation through community service or extracurricular activities.
6. Reflect proper motivation for and commitment to health care as demonstrated by previous salaried work, volunteer work, or other life experiences.
7. Possess the oral and written communication skills necessary to interact with patients and colleagues.

8. Agree to abide by Midwestern University Drug-Free Workplace and Substance Abuse Policy.
9. Pass the Midwestern University finger printing and criminal background check.

Competitive Admissions

Within the competitive admissions framework, the College uses multiple criteria to select the most qualified, diverse group of candidates from an applicant pool that greatly exceeds the number of seats available. Applicants are evaluated on academic coursework, performance on the Dental Admission Test (DAT), their application (AADSAS) essays, letters of evaluation, and interviews. Demonstrated community service through volunteerism or service-oriented employment is preferred.

Rolling Admissions

Midwestern University College of Dental Medicine-Illinois uses a rolling admissions process. Applications are reviewed and decisions to interview individual candidates are made at regular intervals during the admissions cycle. Interviews are conducted and the selection process of each candidate for College admission is made until the class is filled. Applicants are notified of their selection status as soon as possible after their interview date, but not prior to December 1 of the year preceding matriculation which is the earliest date the U.S. and Canadian dental schools have agreed to extend a position in the class.

Application Process

To initiate the application process, prospective students must apply directly to ADEA AADSAS at:

655 K Street NW
Suite 800
Washington, D.C. 20001
Phone: 202/289-7201;
Fax: 202/289-7204

1. Students may apply online. Students may access an AADSAS application in mid-May of the academic year preceding the year in which they plan to matriculate.
2. After receiving an applicant's processed information from AADSAS, the Office of Admissions creates the applicant file. Concurrently, the office sends a supplemental application to all applicants. The Applicant must complete and return the supplemental application as soon as possible; additionally, the Applicant must request two letters of evaluation. All letters of evaluation must be submitted by the evaluators directly to AADSAS or to MWU.

Please note: Status of the application can be tracked on the MWU website. Instructions for accessing accounts are available from the Office of Admissions. Please send notification of any changes in your mailing address and e-mail address. All requests for withdrawal an application must be done in writing; contact the Office of Admissions via e-mail at admissil@midwestern.edu.

Application Deadline

The official Associated American Dental Schools Application Service (AADSAS) application deadline is January 1st; however, to be competitive within the rolling admissions process, prospective students should submit their AADSAS applications as early as possible after June 1 of the year prior to their desired matriculation. Even though the AADSAS deadline is January 1 of the matriculation year, typically 75 percent of all admissions offers will be made by the end of December of the year prior to matriculation. The Midwestern University College of Dental Medicine-Illinois completion deadline (meaning all necessary parts of the application including DAT test scores and MWU-CDMI supplemental application form are received by the Office of Admissions prior to this date) is March 1 of the expected matriculation year.

Interview and Selection Process

To be considered for interviews, applicants must meet the admissions requirements listed previously. They must also submit all of the materials necessary to complete their files, e.g., AADSAS applications, supplemental MWU applications, DAT scores, and two letters of recommendation written by a predoctoral advisory committee, a faculty member, a dentist or physician, and by someone who knows the applicant very well.

After the Office of Admissions receives these materials, applicant files are reviewed to determine whether applicants merit interviews based on established criteria of the Admissions Committee. Applicants who receive invitations to interview must respond within four weeks. The Chair of the Admissions Committee, with the approval of the Dean, may also place a large number of students on an interview "wait list" pending possible interview openings toward the end of the interview cycle.

When applicants accept interviews, they join several other interviewees to meet with members of an interview panel, which is selected from a volunteer group of dental faculty. Team members and students question applicants about their academic and healthcare preparedness for dental school, and they rate the applicants on a standardized evaluation form relative to each of these variables. At the conclusion of the interviews, team members forward their evaluations for each applicant to the Admissions Committee. The Committee may recommend to accept, to deny, or place applicants on the alternate list. Recommendations are then forwarded to the Dean for final approval. The Dean, via the Office of Admissions, notifies applicants of their status after the interviews, but not before December 1 of the year preceding matriculation, which is the date that all dental schools have agreed would be the first notification date.

The interview process typically begins in the summer prior to matriculation and ends in April or May of the matriculation year.

Technical Standards

The Technical Standards set forth the nonacademic abilities considered essential for students to achieve the level of competence required by the faculty to obtain the academic degree awarded by the CDMI. Candidates must be able to perform the following abilities and skills.

1. Observation: The candidate must be able to accurately make observations at a distance and close at hand, including those on a computer screen or electronic device. Observation necessitates the functional use of vision and sense of touch and is enhanced by the functional use of all of the other senses.
2. Communication: The candidate must be able to communicate in English, proficiently and sensitively, in verbal and written form, and be able to perceive nonverbal communication.

3. **Motor:** Candidates must be able to coordinate both gross and fine motor movements, maintain equilibrium and have functional use of the senses of touch and vision. The candidate must possess sufficient postural control, neuromuscular control and eye-to-hand coordination to perform profession-specific skills and tasks.
4. **Intellectual, Conceptual, Integrative and Quantitative Abilities:** The candidate must be able to problem solve, measure, calculate, reason, analyze, record and synthesize large amounts of information in a timely manner. The candidate must be able to comprehend three-dimensional relationships and understand spatial relationships.
5. **Behavioral and Social Attributes:** The candidate must possess the emotional health required for full utilization of the candidate's intellectual abilities, the exercise of good judgment, the consistent, prompt completion of all responsibilities, and the development of mature, sensitive and effective relationships. Candidate must be able to tolerate physically, mentally and emotionally taxing workloads and to function effectively under stress. The candidate must be able to adapt to changing environments, to display flexibility, and to learn to function in the face of uncertainties. Compassion, integrity, concern for others, effective interpersonal skills, willingness and ability to function as an effective team player, interest and motivation to learn are all personal qualities required during the educational process. The candidate must agree to participate in touching/palpating on the skin and being touched/palpated on the skin by individuals regardless of gender in all academic settings, including dental head/neck exams, including intra- and extra-oral examinations. These activities will take place in large and small group settings as directed in the College's curricular requirements.

Candidates are required to verify that they understand and are able to meet these Technical Standards at least 4 weeks prior to matriculation (or if admitted later, within 1 week of deposit). Candidates who may only meet Technical Standards with accommodation, must contact the Office of Student Services to make a formal request for accommodation. The Dean of Students, in consultation with the College Dean/Program Director, will determine what reasonable accommodations can be provided. The College is not able to grant accommodations that alter the educational standards of the curriculum.

Students must meet the Technical Standards for the duration of enrollment at the College. After matriculation, if a student fails to continue to meet the Technical Standards during subsequent enrollment, the student may apply for accommodation by contacting the Office of Student Services. If the accommodation needed to meet the Technical Standards alters the educational standards of the curriculum, the student's ability to satisfactorily progress in the curriculum will be evaluated by the appropriate College's Student Graduation and Promotion Committee.

Reapplication Process

After receiving either denial or end-of-cycle letters, or letters of dismissal from the College, applicants/students may reapply for the next enrollment cycle. Before reapplying, however, applicants should seek the advice of an admissions counselor.

To initiate the reapplication process, applicants must submit their applications to AADSAS. Applications are then processed according to standard application procedures.

Transfer Admission

Midwestern University College of Dental Medicine-Illinois may elect to accept transfer students from other dental schools as long as these students remain in good academic standing and have an acceptable reason(s) for seeking transfer.

To be considered for transfer, candidates must meet the College's general requirements for admission. Candidates must also observe the following procedures:

1. All inquiries for transfer to Midwestern University College of Dental Medicine-Illinois must be submitted to the Office of Admissions.
2. Completed applications are returned to the Office of Admissions and must include transcripts from the previous dental school, class rank, a statement of the reason for transfer and a Dean's letter of "Good Academic Standing."
3. The Admissions Committee reviews all completed applications and interviews selected candidates.
4. Selected candidates undergo a psychomotor skills test.
5. The Admissions Committee makes recommendations to the Dean for a transfer admission decision.
6. Applicants are notified by the Dean of final transfer admission decisions.

Advanced Standing Admission

Midwestern University College of Dental Medicine-Illinois may award advanced standing credit for well-qualified dental graduates from other countries. The following procedures must be observed:

1. All inquiries for transfer to Midwestern University College of Dental Medicine-Illinois must be submitted to the Office of Admissions.
2. Completed applications are returned to the Office of Admissions and must include national board scores, results from an English proficiency test, transcripts from the previous dental school, course-by-course evaluation by a recognized service (WES or ECE), and a statement of the reason for transfer.
3. The Admissions Committee reviews all completed applications and interviews selected candidates.
4. Selected candidates undergo a psychomotor skills test.
5. The Admissions Committee makes recommendations to the Dean for a transfer admission decision.
6. Applicants are notified by the Dean of final transfer admission decisions.