

# School of Dentistry Administration

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## Overview

Welcome to Indiana University School of Dentistry, one of the oldest and largest public dental schools in the United States. Many of the dental profession's "firsts" took place at Indiana University, including the inventions of the first bitewing X-ray and the stannous fluoride formula that would become Crest<sup>®</sup> toothpaste, as well as authorship of

seminal textbooks in pediatric dentistry, biomaterials, and oral radiology.

On any given weekday, more than 1,000 students, faculty, and staff work, learn, and grow on our dental school campuses. In fact, 80 percent of the state's dentists graduated from IU School of Dentistry. The remainder practice dentistry and allied fields in nearly all of the 50 states and about 30 other countries.

Our research enterprise continues to flourish. Last year, we received the highest number of federal grants in the past decade and doubled the amount of federal research funding from \$2 million to \$4.5 million, allowing us to expand our scope of clinical and translational oral health research, our Dental Informatics program, and our collaborative basic science research in bone and musculoskeletal health.

We continue to modernize our curriculum, integrating digital technology into patient care and providing earlier and more clinical experiences for all dental students. Over the next few years, we will grow our clinical operations by renovating our Orthodontics clinic and creating a new special care dentistry clinic to treat patients with physical, intellectual, and developmental disabilities and complex medical conditions--a population that is historically underserved.

Indiana University School of Dentistry (IUSD) is a member of the American Dental Education Association and is fully accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association. IU's dental school was established as the Indiana Dental College in 1879 and acquired by Indiana University in 1925. It is the only dental school in the state. The school is located on the campus of IU Indianapolis, adjacent to the Indiana University Medical Center. Clinical facilities in the School of Dentistry were modernized and expanded in 2018 with the addition of the state-of-the-art, 45,000-square-foot James J. Fritts, D.D.S. Clinical Care Center.

Clinic patients are drawn from a population area of about one million people. The great variety of cases treated provides each student with abundant opportunities to master techniques. The school also maintains dental clinics at Riley Hospital for Children; University Hospital at the IU Medical Center; Indiana University Fort Wayne; the Stone Family Health Center in Evansville, Ind., and numerous off-campus sites, many in federally qualified community health centers.

Multiple degrees and certificate programs are available at IUSD, including D.D.S., M.S.D., M.S. in advanced practice specialties, Ph.D., Dental Hygiene and Dental Assisting.

We are also immensely proud of the clinical care provided by our students and faculty outside the dental school. Our community-based dental education places our students in dental practices and federally qualified health centers throughout the state.

Over the spring and summer, our students and faculty cared for underserved communities in Ecuador, Guatemala, Mexico, on the Texas/Mexico border, and at a South Dakota Indian reservation.

This Academic Bulletin describes the opportunities available at Indiana University School of Dentistry in Indianapolis and Fort Wayne and outlines the

requirements for admission and program completion. Undergraduate programs in allied dentistry are offered on the Northwest (Gary), and South Bend campuses. Students interested in undergraduate programs at IU Northwest and South Bend should check with a counselor on these campuses for specific requirements, which may vary from the requirements on the Indianapolis and Fort Wayne campuses.

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## Contact Information

The IU School of Dentistry's Office of Admissions is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. The dental school's website is <https://www.dentistry.iu.edu>.

### Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS)

Requests for application forms or information about Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) programs and International Dentist Program (IDP) should be directed to:

#### Office of Student Affairs and Admissions

Admissions

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Stacy Brown, Assistant Director of Admissions

Indiana University School of Dentistry

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### Advanced Graduation Certificates

#### M.S.D., M.S., and Ph.D. Degree Programs

#### Office of Graduate Education

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## Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action

Indiana University pledges itself to continue its commitment to the achievement of equal opportunity within the university and throughout American society as a whole. In this regard, Indiana University will recruit, hire, promote, educate, and provide services to persons based upon their individual qualifications. Indiana University prohibits discrimination based on arbitrary consideration of such characteristics as age, color, disability, ethnicity, gender, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sexual orientation, or veteran status.

Indiana University shall take affirmative action, positive and extraordinary, to overcome the discriminatory effects of traditional policies and procedures with regard to the disabled, minorities, women, and Vietnam-era veterans. An Office of Equal Opportunity on each campus monitors the university's policies and assists individuals who have questions or problems related to discrimination.

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## Associations & Societies

### IUSD Student Organizations

The following organizations are registered on the IU Indianapolis campus and directly affiliated with the IU School of Dentistry:

- Academy of General Dentistry at IU School of Dentistry (IU AGD)
- Advanced Graduate Organization (AGO)
- Academy of LDS Dentists:
- American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry
- American Association of Public Health Dentistry Chapter IUSD (AAPHD)
- American Association of Women Dentists
- American Dental Education Association at Indiana University (IU ADEA)
- American Student Dental Association Chapter at Indiana University (ASDA)
- Asian American and Pacific Islander Dental Association
- Business Club at IUSD
- Christian Dental Association at Indiana University School of Dentistry (CDA; CDA at IUSD)
- Christian Medical & Dental Association (CMDA)
- Cosmetic Dentistry Student Interest Group
- Dental Anesthesia Club at IU
- Dental Student Research Group (DSRG)
- Global Service Student Club
- Indiana Hispanic Student Dental Association
- International Student Dental Association
- Kids Club @ IUSD
- Orthodontic Interest Group at IUSD
- Student National Dental Association (SNDA at IUSD)
- Student Outreach Clinic at IUSD
- Student Professionalism and Ethics Association in Dentistry (SPEA at IUSD)
- Tau Sigma, Tri-Service Military Dental Club
- Tooth Scouts

### Dentistry Library

The mission of the Indiana University School of Dentistry Library is to provide materials and services to support the teaching, research, patient care, and community outreach activities of faculty, staff, and students. In addition, the library provides information services to IU School of Dentistry alumni, Indiana citizens, and dental health professionals around the world.

Established in 1880, the IUSD Library has volumes on dentistry as well as the basic sciences and selected medical specialties. It maintains subscriptions to approximately 450 professional print and 300 online journal titles. Its rich collection of over 14,000 books and tens of thousands of bound journal volumes, which dates to the late-1700s and is international in scope, makes it one of the premier dental libraries in existence. The collection is supplemented by automated interlibrary loan services with libraries throughout the world.

As part of the Indiana University Library System, the dental school library's collections are included in the systemwide Web-based catalog, IUCAT. IUCAT contains the collections of all of the IU Libraries, including the

Indiana University School of Medicine Ruth Lilly Medical Library, the Ruth Lilly Law Library, and University Library, all of which are conveniently located on the IUI campus. These libraries maintain extensive print and electronic resource collections in subjects ranging from anthropology to zoology and in combination with the School of Dentistry Library work cooperatively to meet the information needs of faculty, staff, and students.

In addition to the IUCAT online catalog, faculty, staff, and students have access to a number of subject-specific databases and full-text electronic resources. The National Library of Medicine's MEDLINE® database, which includes worldwide coverage of dental journal literature, is available in three versions. Other available selected databases include the Cochrane Library, Lexicomp Online for Dentistry, LexisNexis Academic, Micromedex®, Journal Citation Reports, Web of Science, Scopus, and WorldCat. Full-text E-book and E-journal resources are available through services such as Journals at Ovid, ScienceDirect, Wiley Online Library, Access Medicine®, Clinical Key, Stat!Ref®, and VisualDx. Wireless as well as wired connections are also available throughout the library for laptop and mobile users. Off-campus access to most databases and electronic resources is available through the IUI Virtual Private Network (VPN), which allows authorized users with computers in remote locations to be recognized as if they were on campus.

The library's media collection contains interactive CD-ROMs, DVDs, slides, audiocassettes, and videotapes dealing with dentistry. They also lend non-traditional items such as anatomical models and Starsmilez dentistry puppets.

The library also houses a large collection of historic materials, focusing on the history of the Indiana University School of Dentistry and the dentistry, dental hygiene, and dental assisting professions. Digitized, searchable versions of many IUSD historical documents including Alumni Bulletins, Academic Bulletins, newsletters, and yearbooks can be searched and accessed in our eArchive. Notable archival and museum collections include the books and papers of Dr. Howard Raper, The Christen and Pronych Estate Collection and Archives of Painless Parker, DDS, and the Carol Turner Dentistry Figurine Collection.

Additional details are available on the [Dental Library website](#).

### Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

IUSD Statement of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Diversity, equity, and inclusion are core values of IU School of Dentistry. We believe that these core values enrich and empower us to provide better education for our students, better care for our patients, a better working environment for our employees, and better citizenship to serve our world.

At IUSD, we are committed to attracting and retaining a diverse faculty, staff, and student population across all areas of learning, research, and patient care. We are committed to removing barriers and empowering current and future members of our community to realize their full potential. We strive to create, celebrate, and uphold work, research, patient care, learning environments and global

community engagements that are inclusive, equitable, and welcoming.

The mission of the Office of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging at the Indiana University School of Dentistry is to develop strategies to improve the diversity of the oral health care workforce and to advance the quality of oral health in Indiana. The office has developed activities to expand the pathway of qualified underrepresented and disadvantaged applicants for the IU dental school's programs. The office strives to create structured programs to provide mentoring, academic enrichment, and experiential opportunities for students. It also endeavors to establish and enhance relationships with funding agencies, educational institutions, and other health professionals. For more information about the services provided, contact the office at (317) 274-7052; [dsdeib@iu.edu](mailto:dsdeib@iu.edu).

## Financial Assistance

Federal financial loans may be obtained for all educational programs on the basis of need through the IUPUI Office of Student Financial Services: Campus Center 250A, 420 University Boulevard, Indianapolis, IN 46205-5145; Web site <https://indianapolis.iu.edu/cost-aid/financial-aid/>.

## Health Service

### Health Insurance

All students -- without exception -- are required to carry health insurance while enrolled at IUSD. Students will not be allowed to participate in any school activity without documentation of current adequate health insurance.

**Option 1:** Students will be enrolled automatically in the Professional Student Plan sponsored by Indiana University. Details of the benefits are available online at <https://hr.iu.edu/benefits/student-pshp-202324.html>. Students will be billed for coverage by the IUI Office of the Bursar in the fall and the spring. Indiana University Human Resources/Benefits (IUHR/B) directs the automatic enrollment. All communications are conducted between the student and IUHR/B. Students should contact the Student Insurance Coordinator at [studenhc@iu.edu](mailto:studenhc@iu.edu) with any questions.

**Option 2:** Students may be eligible or elect coverage under a plan other than the Professional Student Plan (for example: fellowship, scholarship, or grant, international or private insurance). If so, the student must submit a waiver form indicating nonparticipation in the Professional Student Plan no later than the waiver deadline, no exceptions will be granted. The waiver form can be completed by following the instructions at the following website [https://www.universityhealthplans.com/letters/letter.cgi?group\\_id=439](https://www.universityhealthplans.com/letters/letter.cgi?group_id=439)

Students with questions about the waiver requirements should contact the Student Insurance Coordinator at [studenhc@iu.edu](mailto:studenhc@iu.edu).

For information about benefits, please visit <http://www.indiana.edu/~uhrs/benefits/students.html> or [www.aetnastudenthealth.com](http://www.aetnastudenthealth.com).

### Health Services for Students

IUI Campus Health Services, located in Lockefield Village, 980 Indiana Avenue, 1st Floor, offers limited health services for all full-time students at IUI and is open Monday through Friday. Immunizations are provided on

a fee-for-service basis. When using IUI Campus Health Services, those students not on the IU School of Medicine Student Health Insurance plan (see section on Health Insurance in this handbook) must pay prior to being treated and submit the documentation to their insurance companies for reimbursement. Students should contact their health insurance carrier provider prior to treatment. Clinic hours, available services, and other information is available at <https://health.iupui.edu/index.html>.

### Student Emergency Medical Care

Emergency medical attention is available at Eskenazi Hospital or by calling (317) 880-0000. Limited and emergency outpatient care is available from IUI Campus Health Services for students who are injured during their educational activities. More information is available at <https://studentaffairs.iupui.edu/health/medical/index.html>.

### Counseling and Psychological Services Center

The IUI Counseling and Psychological Service Center (CAPS) has professional staff available to provide individual or group counseling. CAPS provides direct professional psychological services, including crisis response, counseling, assessment, and referrals that are accessible to, and provide for, the general well-being of all IUI students. CAPS is located in Lockefield Village, second floor, 980 Indiana Avenue and can be contacted at (317) 274-2548 or on their website at <https://studentaffairs.iupui.edu/health/counseling-psychological/index.html>

In the event of a medical and/or mental health emergency, contact 911 or the following 24-hour crisis resources: Crisis and Suicide Hotline: (317) 251-7575  
Midtown Mental Health Center (317) 554-2704  
Aspire Indiana Behavioral Health System 24 Hour Crisis Line: (800) 560-4038

### TimelyCare

IU has partnered with TimelyCare to provide free virtual mental health support to all IU students through the TimelyCare platform. This provides 24/7 Free Access to virtual health and well-being services. More information can be found on from this website <https://studentaffairs.iupui.edu/health/counseling-psychological/index.html>.

### Immunizations

IUSD students are required to be immunized for protection against several infectious diseases, and most of these immunizations must be completed before the student matriculates. Details pertaining to specific immunization requirements are sent IU Campus Health to all incoming students.

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## Housing

### Campus Housing

While most IUSD students live off campus, assistance in locating campus housing is available through the Office of Housing and Residence Life at IUPUI. For information on

types of housing available and how to apply for housing, please see the website at <https://studentaffairs.iupui.edu/housing/index.html>.

## Policies and Procedures

The Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) has approved all IUSD education programs without reporting requirements.

The following policies on academics, personal conduct and professionalism are available in the [IUSD Student Handbook](#):

- Academic Progress
- Academic Misconduct and Professional Behavior
- Assessments
- Attendance
- Academic Misconduct
- Clinic and Laboratory Policies
- Civility and Disorderly Conduct
- Civility on Websites Maintained on University Servers
- Compliance, Immunizations and GIS
- Criminal Background Checks
- Disabilities Accommodation Policy
- Dress Code
- Employment
- Equal Opportunity and Non-Discrimination/Sexual or Racial Harassment
- Grades and Testing
- Graduation Requirements
- Health Service and Health Insurance
- Mobile Device and Security
- Non-Retaliation and Whistleblower Policy
- Organizational Chart and Contact Information
- Patient Confidentiality
- Plagiarism
- Remediation
- Safety and Infection Control
- Scholarships
- Sexual Misconduct/Violence
- Smoking, Drugs and Alcohol
- Suspension or Dismissal for Academic Misconduct/Unprofessional Behavior
- Testing Policy
- Threatening Behavior and Violence
- Weapons Policy
- Work Study

### Complaint Policy

Educational programs at IUSD are fully accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA). It is the policy of this institution and CODA that all students should have an opportunity to file complaints with the Commission. A complaint is defined by the Commission on Dental Accreditation as an entity alleging that a Commission-accredited educational program, a program which has an application for initial accreditation pending, or the Commission may not be in substantial compliance with Commission standards or required accreditation procedures. The Commission on Dental Accreditation will review complaints that relate to a program's compliance with the accreditation standards.

The Commission is interested in the sustained quality and continued improvement of dental and dental-related education programs but does not intervene on behalf of individuals or act as a court of appeals for treatment received by patients or individuals in matters of admission, appointment, promotion, or dismissal of faculty, staff or students.

A copy of the appropriate standards and/or the Commission's policy and procedure for submission of complaints may be obtained by contacting the Commission at 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611-2678 or calling 1-800-621-8099 extension 4653.

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## Doctor of Dental Surgery (D.D.S.) Program

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### Admission

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### Application Procedure

Please refer to the for the comprehensive description of the admissions process and procedures.

All applicants to IUSD must apply through the ADEA American Association of Dental Schools Application Service (AADSAS).#Information is then sent in a standardized format to the dental schools#as directed by the applicant. AADSAS begins accepting applications in early June each year. All D.D.S. applicants must submit an online application at the#website.#All IUSD applicants must submit applications to AADSAS between June 1 and October 1, 2024.#Applicants are encouraged to apply early in the cycle#to maximize the opportunity for a fall interview. Depending on individual circumstances spring interviews#may#be granted.

The IUSD Dental Admissions Committee is charged with the responsibility, using a holistic review process, to review and select qualified and diverse candidates for admission to the D.D.S. program who best demonstrate the capability of advancing the oral and general health of diverse patient populations.#The committee will consider academic record (overall GPA and Science GPA),

technical skills, Dental Admission Test (DAT) score, letters of academic recommendation, Kira Assessment, personal interview, personal statement, and exposure to the field of dentistry, as well as motivation, character, personality, and ethics.

Applicants are notified of offer on December 15th of each year.

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## Pre-dental Counseling

Students who would like to discuss their academic programs should arrange appointments with pre-dental advisors on their own campus. Individuals who were not previously admitted, nontraditional applicants, or applicants with unusual circumstances may request an advising appointment with the Office of Admissions at [dsadmit@iu.edu](mailto:dsadmit@iu.edu).

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## Pre-dental Requirements

Although students of all majors and educational backgrounds are encouraged to apply for admittance to the IU School of Dentistry (IUSD), the faculty of IUSD acknowledges that a strong foundation in Biology and Chemistry is essential to meeting the rigors of the curriculum. The completion of prerequisites and bachelor degree are required, and must be completed before matriculation:

<https://dentistry.iu.edu/admissions/how-to-apply/doctor-dental-surgery/index.html>

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## Indiana University International Dentist Program

The Indiana University International Dentist Program (IU-IDP) offers qualified graduates of international dental programs the opportunity to earn a D.D.S. degree at IUSD. The IU-IDP is a unique program with one separate, flat-rate tuition that is charged regardless of Indiana residency status. [Approved by the IU Board of Trustees, 6-7-17]. Applications are submitted through the Centralized Application for Advanced Placement for International Dentists (CAAPID), an online centralized application service managed by the American Dental Education Association (ADEA). Applicants are required to pass the Integrated National Board Dental Examination (INBDE) prior to submission of their CAAPID application (TOEFL score over 100). Selected applicants are interviewed. Currently, we require the tooth preparation practical examination in the simulator unit (bench test).

The program is a minimum of 30 months. Accepted IU-IDP students matriculate in January of each year with the D2 class. Full details about the IDP program and admissions are available on the IUSD International Dentist Program web page at:

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## Coordinated Curriculum for D.D.S. and Master of Public Health Degrees

In conjunction with the Richard M. Fairbanks School of Public Health at IUPUI, IUSD offers the option of a dual D.D.S./Master of Public Health (M.P.H.) degree. To learn more about the M.P.H. degree program, visit the School of Public Health's website at [www.pbhealth.iupui.edu](http://www.pbhealth.iupui.edu). The curriculum for the dual-degree program is described at this D.D.S./M.P.H. Coordinated Curriculum web page at: <https://dentistry.iu.edu/academics/degrees-programs/dds-mph/index.html>

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## Combined Ph.D./D.D.S. Degree Program

The objective of the Combined Ph.D./D.D.S. program is to provide a core curriculum that offers a solid scientific base for a career in research and teaching in the dental sciences of today and the future. Graduates from this combined program would be highly recruited to academic positions at Dental Schools. All applicants will need to fulfill all prerequisite dental requirements for admittance to the D.D.S. Program and apply through AADSAS. The AADSAS application deadline is December 1st. The DAT may be substituted for the GRE Examination. Applicants are also required to fill out the University online application. The University Ph.D. application deadline is November 1. More information is available on the IUSD Combined Ph.D./D.D.S. Program web page at <https://dentistry.iu.edu/academics/degrees-programs/dds-phd/index.html>.

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## Combined M.B.A./D.D.S. Degree Program

**Combine a D.D.S. degree with an M.B.A. from the Kelley School of Business**

The Indiana University School of Dentistry, in partnership with the Kelley School of Business, offers third-year IU dental students the opportunity to earn a [Doctor of Dental Surgery](#) and a Master's in Business Administration from the top-ranked [Kelley Evening M.B.A. Program](#). This dual degree program allows you to begin working toward your M.B.A. program during your third year of the predoctoral

program and complete both degrees simultaneously by the end of your fourth year.

You will learn business foundations in operations, marketing, finance, accounting, economics, and strategy with a healthcare focus. When you complete the D.D.S and M.B.A. degrees, you will be prepared for leadership in the field of dentistry and other entrepreneurial opportunities like owning your own practice.

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## Program Costs: Tuition and Fees for 2024-2025 Academic Year

Academic Year 2024-2025 cost of attendance for all IUSD academic programs is available here:

<https://indianapolis.iu.edu/cost-aid/cost-of-attendance/>

Enrollment in IUSD cannot be considered final until the student has been officially registered and paid the required tuition and fees by the deadlines established by the IUPUI Office of the Bursar. The IUPUI Office of the Bursar offers information regarding payment methods, billing deadlines and payment procedures.

The Division of Admissions block enrolls students each semester. Enrollment cannot be finalized until all previously incurred fees have been paid and students are compliant with IUSD and IU policies regarding health insurance and immunizations. For more information on insurance and immunizations, see the **Health and Safety** section of the [IUSD Student Handbook](#).

The Board of Trustees of Indiana University has established a late enrollment fee for students whose registration and financial obligations are not complete by the scheduled date. The Office of the Bursar also assesses monthly late fees on overdue balances. Students who are not officially enrolled may not attend classes, participate in laboratories or treat patients.

### Instruments

Students are required to make a substantial investment in instruments. All students are required to purchase a necessary consumables kit and rent the designated instruments as a complete set in its entirety. In addition to instruments rented by students, a separate fee is charged for use of IUSD common or shared instruments in the laboratories and the clinics. This fee is payable each semester and is based on the cost to IUSD to provide this service. Instrument purchase and rental fees are divided between the fall and spring semester.

### Financial Aid

Information on financial aid is sent to all incoming students upon their provisional acceptance to the D.D.S. program. Up-to-date information can be found on the IUSD website (<https://dentistry.iu.edu/academics/cost-financial-aid/index.html>). A representative from the IUPUI Office of Student Financial Services meets with first-year dental students during orientation, is routinely available for counseling appointments in IUSD, and is also accessible through email at [dentaaid@iupui.edu](mailto:dentaaid@iupui.edu). If it is necessary

for a student to obtain a credit-based loan, students are encouraged to have their financial affairs in order before enrolling at IUSD.

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## Curriculum

### Institutional Competencies

The Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) degree program is four academic years in length. The required curriculum is presented over eight semesters and four summer sessions. Intramural electives (40 clock hours) are required, and support students' professional growth in areas of personal interest.

The stated goals of the dental education program are focused on educational outcomes and define the competencies needed for graduation, including the preparation of graduates who possess the knowledge, skills, and values to begin the practice of general dentistry.

The curriculum supports the attainment of the following list of institutionally defined competencies expected of a general dentist entering the profession:

1. Graduates must be competent in patient assessment, diagnosis, and referral.
2. Graduates must be competent in treatment planning.
3. Graduates must be competent to communicate and collaborate with individuals and groups to prevent oral disease and promote oral and general health in the community.
4. Graduates must be competent in control of pain and anxiety, clinical pharmacology, and management of related problems, including prescribing practices and substance use disorders.
5. Graduates must be competent in the prevention and management of dental and medical emergencies.
6. Graduates must be competent in detection, diagnosis, risk assessment, prevention, and management of dental caries.
7. Graduates must be competent in the diagnosis and restoration of defective teeth to form, function and esthetics.
8. Graduates must be competent in the replacement of teeth including fixed, removable and dental implant prosthodontic therapies.
9. Graduates must be competent in the diagnosis and management of periodontal disorders.
10. Graduates must be competent in the prevention, diagnosis and management of pulpal and periradicular diseases.
11. Graduates must be competent in the diagnosis and management of oral mucosal and osseous disorders.
12. Graduates must be competent to collect and assess diagnostic information to plan for and perform uncomplicated oral surgical procedures.

13. Graduates must be competent to recognize and diagnose malocclusion and space management needs.
14. Graduates must be competent in discerning and managing ethical issues and problems in dental practice.
15. Graduates must be competent in the understanding and application of the appropriate codes, rules, laws and regulations that govern dental practice.
16. Graduates must be competent in behavioral patient management and interpersonal skills.
17. Graduates must be competent in understanding the fundamental elements of managing a dental practice.
18. Graduates must be competent in performing and supervising infection control procedures to prevent transmission of infectious diseases to patients, the dentist, the staff and dental laboratory technicians.
19. Graduates must be competent in providing evidence-based patient care in which they access, critically evaluate, and communicate scientific and lay literature, incorporating efficacious procedures with consideration of patient needs and preferences.
20. Graduates must have the ability to recognize the role of lifelong learning and self-assessment to maintain competency.

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## Dental Hygiene - Indianapolis

Indiana University offers a program leading to a Bachelor of Science degree in dental hygiene and a degree completion program leading to a Bachelor of Science degree in public health dental hygiene.

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## Bachelor of Science Overview

IUSD is the home of the first dental hygiene program in Indiana, which was established in 1950. The IUSD Dental Hygiene Program offers a Bachelor of Science degree in Dental Hygiene and a Bachelor of Science degree completion in Public Health Dental Hygiene for hygienists who have already completed their Associate degree.

The bachelor degree program is a full-time curriculum which is three and one-half years in length and is composed of Prerequisite college course work (30 college credit hours), a core curriculum of professional coursework (69 credit hours) presented over four semesters and summer session, and a specialized track (20 credit hours) in one of two subjects: Public Health Dental Hygiene and Health Administration. Prerequisite college course work must be completed at an undergraduate college or university prior to acceptance to the Dental Hygiene degree program at IUSD. Once accepted into the program, all core, and professional courses are mandatory. The Dental Hygiene program at Indiana University School of Dentistry is fully accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation.

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## Bachelor of Science Admission

**GPA and Prerequisite Requirements:** Required prerequisite courses may be taken at any accredited college or university if they are listed as approved courses by the Dental Hygiene program at the Indiana University School of Dentistry.

Remedial courses may not be used to fulfill this requirement. All applicants must maintain a minimum cumulative college grade point average of 2.7 (on a 4.0 scale) and achieve a minimum course grade of 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale) in all prerequisite courses to be considered for admission to the program. In addition, applicants must earn a 3.0 grade point average in the combined prerequisite science courses (chemistry, microbiology, human anatomy, and human physiology). Please note that if prerequisite courses are retaken for an improved grade, all course grades will be included in the computed grade point averages.

Courses taken at institutions other than Indiana University must show a grade of C or above to be accepted as transfer credit by Indiana University. All prerequisite courses must be completed by the end of the spring semester of the year in which the student wishes to enter the program. Required science courses must have been completed within the past five years. Questions about coursework that does not meet these time limits should be directed to the IUSD Director of Dental Hygiene.

**Other Admission Requirements:** All candidates applying for admission must provide documentation that they have recently completed the prescribed number of hours of **observation of a practicing dental hygienist** in at least two different practice settings. They must also submit a **personal statement**. Specific instructions for documenting observations and the personal statement are available at the [Dental Hygiene website](#) or from the Dental Hygiene program. All eligible candidates will be invited to **interview** with the dental hygiene faculty during the spring semester as part of the application process.

All application materials must be submitted by **February 1**. Applicants who have previously applied must submit a new application when reapplying. Applications to the IUSD dental hygiene program are processed online through the American Dental Education Association's Dental Hygiene Centralized Application Service (DHCAS). Requirements and forms for admission to the IUSD dental hygiene program are specific to this program only and are not acceptable for admission to other dental hygiene programs in the state. Applications for admission to any other Indiana dental hygiene program must be directed to those programs and follow their prescribed procedures. All potential applicants are advised to consult the School of Dentistry's Dental Hygiene Office or its Website for updates or changes in dental hygiene admissions policies that may occur after publication of this bulletin.

Class size is limited, and there are more qualified applicants than can be accepted each year. Applicants are encouraged to consult with the dental hygiene program director for pre-dental hygiene counseling. Selections are made on an individual basis, upon appraisal of the applicant's established record and potential for development.

Potential applicants are advised to review the list of minimum skill standards for admission and retention in the dental hygiene profession. This document is provided on the Website. In addition to these standards, it is necessary that students enrolled in the dental hygiene program enter with basic computer literacy sufficient to allow them to participate in instruction involving computer-based coursework, Internet searching, basic word processing, and e-mail applications.

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## **Program Costs: Tuition and Fees for 2024-2025 Academic Year**

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Students applying for admission to the School of Dentistry dental hygiene program are required to apply online through the [American Dental Education Association's Dental Hygiene Centralized Application Services \(DHCAS\)](#). See the DHCAS fee program page to learn more about the application fee and fee waivers for eligible applicants. Applicants who are not already IUPUI students must also apply to IUPUI.

**Program Costs: Tuition and Fees:** please see the most current tuition and fees at

<https://indianapolis.iu.edu/cost-aid/cost-of-attendance/>

Tuition and all fees are subject to change. Students with cars will also be assessed a parking fee, and health insurance coverage is an additional fee for students who are not already covered under their own policy. Other potential fees (graduation photos, state or regional board exam applications, etc.) are contingent upon the individual plans of each student.

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## **Bachelor of Science Curriculum**

Full details about required pre-dental hygiene courses, including Gen Ed requirements in preparation for the 3.5 year Bachelor of Science degree program on the Indianapolis campus are posted on the School of Dentistry's Bachelor Degree in Dental Hygiene Admissions Criteria website.

### **Dental Hygiene Program, Year 1**

#### **Fall Semester**

H204 Periodontics

H205 Medical and Dental Emergencies

H211 Head and Neck Anatomy H214 Oral Anatomy

H216 Nutrition

H218 Fundamentals of Dental Hygiene

H303 Radiology

#### **Spring Semester**

H206 General Pathology I

H215 Pharmacology and Therapeutics H217 Preventative Dentistry

H219 Clinical Practice I

H308 Dental Materials

H321 Clinical Periodontics Cultural understanding\*

#### **First Summer Session**

H221 Clinical Dental Hygiene Procedures

H250 Local Anesthesia and Pain Control

H305 Radiology Clinic I

### **Dental Hygiene Program, Year 2**

#### **Fall Semester**

H207 General Pathology II

H301 Clinical Practice II

H306 Radiology Clinic I

H311 Dental Health Education

H252 Introduction to Evidence-Based Dental Hygiene Care

E351 Advanced Dental Materials for Dental Auxiliaries Analytical reasoning\*\*

### Spring Semester

H302 Clinical Practice III

H304 Oral Pathology

H344 Senior Hygiene Seminar

H347 Community Dental Health

PSY-B 305 Statistics or STAT 30100 Elementary Statistical Methods I

Arts & Humanities

### Second Summer Session (choose a track)

#### Track 1 Public Health Hygiene

H411 Clinic

PBHL-H120 Health Care Delivery in the US

Public Health Elective

#### Public Health Dental Hygiene Track Electives:

PBHL-E333: Buzzed and Stoned – Impact of Substance Abuse on Public Health

PBHL-S250: Social and Behavioral Dimensions of Health

PBHL-E323: Chasing Disease - Field Epidemiology

PBHL-A330: Humans in Extreme Environments

PBHL-S340: Cultural Considerations in the Promotion of Health

PBHL-S337: Health Equity and Social Determinants of Health

PBHL-H345: Operations Management and Quality Improvement in Healthcare

PBHL-H305: Medical Group Management

PBHL-H310: Lean in Healthcare

PBHL-H330: Global Public Health

PBHL-H420: Health Policy

#### Track 2 Public Health Administration

H411 Clinic

PBHL H120 Health Care Delivering in the US

PBHL-H375 Management of Health Services Organizations

### Year 3 Fall Semester

#### Track 1 Public Health Hygiene

H404 Practicum in Community

H420 Clinic

PBHL A316 Environmental Health Science

PBHL E210 Zombie Apocalypse and Doomsday Infections

PBHL H322 Principles of Epidemiology

#### Track 2 Public Health Administration

H420 Clinic

Health Care Administration Track Elective

Health Care Administration Track Elective

Open Elective

Health Administration Certificate Elective: (optional)

(PBHL-H345 Operation Management & Quality Improvement in Healthcare)

#### Public Health Administration Electives:

PBHL-H#345 Operations Management and Quality Improvement in Healthcare (3#cr.)

PBHL-H346: Organizational Behavior and HR Management in Health Care (3 cr.)

PBHL-H320: Health Systems Administration (3 cr.)

PBHL-H305 Medical Group Management (3 cr.)

PBHL-H#420 Health Policy (3#cr.)

PBHL-H432: Healthcare Marketing (3 cr.)

PBHL-H310: Lean in Healthcare (3 cr.)

PBHL-H 441 Legal Aspects of Health Care Administration (3 cr.)

PBHL-H411: Chronic and Long-Term Care (3 cr.)

PBHL-H455: Topics in Public Health (3 cr.)

- \*These courses are offered online at least once a year.

## Course Descriptions

### DHYG H204 Periodontics (1 cr.)

Study of the normal periodontium at the clinical, histologic, and biochemical levels; Procedures involved in carrying out a comprehensive periodontal examination and performing a periodontal prophylaxis.

### DHYG H205 Medical and Dental Emergencies (1 cr.)

A study in emergency situations in the dental office, including predisposing factors and drugs, and treatment to include the support of the cardiopulmonary system.

### DHYG H206 I General Pathology (1 cr.)

Mechanisms of disease at the cellular, organ, and systematic levels with special reference to specific disease processes; includes general concepts, terminology, and pathology of organ systems.

### DHYG H207 General Pathology II (1 cr.)

Mechanisms of disease at the cellular, organ, and systematic levels with special reference to specific disease processes; includes general concepts, terminology, and pathology of organ systems.

### DHYG H211 Head and Neck Anatomy (2 cr.)

A detailed study of the anatomy of the head and neck. Some attention is given to oral embryology and the growth of tooth structure.

### DHYG H214 Oral Anatomy (3 cr.)

A study of the morphology, structure, and function of deciduous and permanent teeth and surrounding tissues, also including osteology of the maxilla and mandible nerve and vascular supply of teeth, and muscles of mastication, with reinforcing laboratory procedures and clinical application.

**DHYG H215 Pharmacology and Therapeutics (2 cr.)**

Actions and uses of drugs and theory of anesthetics; emphasis on drugs used in dentistry.

**DHYG H216 Nutrition (2 cr.)**

Specific ideas in chemistry are correlated with working principles in dentistry- previous knowledge of chemistry assumed.

**DHYG H217 Preventative Dentistry: Second Year (1 cr.)**

Detection and prevention of dental disease; included is a study of dental surveys, dental indices, and fluoride therapy.

**DHYG H218 Fundamentals of Dental Hygiene: First Year (4 cr.)**

An introduction to the dental and dental hygiene profession, including the basic didactic and laboratory/ clinic practice for the performance of dental hygiene services.

**DHYG H219 Clinical Practice I (4 cr.)**

Performance of dental hygiene services in various clinical settings. Included is didactic instruction and application of dental hygiene procedures for providing patient care and an introduction to oral diagnosis.

**DHYG H221 Clinical Dental Hygiene Procedures (1-3 cr.)**

Clinical assignment for instruction and experience in performing dental hygiene services.

**DHYG H250 Local Anesthesia and Pain Control (2 cr.)**

This course addresses coverage of pain and anxiety management for conscious dental clients. The indications, contraindications, and pharmacology of topical anesthesia, local anesthesia, and nitrous oxide and oxygen sedation used in dentistry will be discussed. Local anesthesia techniques and the administration of nitrous oxide and oxygen sedation will be studied.

**DHYG H252 Introduction to Evidence-Based Dental Hygiene Care (1 cr.)**

This course will provide foundational knowledge for the dental hygiene student to implement evidence-based decision-making strategies in the provision of patient/client care. It includes basic knowledge and skills related to research terminology, library and computer-based information retrieval systems, approaches to reviewing and evaluating scientific literature, and dental indices used in the description of oral health and disease.

**DHYG H301 Clinical Practice II (4 cr.)**

Continued performance of dental hygiene services in various clinical settings. Included are didactic instruction and clinical application of dental hygiene services for providing patient care.

**DHYG H302 Clinical Practice III (4 cr.)**

Continued performance of dental hygiene services in various clinical settings. Included are didactic instruction

and clinical application of dental hygiene services for providing patient care.

**DHYG H303 Radiology (3 cr.)**

Principles of radiation production, placement of intraoral film, proper exposure and processing of film, radiation safety, and interpretation of radiographs.

**DHYG H304 Oral Pathology: Second Year (1 cr.)**

Developmental abnormalities and acquired disorders of teeth and surrounding structure.

**DHYG H306 Radiology Clinic II (1 cr.)**

Clinical application of intraoral and extraoral radiographs.

**DHYG H308 Dental Materials: First Year (2 cr.)**

Composition, physical, and chemical properties of materials used in dentistry.

**DHYG H311 Dental Health Education (2 cr.)**

An introduction to basic communication and motivation skills, instructional objectives, learning theory, evaluation of educational materials, and special needs patients.

**DHYG H321 Periodontics (1-2 cr.)**

A study of periodontal disease, including the anatomy, classification, etiology, treatment, and relationship to systemic conditions.

**DHYG H344 Senior Hygiene Seminar (2 cr.)**

Ethics, jurisprudence, and practice management concepts, including a study of state practice acts, dental hygiene employment opportunities, recall systems, and current trends in the dental hygiene profession.

**DHYG H347 Community Dental Health (4 cr.)**

Principles and practice of program planning, implementation, and evaluation for community and school dental health programs.

**DHYG H351 Advanced Dental Materials for Dental Auxiliaries (1 cr.)**

Lecture and laboratory course designed to teach additional concepts of dental materials and their use in intraoral techniques. Included is instruction in dental auxiliary utilization principles and the manipulation of dental materials used in delegated intraoral functions.

**DHYG H411 Clinical Practice IV (1 cr.)**

Continued performance of dental hygiene services in various clinical settings. Included are didactic instruction and clinical application of dental hygiene services for providing patient care.

**DHYG H420 Clinical Practice V (1 cr.)**

Continued performance of dental hygiene services in various clinical settings. Included are didactic instruction and clinical application of dental hygiene services for providing patient care.

**PBHL E120 Contemporary Health Issues (3 cr.)**

An examination of current public health, environmental health, and health service delivery issues in the U.S. Topics include the organization and costs of health systems, access to care, and the interrelationships between risk factors and health; also, environmental challenges facing our society and their impact on health.

**PBHL E210 Zombie Apocalypse and Domsday Infections (3 cr.)**

The focus is infectious diseases, the possibility of a zombie infection. We will discuss infections that have changed the course of history. Included topics are: disease transmission, outbreak investigations, control measures, assessment, and field investigations.

#### **PBHL A316 Environmental Health Science (3 cr.)**

The purpose of this course is to familiarize students with human / environment interaction and the potential impact of environmental hazards on human health and safety. This course focuses on the study of disease and injury-causing agents in the environment, where they come from, and their impact on human populations and communities. A variety of man-made and natural environmental agents will be studied. We will focus on biological, chemical, physical, and psychosocial agents and the illnesses and injuries produced by them. A variety of environmental control strategies, including technology, health promotion, and policy, will be examined throughout the course.

#### **PBHL H320 Health Systems Administration (3 cr.)**

This course explores components of the United States health care system and associated managerial, organizational, financial, insurance, delivery, quality improvement, workforce, performance, structures, issues and challenges. In addition, this course explores the organization and structure of public and private healthcare systems, and how recent changes in regulation and reimbursement are affecting significant change in the healthcare industry. Successful completion of this course will help provide students with a general foundation of knowledge about the U.S. health care system and major structural and organizational components, and how changes in health policy and regulation, along with changes in reimbursement, are helping to drive the integration of public health, private health, and social service organizations towards population health management.

#### **PBHL E322 Principles of Epidemiology (3 cr.)**

This course will introduce students to basic epidemiologic concepts including determinants of health and patterns of disease in populations, population health descriptive techniques, use of health indicators and secondary data sources. Students will gain an understanding of the role of Epidemiology in developing prevention strategies and policy. Among the topics to be covered are measures of mortality and morbidity, design and analysis of observational studies, community health assessment and program evaluation.

#### **PBHL H345 Operations Management and Quality Improvement in Healthcare (3 cr.)**

This course provides an overview of the healthcare operations management (OM), with emphasis on quality improvement. You will apply OM principles to develop more effective operational processes, mitigate risks, and improve quality. Discussions, case studies and assignments will focus on strategies and techniques of quality improvement processes, project management and others.

#### **PBHL H375 Management of Health Service Organizations (3 cr.)**

This course explores the discipline of management and its major components relating to health service organizations. This course will provide students with a foundation of basic fundamentals, principles and techniques of

management which have particular relevance and application in healthcare. Students will learn about management theory and its practical application in healthcare in fundamental areas such as planning, organizing, leading, and controlling. Other key elements of management such as communication, decision making, delegation, participatory management, leadership style, managing staff, teamwork, and change and innovation will be explored. Successful completion of this course will help provide students with a general foundation of knowledge about management and its application in health service organizations. Instructional methods used will include lectures, interactive discussions, readings, in-class exercises and individual and group homework assignments using a wide range of management terms, concepts, fundamentals, theories, methods, techniques, and practices used in managing health service organizations. Special emphasis will be given to the role and application of leadership in the management of a diverse healthcare workforce, in a variety of health service settings. This course is designed to help create a foundation of knowledge and understanding of management that students will use in other courses in the public health undergraduate programs.

## **Bachelor of Science in Public Health Dentistry Degree Completion Overview**

The Bachelor of Science degree completion program in public health dental hygiene provides an opportunity for graduate dental hygienists to develop further expertise in public health methods or dental hygiene education and includes application of practical experience. It is designed to meet the needs of part-time students who wish to work while completing their bachelor's degree. It prepares hygienists for leadership roles in education, public health, commercial ventures, professional associations, and/or health advocacy. It can enhance career opportunities available to dental hygienists in a variety of areas, including but not limited to state and county health departments, academia, sales and marketing, educational software development, pharmaceuticals, dental education consulting, dental insurance companies, research, and clinical dental hygiene. Program activities promote development of professional leadership skills and prepare hygienists for entry into graduate programs.

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## **Bachelor of Science Degree Completion Admission**

Prerequisites to the public health dental hygiene program include completion of 90 undergraduate semester hours, graduation from an accredited dental hygiene program, satisfactory completion of the National Board Dental Hygiene Examination, and current licensure as a dental hygienist. Accepted students are expected to have basic computer literacy sufficient to participate in Webbased instruction, computer word processing, and email communication. An application to the program may

be obtained by addressing communications to Director, Dental Hygiene Program, Indiana University School of Dentistry, 1121 West Michigan Street Rm 317, Indianapolis, IN 46202-5186. Applications may be received at any time during the academic year, but the completed application must be submitted to the program director at least 60 days prior to the first semester in which the applicant wishes to enroll. Completion of all application requirements and an interview with the program director or admissions committee is required before acceptance into the program can be considered. Upon acceptance, each student must complete a curriculum plan to be approved by the program director before enrollment in required courses. Students in the public health dental hygiene program must complete the following courses that comprise the required core curriculum. In addition to the core courses, students must complete or have previously completed courses needed to satisfy the state General Ed Core Curriculum and any elective courses to fulfill the 120 credit hour requirement of the bachelor's degree.

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## **Bachelor of Science Program Costs: Tuition and Fees**

Tuition is paid at the time of registration and is subject to change by action of the Trustees of Indiana University.

**Academic Year 2024-2025 cost of attendance for all USD academic programs is available here:**

<https://indianapolis.iu.edu/cost-aid/cost-of-attendance/>

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## **Bachelor of Science Degree in Dental Hygiene Completion Core Courses Course Descriptions**

### **STAT 30100 Elementary Statistical Methods (3 cr.)**

P: Must enroll in lab. A basic introductory statistics course with applications shown to various fields and emphasis placed on assumptions, applicability, and interpretations of various statistical techniques. Subject matter includes frequency distribution, descriptive statistics, elementary probability, normal distribution, applications, sampling distribution, estimation, hypothesis testing, and linear regression.

**OR**

### **PSY B305 Statistics (3 cr.)**

P: PSY B104 Psychology as a Social Science or PSY B105 Psychology as a Biological Science and 3 credits of math that carry School of Science credit. Introduction to basic statistical concepts; descriptive statistics and inferential statistics.

### **DHYG H402 Practicum in Dental Hygiene Education (4 cr.)**

P: H403, Z477. Structured practical experience in planning, supervising, coordinating, and evaluating instruction in an educational setting. Emphasis on faculty roles and responsibilities.

### **DHYG H403 Advanced Community Dental Hygiene (4 cr.)**

Public health principles including a study of the health care delivery system and preventive public health care at the community level.

**DHYG H404 Practicum in Dental Public Health (4 cr.) This course provides the student with practical experience in exploring the Dental Hygiene role of Administrator, Manager, or Corporate Sales. The practicum experience will include involvement in descriptive research defining the role of hygienists in sales, managerial or administrative positions, specifically those related to commercial dental enterprises.**

### **DHYG H405 Introduction to Health Care Research (3 cr.)**

Review of current literature related to periodontics, oral pathology, preventive dentistry, and the current practices of dental hygiene.

### **DHYG H406 Educational Methodology in Health Sciences (1-3 cr.)**

The purpose of this course is to assist potential educators in the health sciences to understand current theories, concepts, and methodologies in professional health science education. Students will learn to apply effective educational strategies to match learners' needs in didactic, laboratory, and clinical settings. This course will use a variety of delivery systems, including an online component.

### **DHYG H407 Instructional Media and Technology in Health Science Education (1-3 cr.)**

The purpose of this course is to examine the utilization of a variety of instructional technologies that can be used in educational settings for patients, students, and practitioners. Various technologies will be analyzed for appropriateness of use, strengths, and weaknesses. A variety of delivery mechanisms will be used, including an online component.

## **Bachelor of Science Degree in Dental Hygiene Student Institutional Competencies**

The Indianapolis-based Bachelor of Science degree program in dental hygiene is two and one half academic years in length and is composed of a core curriculum of 27 courses presented over four semesters and one summer session. In addition, a specialized track 6 courses over one semester and one summer session. All courses are mandatory.

The curriculum supports attainment of the following list of institutionally defined competencies expected of a dental hygienist entering the profession. The graduate will be prepared to:

1. Apply a professional code of ethics in all endeavors;
2. Adhere to state and federal laws, recommendations, regulations, and safety practices in the provision of dental hygiene care;

3. Provide dental hygiene care to promote patient/client health and wellness using critical thinking and problem-solving in the provision of evidence-based practice;
4. Assume responsibility for dental hygiene actions and care based on accepted scientific theories and research as well as the accepted standard of care;
5. Continuously perform self-assessment for lifelong learning and professional growth;
6. Advance the profession through service activities and affiliations with professional organizations;
7. Provide quality assurance mechanisms for health services;
8. Communicate effectively with individuals and groups from diverse populations both orally and in writing;
9. Provide accurate, consistent, and complete documentation for assessment, diagnosis, planning, implementation, and evaluation of dental hygiene services;
10. Provide care to all clients using an individualized approach that is humane, empathetic, and caring;
11. Provide planned educational services using appropriate interpersonal communication skills and educational strategies to promote optimal oral health;
12. Initiate and assume responsibility for health promotion, health education, and disease prevention activities for diverse populations;
13. Systematically collect, analyze, and record data on the general, oral, and psychosocial health status of a variety of patients/clients using methods consistent with medico-legal principles;
14. Use critical decision-making skills to reach conclusions about the patients'/clients' dental hygiene needs based on all available assessment data;
15. Collaborate with the patient/client and/or other health professionals to formulate a comprehensive dental hygiene care plan that is patient/client-centered and based on current scientific evidence;
16. Provide specialized treatment that includes preventive and therapeutic services designed to achieve and maintain oral health; and
17. Evaluate the effectiveness of the implemented clinical, preventive, and educational services and modify as needed.

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## Dental Hygiene Bachelor Degree Completion Student Learning Outcomes

The program's objectives are designed to provide students with the education and skills to:

1. Perform dental hygiene services in a variety of settings (e.g., private dental practice, public health clinics, school systems, institutions, and hospitals);
2. Design, implement, and evaluate effective preventive dental health programs for individuals and for groups

in such settings as schools, hospitals, institutions, and community programs;

3. Serve as a resource person and work in cooperation with other health personnel in assessing health care needs and providing health care services to the public;
4. Plan, implement, and evaluate effective teaching methodologies in an educational setting;
5. Supervise the teaching of dental hygiene services in a clinical/public health setting;
6. Prepare for admission to graduate programs; and
7. Continue their professional education and personal growth.

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### Overview

The Indiana University School of Dentistry offers a traditional on-campus certificate program. This program is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA).

The program is a full-time, two-semester program that requires the completion of 30 credit hours. The curriculum consists of 14 required classes that include approximately 1,000 hours of lectures, labs, and clinical experiences. All instruction takes place at the School of Dentistry, located on the IUPUI campus in downtown Indianapolis. Students are required to complete at least 300 clinical hours in order to earn the certificate.

Dental assisting students are required to take three Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) exams to become a Certified Dental Assistant (CDA).

Graduates can continue their education at IUPUI by pursuing one of six bachelor's degrees that accept the dental assisting course credits. Contact the [Dental Assisting Program](#) for more information.

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## Student Learning Outcomes

Dental Assisting Program Goals and Outcomes

**The dental assisting graduate will be prepared to:**

1. Apply knowledge of the basic sciences, social sciences, clinical practice, and dental technology to deliver comprehensive dental care.
2. Practice and apply safe and aseptic delivery of patient care.
3. Communicate effectively with patients and health care professionals in coordinating and providing patient care including the use of technology and practice management techniques.
4. Utilize critical thinking, decision making, and problem solving skills in the provision of evidence-based practice, under the direction and supervision of the dentist.
5. Apply the Dental Assisting National Board's (DANB) Code of Professional Conduct in all endeavors and conduct themselves with the highest levels of professionalism, ethics and personal integrity.
6. Adhere to state and federal laws, recommendations, and regulations in the provision of oral health care.
7. Provide care to all patients using an individualized approach that is culturally sensitive, compassionate, and patient-centered.
8. Internalize the value of lifelong learning and understand the importance of remaining current as the dental health care delivery system and technology change.
9. Participate in preventive dental care and support oral health through the promotion of overall health and wellness.
10. Achieve success on DANB's Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) exams.
11. Assume a leadership and collaborative role in the advancement of the dental assisting profession through community activities and professional organizations.

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## **Admission (Campus Program)**

### **Admission requirements**

Applicants must meet all minimum criteria to be considered for admission to the dental assisting program.

Enrollment is limited to 20 students in the campus program. All students meeting minimum requirements are encouraged to apply. However, meeting the minimum criteria does not guarantee admission and not all applicants will be accepted. Final selection will be based on a ranking of the applicant pool.

Four GPAs will be evaluated as part of the application process: high school cumulative GPA, college cumulative GPA (if applicable), high school life science GPA, and college life science GPA (if applicable). A minimum GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale is required in each of these areas.

Applicants are ranked based on the four GPAs and personal statement score, with one bonus point for bi/multilingual applicants, and one bonus point for applicants who have completed dental assisting coursework in high

school, or who have at least 200 hours of dental assisting work experience.

The high school cumulative GPA score will be doubled for applicants with less than 12 college credit hours. The high school life science GPA score will be doubled for applicants with less than six college credit hours in life science courses.

Applicants with a cumulative high school GPA below 2.0 will be considered for admission, with a cumulative college GPA of 2.0 or above, with a minimum of 15 college credit hours. Applicants with a high school life science GPA below 2.0 will be considered for admission, with a college life science GPA of 2.0 or above, with a minimum of six college credit hours.

Applicants with 26 or more college credits are not required to submit high school transcripts. The college cumulative and life science GPA scores will be doubled for applicants with 26 or more college credit hours.

Completion of at least two science courses in high school and/or college is required.

Commonly accepted courses for life science GPAs: biology, chemistry, physics, anatomy and physiology, microbiology, and psychology as a biological science. Non-life science courses, for example earth space science or astronomy are not accepted.

If English is not your primary language, English proficiency must be demonstrated. The English for Academic Purposes Exam (EAP) or the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) may be required.

### **Admissions Process**

#### **1. IUPUI Application**

**All dental assisting applicants must first be admitted to IUPUI** through the IUPUI Office of Undergraduate Admissions. There is an application fee to apply to IUPUI.

The IUPUI admissions deadline is **May 1** for incoming freshman and **June 1** for transfer and adult students.

Website: [www.iupui.edu](http://www.iupui.edu) Phone: (317) 274-4591 Email: [apply@iupui.edu](mailto:apply@iupui.edu)

#### **2. Dental Assisting Observation**

All applicants must observe a dental assistant in a minimum of two different dental offices for a minimum of 4 hours total. Each office will need to verify your observation hours. This document must include your name, date, time of observation and the dental assistant's name that you observed. The observation verification document must be on official letterhead, or equivalent, signed by the doctor or the office manager, and uploaded with your online application.

### 3. Personal Statement and Recorded Interview

In 500-800 words, write a personal statement to submit with the program application. The personal statement should include the following.

Content Questions:

1. Describe your goals and explain why you are pursuing dental assisting education.
1. Answer only one (1) of the two (2) questions below:
  1. Describe any leadership roles, service activities, extracurricular activities, accomplishments, and/or achievements that have influenced your personal growth.
  1. Describe obstacles or challenges you have faced that impacted your life or educational goals.

### 4. Dental Assisting Application and Transcripts

**The Dental Assisting Program application, observation verification and all official transcripts must be received by the IUSD Dental Assisting Program by June 15. However, applications and documents received after this date will be considered until the class is full. Please note applicants applying by June 15 will receive priority consideration for admissions.**

A link to the [is available on the program website.](#)

Submit an **OFFICIAL** high school transcript (9-12 grades) of all academic work completed. If applicable, submit a copy of GED/TASC Certificate and Scores

Applicants who are currently enrolled or have attended a college, university, or vocational program must submit an **OFFICIAL** transcript from each school attended.

Electronic, official transcripts can be emailed to [dast@iu.edu](mailto:dast@iu.edu). Only official transcripts emailed by the institution will be accepted. Unofficial copies emailed by the applicant will not be accepted.

If electronic, official transcripts are not available, mail official transcripts to: Indiana University School of Dentistry, Dental Assisting Program, 1121 West Michigan Street, DS 317, Indianapolis, IN 46202.

## Admission (Distance Learning Program)

**ATTENTION: WE ARE NOT OFFERING DISTANCE LEARNING AS AN OPTION AT THIS TIME. PLEASE SEE OUR ON CAMPUS PROGRAM FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

Applicants should follow [admission requirements 1 through 4 for the campus program](#) listed below, as well as requirements 5 through 7 also listed below:

#### 1. IUPUI Application Process: (STEP 1)

- All dental assisting applicants must first be admitted to IUPUI through the IUPUI Office of Admissions.
- Go to [www.enroll.iupui.edu](http://www.enroll.iupui.edu) to complete the IUPUI undergraduate application and pay the application fee. The Office of Admission must have official transcripts from high schools and colleges you have attended.
- No final dental assisting application decisions will be made before a decision from IUPUI.
- The IUPUI deadline for fall applications is May 1.

#### Application Location

IUPUI Office of Undergraduate Admissions  
420 University Blvd. CE 255 (Located in the Campus Center)  
Indianapolis, IN 46202  
[apply@iupui.edu](mailto:apply@iupui.edu)

(317) 274-4591

Mailing Address for official transcripts to IUPUI:  
IUPUI Office of Undergraduate Admissions  
425 University Blvd. CA 147  
Indianapolis, IN 46202

#### 2. Dental Assisting Application Process: (STEP 2)

- The Dental Assisting Program will accept applications for the 2020-2021 year beginning January 2 through June 15, but students that are already accepted to IUPUI have until August 1st to apply. Please see the [link for Application on the left side of this page.](#) Under Application, you will find a link to submit your application to the dental assisting program.
- **You must apply to IUPUI first and use your student ID number on the dental assisting application.**
- Everyone must submit an OFFICIAL high school transcript (9-12 grades) of the academic work you have completed. If applicable, submit a copy of TASC scores or a GED Certificate and Scores.
- If you are currently enrolled in your senior year of high school, initial transcript should include fall semester of your senior year. Final official transcripts for all academic work completed must be received in the IUSD Dental Assisting Office, I.U. School of Dentistry, 1121 W. Michigan Street, Rm. S409, Indianapolis, IN 46202 by the deadline before admission decisions can be made.
- If you are currently enrolled in college courses or have attended a college, university, or vocational program, you must submit an OFFICIAL transcript from both high school and college. Final official transcripts of all academic work completed must be received in the IUSD Dental Assisting Office by the deadline before admission decisions can be made.
- Dental Office Observation Documentation: All applicants must observe a dental assistant in a dental office for a minimum of 8 hours. Your hours of observation must be verified by the office. Please ask the office to type a note verifying your

observation hours on their office letterhead. This document must include your name, date, time of observation and the dental assistant's name that you observed. This document must be signed by either the doctor or the office manager. This document must be uploaded with your application.

Send all official documents to:

Dental Assisting Program  
IU School of Dentistry  
1121 W. Michigan St., DS S409  
Indianapolis, IN 46202

Phone: (317) 274-7801  
FAX: (317) 274-1363

3. The Admissions Committee reviews all qualified applications. English, Science and the Cumulative GPAs are evaluated for each applicant. The applicant must have earned at least a 2.0 on a 4.0 scale in each of these areas. Both high school and college GPAs are considered. GPAs are considered and the applicants are ranked. The Admissions Committee members meet to review applicant information and vote for the new class members.

The following courses are commonly accepted in the category for English: English Composition, Literature, Etymology, Speech, Medical Terminology, Latin, and Journalism course work. We do not accept Year Book credits.

Common courses accepted in the Science category: Biology, Chemistry for non-majors, Chemistry with a lab, Physics, Anatomy and Physiology, Microbiology, Psychology as a Biological Science. We do not accept non-Life Science Courses.

Applicants must have at least in the category of English and in the category of Science for that category to be considered complete for evaluation.

4. Individuals for whom English is a secondary language must demonstrate proficiency in English before being admitted to the dental assisting program. The dental assisting admissions committee requires an interview and/or writing exercise to determine the applicant's English skills. English for Academic Purposes Exam (EAP) or Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) may be required and test results will be used as part of the dental assisting admissions evaluation. Students must be able to understand spoken English very well and be able to respond to questions from patients on the clinic floor.

5. Applicants must identify a sponsoring general practice dentist holding an active Indiana dental license who can provide clinical training in the field of general dentistry.

6. Applicants must meet the university's technology requirements:

- Office XP or higher software
- Either Internet access at Explorer IE8 or higher DSL or cable modem access

7. Applicants must be able to travel to the Indiana University School of Dentistry when necessary.

Applications will be accepted by the IUSD Dental Assisting Office from January 1 to June 15 prior to the fall semester

the applicant wishes to enter the program. However, applications and documents received after this date will be considered until the class is full.

Applicants should send the note of verification from the dental office where you completed our observation hours and all official transcripts to the Dental Assisting Office, Indiana University School of Dentistry, 1121 W. Michigan Street, DS S409, Indianapolis, IN, 46202-5186. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

All potential applicants are advised to consult the School of Dentistry's [Dental Assisting program web page](#) for updates or changes in dental assisting admissions policies that may occur after publication of this document.

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## Program Costs: Tuition and Fees for 2024-2025 Academic Year

Academic Year 2024-2025 cost of attendance for all IUSD academic programs is available here:

<https://indianapolis.iu.edu/cost-aid/cost-of-attendance/>

Tuition and fees are paid at the time of registration and are subject to change by action of the Trustees of Indiana University. Banded tuition was implemented by the university to help make college more affordable. Refer to the Office of the Bursar's website for more information regarding this reduction in tuition fees.

Students with cars will also be assessed a parking fee, and health insurance coverage is an additional fee for students who are not already covered under their own policy. Other potential fees (graduation photos, state or regional board exam applications, etc.) are contingent upon the individual plans of each student. Refer to the dental assisting admissions page for more complete information about student fees.

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## Course Descriptions

### Fort Wayne Allied Dental Program

The Academic Bulletin for the IU Fort Wayne Allied Dental Education Programs may found within the IU Fort Wayne Academic Bulletin available [here](#).

The IU Fort Wayne Academic Bulletin covers the following programs at IU Fort Wayne:

- Dental Hygiene
- Certified Dental Assisting
- Dental Technology

## Graduate Programs

The IU School of Dentistry's graduate degree and certificate programs begin during the first week of July,

except for the M.S. and Ph.D. programs, which begin in August with the fall semester.

The Master of Science in Dentistry (M.S.D.) program is intended primarily for students who have received the doctorate in dentistry and who wish to go on to obtain an adequate background in one of the various disciplines of dentistry or of the allied basic sciences in order to broaden their dental background or to complete the academic requirements for specialty boards. Under special circumstances, the M.S.D. may be conferred upon outstanding individuals not holding the D.D.S. (or equivalent degree) who have demonstrated ability in dental research and education and who give good evidence of continuing in these fields.

Students may register in IU's University Graduate School and work toward the M.S. degree in dental materials or the Ph.D. degree in dental science. (See Fields of Study.)

In general, students who wish to practice or teach a clinical subject are encouraged to work toward the M.S.D., while those more interested in the basic science courses would be advised to complete the requirements for the M.S. degree. The Ph.D. program in dental science is designed specifically for individuals who want to pursue a career in dental research and/or education.

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## Fields of Study

In addition to the general requirements for the degree program as described in the following pages, the various departments may specify additional didactic or clinical requirements in order for students to qualify for a major or minor in that field. Details regarding specific course requirements for individual graduate (degree) and postgraduate (certificate) programs are available from the School of Dentistry. Contact the Office of Graduate Education (for the M.S., M.S.D., and Ph.D. programs) and the Department of Oral Surgery and Hospital Dentistry for the oral and maxillofacial surgery residency (see Contact Information). The application deadline for the PhD program is November 1 every year.

### Dental Informatics

The new standalone Graduate Certificate Program for Dental Informatics will be offered starting in the Fall of 2023. Dental Informatics is a rapidly emerging field that has created an urgent need to educate dental clinicians and allied personnel about the use of health information technology in dentistry. Graduates of this program will become adept in informatics and able to effectively use established information systems within their clinical practices. In addition, they will also gain an understanding of the 'whys' and 'hows' of implementing health information technology in dentistry. The one-year certificate program will be provided by Indiana University

School of Dentistry and the Luddy School of Informatics and Computing at IUPUI.

### Core Competencies:

The graduate of the one-year certificate program will be able to:

1. Understand the role of health information technology in dentistry,
2. Use health information technology to provide effective and safe patient care,
3. Improve patient care and oral health outcomes through using health information technology,
4. Understand how health information technology can support activities and processes of clinical dental care,
5. Evaluate and select appropriate health information technology applications,
6. Plan, administer and manage health information technology implementations,
7. Understand the use of electronic health record (EHR) data for research and research applications in dental practice,
8. Use applications of informatics methods in research and practice,
9. Establish a critical understanding of using information to improve clinical decisions, and
10. Conceptualize a research question or a problem statement and plan and conduct a study to answer the research question or problem.

### Dental Materials

Available as an M.S. or M.S.D. degree program or as a track offered in the Ph.D. in Dental Science degree program. Minor concentration: operative dentistry or prosthodontics (for M.S.D. degree); chemistry, material science engineering, or mechanical engineering (for M.S. degree). For details about the Ph.D. dental biomaterials track, see the Dental Biomaterials Track Core Curriculum.

### Core Competencies

Graduates of the two-year postdoctoral program in dental materials will achieve core competencies in Materials Knowledge, Critical Thinking, and Effective Communication.

#### Materials Knowledge

The graduate will be prepared to:

1. Describe major classes of dental biomaterials used in clinical dentistry;
2. Explain the differences in the chemical nature of the major classes of materials;
3. Recognize the effects of chemical nature on the mechanical behavior of materials; and
4. Describe the relationship between material characteristics and clinical performance of dental biomaterials.

#### Critical Thinking

The graduate will be prepared to:

1. Identify the physical and chemical principles of major material testing methods;
2. Select and justify appropriate testing methods for major classes of dental biomaterials; and

3. Formulate hypotheses and design the necessary experiments for a given material evaluation scenario.

#### *Effective Communication*

The graduate will be prepared to:

1. Present research methods and results correctly in oral and written reports;
2. Provide evidence-based arguments on research findings in oral and written reports; and
3. Provide suggestions on dental biomaterial selection based on current dental literature.

#### **Dental Science**

Ph.D. degree program offers tracks in preventive dentistry, oral biology, dental materials and dental biomaterials. For details about the Ph.D. degree, see the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Degree in dental Science section.

#### **Core Competencies**

The graduate of the Ph.D. program in dental science will be prepared to:

1. Demonstrate an in-depth understanding of the biology of the oral cavity;
2. Demonstrate the principles/mechanisms pertinent to human physiology and disease;
3. Demonstrate competency in performing complex scientific literature searches;
4. Write a detailed grant proposal;
5. Express scientific material, including original research data, in both oral and written form;
6. Demonstrate skills in critical thinking; and
7. Plan and undertake independent research.

#### **Endodontics**

#### **M.S.D. degree program. Minor concentration: oral pathology**

#### **Core Competencies**

Students who successfully complete the two-year postdoctoral endodontics program will be able to achieve proficiency in the following areas of clinical science:

1. Diagnosis, treatment planning, and prognosis;
2. Evidenced-based nonsurgical and surgical treatment and retreatment;
3. Outcome evaluation;
4. Radiography and other diagnostic imaging technologies;
5. Management of endodontic treatment of medically compromised patients;
6. Emergency treatment for endodontic conditions;
7. Management of patients with orofacial pain and anxiety;
8. Preparation of space for intraradicular restorations and cores in endodontically treated teeth;
9. Use of enhanced magnification technologies; and
10. Communications with patients and health care professionals.

Students will also be prepared to achieve competency in a variety of endodontic techniques, including, for example: vital pulp management, endodontic management of

traumatic dental injuries, and endodontic management of developing permanent teeth.

The postdoctoral endodontic program will also prepare the graduate to conduct all phases of a research project, including protocol development, review of literature, management of all stages of the study, and preparation of a manuscript for publication.

#### **Maxillofacial Prosthetics**

M.S.D program. Maxillofacial prosthetics is a track of the prosthodontics program (listed below) and is hospital-based.

#### **Core Competencies**

Students who successfully complete the four-year postdoctoral program in maxillofacial prosthetics will demonstrate competency in the following areas:

#### *Clinical Skills and Knowledge*

The successful graduate will be able to:

1. Diagnose, treatment plan, and rehabilitate patients with defects of the maxilla, mandible, and facial structures using biocompatible substitutes;
2. Be competent in a wide variety of treatment modalities used in the pre-prosthetic, prosthetic, and post-prosthetic management and treatment of patients with defects of the maxilla, mandible, and facial structures;
3. Be competent in all aspects of the utilization of dental implants to restore intraoral and extraoral defects;
4. Be competent in the prosthetic management of both radiation therapy and chemotherapy patients;
5. Be competent in the laboratory procedures associated with the treatment of patients with defects of the maxilla, mandible, and facial structures; and
6. Describe the relationship between material characteristics and clinical performance of dental biomaterials.

#### *Critical Thinking*

The successful graduate will be able to:

1. Draw upon evidence-based research to select and justify appropriate treatment methods and biomaterials; and
2. Formulate hypotheses and design the necessary experiments for a given procedure or material evaluation scenario.

#### *Effective Communication*

The successful graduate will be able to:

1. Present appropriate treatment plans to patients and referring dentists correctly in oral and written reports;
2. Provide evidence-based agreements on research findings in oral and written reports; and
3. Provide patient education and oral hygiene instructions to patients based upon clinical findings and upon current maxillofacial prosthetic literature.

## Cariology and Operative Dentistry

M.S.D. degree program. Minor concentration: dental materials or preventive dentistry.

### Core Competencies

Graduates of the two-year postdoctoral program in operative dentistry will be prepared to:

1. Manage caries risk patients based on Caries Management by Risk Assessment (CAMBRA);
2. Discuss current direct and indirect dental restorative materials (gold, dental amalgam, ceramics, glass ionomer cement, and resin-matrix composite) including associated setting reactions, physical properties, and indications and contraindications for their clinical use;
3. Demonstrate clinical proficiency when performing routine and advanced restorative procedures;
4. Demonstrate a broad knowledge base of dental restorative materials and procedures;
5. Demonstrate knowledge of current restorative dentistry scientific literature;
6. Develop and present evidence-based restorative dentistry lectures; and
7. Develop a research protocol and perform controlled dental research.
8. Describe the dental caries process in detail;
9. Describe and contrast the interaction of the etiological factors associated with dental caries;
10. Distinguish and assess the different presentations of dental caries
11. Recognize the epidemiology of dental caries
12. Discriminate populations at high risk for dental caries;
13. Analyze the external and internal risk determinants of dental caries;
14. Compare and contrast the different methodologies utilized for caries detection;
15. Demonstrate diagnosis of dental caries;
16. Assess caries risk status;
17. Assess salivary flow measurements, buffering capacity, and management approaches for patients with low salivary flow;
18. Compare and contrast some of the different strategies utilized for caries management;
19. Discriminate the therapeutics used in caries management;
20. Compare and contrast the use of sealants based on risk assessment, for individuals and populations;
21. Support the values of prevention, evaluation, and reevaluation;
22. Develop an oral health plan to be incorporated by a health professional team;
23. Develop a community health plan;
24. Summarize the basic principles on developing patient education plans;
25. Critically review scientific methodology; and
26. Recognize the different methodologies and techniques related to caries research.

## Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

Four-year hospital-based postgraduate residency leading to a certificate in the specialty. For application forms,

admission requirements, and other information about this program, contact the School of Dentistry's Department of Oral Surgery and Hospital Dentistry (see Contact Information).

### Core Competencies

Residents who complete the four-year oral and maxillofacial residency will be prepared to:

1. Demonstrate proficiency in the core procedures, treatments, and surgical techniques available to oral and maxillofacial surgeons;
2. Demonstrate familiarity with the full range of procedures, treatments, and surgical techniques available to oral and maxillofacial surgeons
3. Demonstrate competency in the medical management of the surgical patient, including the ability to adequately perform a preoperative assessment;
4. Demonstrate proficiency in the full range of anesthetic techniques available to oral and maxillofacial surgeons;
5. Manage medical emergencies;
6. Demonstrate familiarity with and an understanding of relevant literature as well as an ability to apply critical thinking to their reading; and
7. Participate in scholarly activity, including the ability to develop a research project, write a manuscript, and give scientific and/or case study presentations.

## Orthodontics

M.S.D. degree program. Minor concentration: dental materials, oral pathology, dental education, or life sciences.

### Core Competencies

Students who successfully complete the two-year postdoctoral orthodontics program will demonstrate competency in the following areas:

#### *Clinical Skills and Knowledge*

The graduate will be able to:

1. Correctly identify dental and skeletal problems and discrepancies that contribute to malocclusion;
2. Correctly classify malocclusion;
3. Be competent in selecting, placing, and activating appropriate appliances to treat malocclusion;
4. Describe the relationship between material characteristics and clinical performance of orthodontic biomaterials;
5. Explain the force load that appliances place on the dentition;
6. Use patient management software and imaging software correctly;
7. Identify the need and timing of interdisciplinary care; and
8. Identify the effects of growth and development on malocclusion.

#### *Critical Thinking*

The graduate will be able to:

1. Draw upon evidence-based research to select and justify appropriate treatment methods and biomaterials; and

2. Formulate a hypothesis and design methods to solve a problem.

#### *Effective Communication*

The graduate will be able to:

1. Effectively present appropriate treatment plans in written and oral formats to patients and referring dentists;
2. Explain research results correctly in oral and written formats; and
3. Provide appropriate patient education concerning the need for appliances, the care of appliances, and the effect of diet and hygiene on the dentition.

#### **Pediatric Dentistry**

M.S.D. degree program (hospital-based). Minor concentration: child psychology, dental materials, education, genetics, oral pathology, preventive dentistry, radiology, or speech pathology.

#### **Core Competencies**

Students who successfully complete the two-year postdoctoral pediatric dentistry program will demonstrate competency in the following areas:

#### *Clinical Skills and Knowledge*

The successful graduate will be able to:

1. Diagnose and provide dental treatment to the child and adolescent patient;
2. Manage the dental patient with the use of non-pharmacologic and pharmacologic management techniques; and
3. Provide comprehensive management of the disabled patient.

#### *Critical Thinking*

The successful graduate will be able to:

1. Draw upon evidence-based literature to select and justify appropriate treatment;
2. Learn the dental care systems, both public and private sectors; and
3. Successfully complete and present research relevant to the specialty of pediatric dentistry.

#### *Effective Communication*

The successful graduate will be able to:

1. Present appropriate treatment plans to patients and family members;
2. Present accurate oral and written reports to referring physicians and dentists;
3. Draw upon the latest evidence-based literature to provide education and oral hygiene instructions to patients, and interpret and present the findings of medical and laboratory reports.

#### **Periodontology**

M.S.D degree program. Minor concentration: oral pathology.

#### **Core Competencies**

Students who successfully complete the three-year postdoctoral periodontology program will demonstrate competency in the following areas:

#### *Clinical Skills and Knowledge*

The successful graduate will be able to:

1. Diagnose and treat diseases affecting the periodontium;
2. Demonstrate competency in a wide variety of surgical techniques used in treatment of periodontal diseases;
3. Demonstrate competency in all aspects of surgical placement of dental implants including implant site development; and
4. Describe the relationship between material characteristics and clinical performance of dental biomaterials.

#### *Critical Thinking*

The successful graduate will be able to:

1. Draw upon evidence-based research to select and justify appropriate treatment methods and biomaterials, and
2. Formulate hypotheses and design the necessary experiments for a given procedure or material evaluation scenario.

#### *Effective Communication*

The successful graduate will be able to:

1. Present appropriate treatment plans to patients and referring dentists correctly in oral and written reports;
2. Provide evidence-based arguments on research findings in oral and written reports; and
3. Provide patient education and oral hygiene instructions to patients based on clinical findings and current periodontal literature.

#### *Research*

The postdoctoral periodontology program will also prepare the graduate to conduct all phases of a research project, including protocol development, review of literature, management of all stages of the study, and preparation of a manuscript for publication.

#### **Prosthodontics**

M.S.D. degree program. Minor concentration: dental materials.

#### **Core Competencies**

Students who successfully complete the three-year postdoctoral program in prosthodontics will demonstrate competency in the following areas:

#### *Clinical Skills and Knowledge*

The successful graduate will be able to:

1. Diagnose, treatment plan, and rehabilitate dentate, partially edentulous, and completely edentulous patients having clinical conditions associated with missing or deficient teeth and/or oral and maxillofacial tissues using biocompatible substitutes;

2. Be competent in a wide variety of treatment modalities utilized in the treatment and/or rehabilitation of dentate, partially edentulous, and completely edentulous patients;
3. Be competent in all aspects of the restoration of dental implants;
4. Be competent in all aspects of occlusion and the prosthodontic management of TMD/TMJ disorders and/or orofacial pain;
5. Be competent in the laboratory procedures associated with the treatment of complete edentulism, partial edentulism, and dentate patients; and
6. Describe the relationship between material characteristics and clinical performance of dental biomaterials.

### Critical Thinking

The successful graduate will be able to:

1. Draw upon evidence-based research to select and justify appropriate treatment methods and biomaterials; and
2. Formulate hypotheses and design the necessary experiments for a given procedure or material evaluation scenario.

### Effective Communication

The successful graduate will be able to:

1. Present appropriate treatment plans to patients and referring dentists in oral and written reports;
2. Provide evidence-based agreements on research findings in oral and written reports; and
3. Provide patient education and oral hygiene instructions to patients based upon clinical findings and upon current prosthodontic literature.

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## Master's Degrees

### Master of Science (M.S.) and Master of Science in Dentistry (M.S.D.)

- Admission
- Program Costs: Tuition and Fees
- Faculty Advisory/Research Committees
- Degree Requirements

### Admission

Only students who have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 (on a scale of 4.0) will be considered for admission, unless, under exceptional circumstances, the prospective student can provide evidence that he or she is capable of successfully completing the graduate dental program. Application forms must be accompanied by transcripts of undergraduate and professional school work together with such additional materials as may serve to determine eligibility and ability to satisfactorily pursue an advanced course of study. Letters of support attesting

to the candidate's academic background, professional experience, and character should be requested from at least two individuals who have direct knowledge of the candidate's potential to do graduate-level work. To request application information for one of the M.S. or M.S.D. programs, contact the School of Dentistry's Office of Graduate Education. Application and contact information is available at <https://dentistry.iu.edu/academics/degrees-programs/index.html>.

Deadline dates for completed applications vary among the individual graduate programs. In addition, several of the individual graduate programs participate in the Postdoctoral Application Support Service (PASS<sup>1</sup>) and the Postdoctoral Dental Matching Program (Match<sup>2</sup>), two national services designed to help applicants obtain positions in first-year postdoctoral programs of their choice, as well as to help the programs obtain applicants of their choice. Candidates must register in these services if the program is a participant. For applications for the 2022-2023 academic year, five IU graduate programs are participating in both PASS and Match: oral and maxillofacial surgery, orthodontics, pediatric dentistry, periodontics, and prosthodontics. The endodontics graduate program is participating in PASS. Candidates should contact the dental school's Office of Graduate Education or the appropriate program director to obtain more information about application deadlines, national application services, and other details related to the application process.

<sup>1</sup> [Postdoctoral Application Support Service \(PASS\)](#), offered by the American Dental Education Association.

<sup>2</sup> [Postdoctoral Dental Matching Program \(Match\)](#), administered by National Matching Services, Inc.

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## Tuition and Fees

Tuition and fees are paid at the time of registration and are subject to change by action of the Trustees of Indiana University. All students applying for admission to the School of Dentistry are required to pay an Application Fee of \$80.00. This fee is paid only once, is nonrefundable, and is not applied to other fees. Academic Year 2024-2025 cost of attendance for all IUSD academic programs is available here: <https://indianapolis.iu.edu/cost-aid/cost-of-attendance/>

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## Faculty Advisory/Research Committees

Each degree candidate is assigned to a faculty advisory committee. The committee is chaired by the chairperson of the candidate's major subject (or the chairperson's designee) and is composed of the chair and at least two

additional members of the IU School of Dentistry, IU, or Purdue University graduate faculty, including at least one additional faculty from the student's major department, one from each minor, and one from outside the student's program of study, if deemed appropriate. The functions of the advisory committee are to:

1. Approve the student's program of study
2. Counsel the student until the qualifying (oral and written comprehensive) examination is passed;
3. Compose and grade the qualifying examination.

At Indiana University, students have traditionally submitted a research thesis to complete their M.S.D. degree requirements. Requirements were modified in February 2004 to give program directors the option of permitting M.S.D. degree candidates to prepare their research either as a thesis, or in the form of a manuscript that must subsequently be submitted for publication in a refereed journal. The student's program director determines which option the student will pursue.

Following successful completion of the qualifying examination, the student will be permitted to complete the thesis or journal manuscript research under the direction of his or her research committee. The research committee may or may not have the same composition as the faculty advisory committee. The research committee is chaired by the faculty member who directs the thesis or journal manuscript research (chosen by the student with the consent of the chair of the faculty advisory committee) and is composed of the chairperson and at least two additional members of the IU School of Dentistry, IU, or Purdue University graduate faculty with at least one additional faculty from the student's major department and one from each minor department. The committee should be selected from the members of the graduate faculty who are best qualified to assist the student in conducting the thesis or journal manuscript research. The research committee is responsible for supervising the research, guiding the preparation of the thesis or journal manuscript, and conducting and approving the thesis or journal manuscript defense.

Once the faculty advisory and research committees have certified that the student has completed the academic and research requirements, the director of the graduate program will certify the student for graduation and direct the graduate recorder to order the diploma.

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## Degree Requirements

Requirements for the M.S. degree are outlined in the Indiana University Graduate School Bulletin. Requirements for the M.S.D. degree are as follows:

### Course Work

The student must complete the required number of credit hours of course work specific to the graduate program. A minimum of 6 credit hours must be earned toward a minor subject outside the major concentration.

Other elective subjects may be selected, based on the student's educational objectives. A total of 6 credit hours must be in research; however, additional research credit cannot be used toward fulfillment of requirements for the degree.

All students enrolled in the IU School of Dentistry's M.S.D. program are required to submit a research proposal to the IUSD Graduate Student Research Committee (GSRC) prior to beginning the experimental or data collection phase of their research projects. Prior to this, the student's research committee must review and approve the proposal. Preliminary review of the literature, selection of a research topic and submission of the research proposal to the GSRC should ordinarily be completed by the end of the first spring semester of the program.

It is the goal of the proposal review process to provide qualified feedback to the principal investigator and student on the scientific merit of the project. The school has a vested interest in encouraging students and faculty to prepare well-justified and competitive proposals, research publications, and both internal and external grant applications related to their work. A secondary goal of this process is to improve the external funding support the school receives by improving the quality of student pilot projects that can provide preliminary data for external grant proposals from principal investigators.

The IUSD GSRC consists of members of the faculty who are active in research and are willing to provide significant guidance in reviewing research proposals.

Each student must present at the IUSD Research Day prior to graduation.

Each student must satisfactorily complete the project and submit an approved thesis or journal manuscript.

### Core Courses

All graduate students enrolled in dental school programs (including M.S. degree candidates) are required to complete six core courses, as designated by the IU School of Dentistry Graduate Program. These courses are:

- G907 Clinical Oral Pathology Conference I
- G909 Clinical Oral Pathology Conference II
- G910 Seminar (Biostatistics)
- G948 Advanced Radiology
- R955 Graduate Oral Biology I
- R980 Research Methodology

The core courses are in addition to courses that are required by individual departments.

Required courses must be taken in the proper sequence, as specified by the student's committee. In most departments there are additional program requirements designed to meet such criteria as may be specified by the several dental specialty boards and the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation Standards for Advanced Specialty Education Programs. The final credit requirement, including elective course work, is determined by each student's graduate committee and is usually dependent upon the student's previous academic accomplishments.

## Grades

Failure to maintain a minimum grade point average of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) in either the major or minor concentration and/or failure to demonstrate evidence of continuing professional growth may subject the student to dismissal from the program.

## Examinations

The members of the student's faculty advisory committee (previously described) will conduct the qualifying (oral and written comprehensive) examination, which essentially covers the candidate's field of study. The exact format of the examination will be determined by the individual faculty advisory committee and described in an educational agreement signed by the student and department chairperson at the beginning of the program. Successful completion of the qualifying examination is required in order to proceed to completion of the thesis or journal manuscript research, defense of the thesis or journal manuscript, and awarding of the degree. In accordance with University Graduate School requirements, students who fail the qualifying examination are normally allowed only one retake. The student must complete the qualifying examination six months prior to the intended date of graduation. The student is eligible but not required to take the examination upon the completion of one-half of the didactic requirements.

## English Proficiency

All graduate students for whom English is not the first language must take the English for Academic Purposes (EAP) Placement Test at the beginning of their dental school program. This test is offered on the IUPUI campus by the EAP Program in the Department of English. Students must satisfactorily complete all English courses required as a result of performance on the EAP test before a certificate or degree can be awarded. The required English courses must be completed during the first year of study.

All graduate students whose first language is not English must be tested for oral English language competency before they are given any appointment having direct student contact. Students' oral language proficiency will be assessed using the SPEAK Test, a pronunciation test that is also offered by the EAP Program. If the results of the SPEAK test indicate that the student must take one or more English courses, these courses must be paid for by the student and must be satisfactorily completed before the student will be allowed to teach.

For more information about these tests, call the EAP Program at (317) 274-2188 or visit the .

## Continuing Enrollment

Students who have passed the qualifying examination and completed two years as a full-time student must enroll each semester (excluding summer sessions for off-campus students) for any remaining required course work or research credits. Once students have accumulated the number of credit hours required by the particular graduate program, they must enroll for a minimum of 1 hour of graduate credit each semester until the degree is completed. Failure to meet this requirement will automatically terminate the student's enrollment in the

degree program. All requirements for the master's degree must be completed within five consecutive years.

## Time Limits and Revalidation

Master's programs in the School of Dentistry comply with IU's University Graduate School requirements regarding time limits and course revalidation. Thus, as a rule, a course may not be counted toward degree requirements if it has been completed more than five years prior to the awarding of the degree for master's students. The advisory committee, however, may recommend to the dean that course work taken prior to the above deadlines be revalidated if it can be documented that the knowledge contained in the course(s) remains current. Examples of such documentation may include (1) passing an examination specifically on the material covered by the course; (2) passing a more advanced course in the same subject area; (3) passing a comprehensive examination in which the student demonstrates substantial knowledge of the content of the course; (4) teaching a comparable course; or (5) publishing scholarly research demonstrating substantial knowledge of the content and fundamental principles of the course. Each course for which consideration for revalidation is being requested should be justified separately.

Students who do not complete all M.S. or M.S.D. requirements within five years will be given a maximum of one additional year to revalidate courses and complete all requirements. The enrollment of any student who fails to fulfill these requirements will be automatically terminated at the end of that year.

In the event the course work cannot be revalidated or the thesis or journal manuscript cannot, in the opinion of the advisory committee, be completed by the deadline stated above, the student, upon the advice of the advisory committee, may be awarded a certificate of completion of a curriculum in postgraduate study, or a certificate of attendance, whichever is deemed appropriate by the IU School of Dentistry. (Please note, however, that programs are not required to grant such certificates. See individual program educational agreements for specifics.)

## M.S.D. Thesis or Journal Manuscript

The results of the M.S.D. degree research must be presented to the student's research committee either in traditional thesis form, or as a manuscript that will be submitted to a peer-reviewed journal. The research committee must approve the thesis before the student submits the thesis electronically to the IUPUI digital archive, IUPUI ScholarWorks. Students must also submit a bound thesis to their major and minor departments. If the manuscript option is selected in lieu of the thesis, the research committee and the research mentor must approve both the manuscript and the journal it is intended for before the manuscript can be submitted to the journal.

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## Ph.D. Degree

### Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Degree in Dental Science

The objective of the Ph.D. in Dental Science program is to provide a core curriculum that offers a solid scientific base for a career in research and/or teaching in the dental sciences of today and the future. Ph.D. Dental Science graduates should be ideal candidates for positions not only in any school of dentistry, but should also qualify for positions in laboratories of government and private institutions. The program will be open to dental school graduates with a minimum dental school GPA of 3.0/4.0 (as well as individuals with a B.S. degree) and a minimum GRE percentile score of 160 on the verbal or 148 on the quantitative reason section. In addition, a TOEFL score of no lower than 80 must be obtained for applicants from non-English speaking countries. Ninety credit hours are required for the degree with 32-40 required course credits and 12 credits in a minor. Disciplines included in the program are anatomy, biochemistry, biomedical engineering, biostatistics, cell biology, chemistry, immunology, materials science engineering, mechanical engineering, microbiology, molecular biology, pathology, physics and physiology. In addition, a combined Ph.D./D.D.S. program has been established incorporating aspects of both programs.

- Admission
- Program Costs: Tuition and Fees
- Enrollment and Financial Support
- Degree Requirements
- Curricula:
  - Oral Biology Track Core Curriculum
  - Preventive Dentistry Track Core Curriculum
  - Dental Materials Track Core Curriculum
  - Dental Biomaterials Track Core Curriculum

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**Short Description of Program:** Currently, the Indiana University School of Dentistry offers two terminal degrees, a D.D.S. degree and a Ph.D. in Dental Science. Both degrees are the only similar ones offered at any school in Indiana. The Ph.D. in Dental Science (Preventive Dentistry, Oral Biology, Dental Materials or Dental Biomaterials tracks) is focused on basic and clinical science areas as they relate to the human organism and on the effect of dental materials on cariology, molecular

biology and etiology, and pathogenesis. Individuals with this type of training can be expected to pursue academic teaching and/or research positions in dental schools, medical schools and other basic science departments in addition to training that will be suitable for industrial research positions. Individuals with combined Ph.D./D.D.S. training would be highly recruited to academic positions at Dental Schools. Our Ph.D. tracks contain courses in biostatistics, research ethics, research communications and effective teaching methods. The course in biostatistics emphasizes the important role of appropriate statistical methods used in biological research. The research ethics course addresses the importance of a strong ethical approach to the scientific method and human and animal research. The research communication course is a multidisciplinary course that will increase the ability of the student to write and review scientific papers. The teaching methods course requirement recognizes that most of our students will ultimately teach in an academic environment and may have no previous coursework in education. In addition, students will be required to complete the Preparing Future Faculty and Professionals (PFFP) program (<https://graduate.iupui.edu/support/pffp/index.html>).

The Indiana University School of Dentistry, Division of Dental Biomaterials, in conjunction with the Purdue University School of Materials Science and Engineering and the Indiana University Department of Biomedical Engineering, offers a graduate program leading to a Ph.D. in Dental Sciences with specialization in Dental Biomaterials. Coursework will be taken through the Indiana University School of Dentistry, Purdue University School of Materials Science and Engineering, and Purdue University Department of Biomedical Engineering. Dissertation research is conducted within the departments mentioned above based on the students area of research interest. Subspecialty areas within dental biomaterials include ceramics, polymers, metals, biomechanics and tissue engineering. However, students are encouraged to combine their specialties with other scientific disciplines, (i.e., biomimetics). This program is designed for individuals who have a background in either engineering or dentistry. Candidates who have backgrounds in both fields, i.e., Bachelors in Materials or Mechanical Engineering and a DMD or a D.D.S. degree, are strongly encouraged to apply. Graduates of this program will be equipped with expertise to pursue an academic career in the fields of dentistry, materials engineering and biomedical engineering. Additional opportunities are available to graduates who are planning to pursue a career in the Dental Materials industry. Students who do not have Material Science Engineering Background must take Introduction to Materials Engineering (MSE 530 or MSE 230) as a graduate student.

**Research Capabilities:** The Indiana University School of Dentistry has significantly increased its commitment to research (for more information please go to <https://dentistry.iu.edu/research/index.html> and over the past five years has averaged over \$6.0 million in external grant and contract support. In addition, several of our faculty have established jointly funded projects with faculty in the School of Medicine and the School of Engineering along with joint academic appointments for teaching purposes. Multidisciplinary approaches are highly valued at the School of Dentistry. This heavy research

emphasis from our faculty has recently led to significant increases in faculty commitment to research, released time for research and recruitment of primarily research-oriented faculty. Since 1993, the School of Dentistry has completely renovated seven research laboratories into state-of-the-art facilities that are occupied by funded investigators in addition to at least 11 others.

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## Admission

**Student Population:** Open to dental school graduates with a minimum dental school GPA of 3.0/4.0 (as well as individuals with a B.S. degree) and a minimum GRE score of 600 in either the verbal, quantitative or analytical sections. In addition, a TOEFL score of no lower than 550 must be obtained for applicants from non-English speaking countries.

**Program Requirements:** All general requirements of the Indiana University Graduate School apply (<https://graduate.iupui.edu/academics-research/bulletin.html>), plus specific requirements of this program, as outlined in the core curricula below.

**Time Limits and Revalidation:** All Ph.D. work offered in partial fulfillment of degree requirements must either have been completed within seven consecutive calendar years of the passing of the qualifying examination or be revalidated.

Any student whose candidacy lapses will be required to apply to the IU Graduate School for reinstatement before further work toward the degree may formally be done. To be reinstated to candidacy in the IU Graduate School, the student must: 1) obtain the permission of the program director; 2) fulfill the program requirements in effect at the time of the application for reinstatement; 3) pass the current Ph.D. qualifying examination or its equivalent (defined in advance); 4) request reinstatement to candidacy from the dean. Such reinstatement, if granted, will be valid for a period of three years, during which time the candidate must enroll each semester for a minimum of one credit hour.

In the fifth semester, students meet with their examination committee to review past performance and to evaluate plans for completing the Ph.D. Includes written, oral, and research components. All full-time Ph.D. students must take the qualifying examination by the end of the fifth semester.

**Satisfactory Progress Toward a Degree:** After passing the qualifying examination, for a student to remain in "good standing", the Program requires that sufficient progress be made toward completing a dissertation. If the research advisory committee judges progress to be unsatisfactory, probation may be recommended. At the end of the probationary period (usually a semester), probation will be lifted if the advisory committee judges the student's progress to be satisfactory. If the advisory committee judges the student's progress to remain unsatisfactory, then the student will be required to leave the program.

**Continuing Enrollment:** Students who have passed the qualifying examination must enroll each semester (excluding summer sessions) for any remaining required course work or dissertation credits. Once such students have accumulated 90 credit hours in completed course work and deferred dissertation credits, they must enroll for a minimum of 1 hour of graduate credit each semester until the degree is completed. Failure to meet this requirement will automatically terminate the student's enrollment in the degree program.

A candidate who will be graduating in June, July, or August of any year must enroll in a minimum of 1 hour of credit in either the current or immediately preceding summer session.

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## Program Costs: Tuition and Fees

Tuition is paid at the time of registration and is subject to change by action of the Trustees of Indiana University. All students applying for admission to the School of Dentistry are required to pay an Application Fee of \$ \$80.00 in U.S. dollars (check or money order). This fee is paid only once, is nonrefundable, and is not applied to other fees. Cost of attendance for all IUSD academic programs is available here: <https://indianapolis.iu.edu/cost-aid/cost-of-attendance/>.

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## Enrollment and Financial Support

Enrollment in the Ph.D. in Dental Science Program is limited in regard to the number of appropriate faculty available to serve as research mentors. In general, an average ratio of one student to one graduate faculty member is the maximum.

Acceptance criteria will be as described above, with applicants being ranked by grade point averages, GRE scores, previous research experience, and possibly by interviews. Financial support is primarily the responsibility of the student. However, several fellowships may be available.

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## Degree Requirements

### General Information

The degree requires 90 credit hours with required courses depending on the choice of tract and 12 credits in a minor. Disciplines included in the program are anatomy, biochemistry, biomedical engineering, biostatistics, cell biology, chemistry, immunology, materials science

engineering, mechanical engineering, microbiology, molecular biology, pathology, physics, and physiology.

The four Ph.D. tracks contain courses in biostatistics, research ethics, research communications, and effective teaching methods. The courses in biostatistics emphasize the important role of appropriate statistical methods used in biological research. The research ethics course addresses the importance of a strong ethical approach to the scientific method and human and animal research. Research Communications is a multidisciplinary course that will increase the ability of the student to write and review scientific papers. The teaching methods courses recognize that most of our students will ultimately teach in an academic environment and may have no previous course work in education.

All general requirements of IU's University Graduate School apply to the Ph.D. in Dental Science Program, plus specific requirements of the program as outlined in the core curricula below. All Ph.D. work offered in partial fulfillment of degree requirements must either be completed within seven consecutive calendar years of the passing of the qualifying examination or be revalidated. Any student whose candidacy lapses will be required to apply to the University Graduate School for reinstatement before further work toward the degree may formally be done. To be reinstated to candidacy in the University Graduate School, the student must: (1) obtain permission of the program director; (2) fulfill the program requirements in effect at the time of the application for reinstatement; (3) pass a current Ph.D. qualifying examination or its equivalent (defined in advance); and (4) request reinstatement to candidacy from the dean. Such reinstatement, if granted, is valid for a period of three years, during which time the candidate must enroll each semester for a minimum of 1 credit hour.

### English Proficiency

Students who are nonnative speakers of English must take the English for Academic Purposes (EAP) Placement Test at the beginning of their dental school program. This test is offered on the IUPUI campus by the EAP Program in the Department of English. Students must satisfactorily complete all English courses required as a result of performance on the EAP test before a certificate or degree can be awarded. The required English courses must be completed during the first year of study. For more information, visit the [EAP Program's website](https://liberalarts.iupui.edu/english/pages/eap-program-folder/index.php):

<https://liberalarts.iupui.edu/english/pages/eap-program-folder/index.php>.

### Continuing Enrollment

Students who have passed the qualifying examination must enroll each semester (excluding summer sessions) for any remaining required course work or dissertation credits. Once such students have accumulated 90 credit hours in completed course work and deferred dissertation credits, they must enroll for a minimum of 1 hour of graduate credit each semester (excluding summer sessions) until the degree is completed. Failure to meet this requirement will automatically terminate the student's enrollment in the degree program.

A candidate who will be graduating in June, July, or August of any year must enroll in a minimum of 1 hour

of credit in either the current or immediately preceding summer session.

### Minor

The minor consists of 12 credit hours in any one of the advanced basic science courses (anatomy, biochemistry, biomedical engineering, chemistry, materials science engineering, mechanical engineering, microbiology and immunology, pathology, pharmacology, physics, physiology, life science) or their equivalents, as approved by the student's advisory committee and the chairperson of the minor department. Credit hours for the required courses may not count toward the minor courses.

### Other Courses

Selection of other courses is determined by requirements of the chosen minor, research committee, and/or advisory committee.

### Research

Laboratory Rotations—R957 Introduction to Research in Oral Biology (3 cr.); at least three separate rotations (two to four months each) conducting small projects in the laboratories of IU graduate faculty members. Projects will be graded. Students in all tracks enroll in this course once. It is expected that the student will choose a dissertation advisor (mentor) from these faculty members.

Laboratory Research—R958 Research: Oral Biology (1-12 cr. hrs./semester); G930 Research: Preventive Dentistry (1-12 cr. hrs./semester); or G921 Research: Dental Materials (1-12 cr. hrs./semester). Credit for research is directly related to the writing and defense of a Ph.D. dissertation.

G901 Dissertation Research. Once 90 total credits have been accumulated in the appropriate areas, students may enroll in this course for a maximum of six semesters until the dissertation is complete. Students must be enrolled for at least 1 credit hour each semester.

### Research Credits

Remainder of 90 credit hours after required and minor courses.

### Student Advisory Committee

The student chooses the advisory committee, usually by the end of the first spring semester following enrollment in the program. The initial committee is composed of three members of the dental school faculty, two of whom must be members of the [University Graduate School faculty](#). Generally, one member is also the student's intended dissertation mentor. This committee is responsible for monitoring the student's progress and for advising the student with regard to all matters associated with the graduate program.

Prior to the student's qualifying exam (generally by the second summer following enrollment), two additional advisory committee members will be added from the student's minor field and/or from the general area in which the student has decided to conduct his or her dissertation research. This committee of five serves as the

qualifying exam committee, with a member other than the dissertation mentor serving as chairperson.

### Qualifying Examination for Admission to Candidacy

The qualifying exam consists of two parts: (1) writing and presenting an oral defense of a research proposal; and (2) sitting for a written exam.

### Research Proposal

The student chooses, with the help and approval of the advisory committee chairperson, a topic for a grant proposal to be written and defended as part of the qualifying exam. This is usually done by the end of the second spring semester following enrollment. The topic may be in the area of the student's intended dissertation research but cannot be prepared as a requirement for another course.

Students should begin with an outline for a proposal that is approved by the committee chairperson. After approval, the student writes a proposal in the style of a National Institutes of Health (NIH) R01 grant proposal including the following sections: Summary, Specific Aims, Background and Significance, Research Design and Methods, Literature Cited, and Budget, but with the length reduced to a maximum of 15 single-spaced, 12-point font pages for the following sections: Summary, Specific Aims, Background and Significance, and Research Design and Methods. There are no page limits for the Literature Cited and Budget sections. The proposal, once written to the satisfaction of the student, is submitted to the committee chairperson, who distributes copies to the rest of the committee. The committee decides whether the proposal is defensible or in need of revisions prior to the defense. Upon final approval, a time is set for the student to defend the proposal in the presence of the committee.

The defense of the proposal consists of a 30- to 45-minute presentation of the proposed work by the student, followed by a one- to three-hour oral examination consisting of questions arising from the proposal, the student's presentation, or answers to initial questions. Satisfactory defense of the proposal will be followed by a written exam at a date and time convenient to the members of the committee and student (within 60 days after the proposal defense). Students who do not satisfactorily complete the proposal defense may be allowed to retake it with the permission of the advisory committee.

### Written Examination

Each member of the advisory committee submits a comprehensive question in his or her area(s) of expertise to the committee chairperson, who then collates the questions from all five committee members. The exam package is handed to the student on the morning of the exam. The student is provided a room in which to complete the examination, preferably in a typed format. No notes or any other study aids are permitted during the exam, which is expected to be completed within eight hours. The entire exam is returned to the chairperson, who distributes the answers to individual committee members for correction, usually within a week. Students who do not satisfactorily complete the written exam may be allowed to retake it once with the permission of the advisory committee. In addition, students who fail both components of the qualifying exam are normally allowed to retake the

exam once. The qualifying exam must be completed at least eight months before the degree is awarded.

### Admission to Candidacy

The student advisory committee submits a Nomination to Candidacy form to the University Graduate School after the student has completed all required didactic courses and passed the qualifying exam.

### Research Committee

Members of the advisory committee may continue to serve as members of the student's research committee. However, the latter committee is chaired by the student's research advisor, who must be a member of the [University Graduate School faculty](#) with endorsement to direct doctoral committees. The research committee is composed of two other members of the University Graduate School faculty in the School of Dentistry, a member of the University Graduate School faculty outside of the School of Dentistry (generally a member of the minor department), and an expert in the student's field of research outside of Indiana University. The outside member must meet the requirements of membership. At least half of the members of the research committee must be members of the University Graduate School faculty with endorsement; others may be members either with or without endorsement.

The research committee is responsible for supervising the student's research, reading the dissertation and providing scientific and editorial comments on its content, and conducting the final examination (defense of dissertation). The research committee, except for the outside member, typically meets formally with the student twice annually to assess progress and make appropriate suggestions. During one of these assessments, most likely during the third or fourth year but usually at least six months prior to completion of the dissertation, the student gives a 45–50-minute presentation open to all dental school faculty. The dissertation defense consists of a 45–50-minute presentation open to all university faculty followed by a one- to three-hour oral examination on the dissertation that is open to the research committee only.

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## Oral Biology Track Core Curriculum

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Required courses below and 12 minor credits

#### Required Courses Biochemistry

- BIOC B500 Introduction to Biochemistry (3 cr.) or
- BIOC B800 Medical Biochemistry (3 cr.) and
- GRAD G817 Eukaryotic Cell Biology (2 cr.)

## Microbiology

- MICR J822 General and Medical Microbiology (3 cr.) or
- MICR J510 Infectious Microbes and Host Interaction (3 cr.) or
- MICR J805 Molecular Immunology (3 cr.)

## General Graduate

- GRAD G504 Introduction to Research Ethics (2 cr.) or
- GRAD G505 Responsible Conduct of Research (1 cr.)
- PBHL B651 Introduction to Biostatistics I (3 cr.)
- GRAD G655 Research Communications Seminar (2 cr.; taken in spring of second year)
- GRAD G865 Fundamental Molecular Biology (3 cr.)
- EDUC J500 Instruction in the Context of Curriculum (3 cr.) or
- PSY 608 Measurement Theory and Data Interpretation (3 ) or
- EDUC W531 Technology for Teaching and Learning (3 cr.) or other teaching method course recommended by the program director

## Dental

- DENT G910 Seminar: Preventive Dentistry or
- DENT G910 Seminar: Dental Materials or
- DENT R959 Seminar: Oral Biology and
- One IUPUI graduate level seminar course outside of the Dental School (one semester seminar course each year; 1 cr. each)
- DENT R956 Current Topics in Oral Biology (4 cr.)

## Research (remainder of 90 credits)

- DENT R957 Introduction to Research in Oral Biology (3 cr.; taken once)
- DENT R958 Research: Oral Biology (1-12 cr. each semester)

Information about courses offered by schools and departments other than the School of Dentistry are available at the following links:

[Indiana University Graduate School](#)

[Indiana University School of Medicine Department of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology](#)

[IUPUI Department of Psychology](#)

[IUPUI Richard M. Fairbanks School of Public Health](#)

[IUPUI School of Education](#)

[IUPUI School of Engineering and Technology](#)

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## Preventive Dentistry Track Core Curriculum

Required courses below and 12 minor credits

### Required Courses

- DENT G959 Oral Microbiology (3 cr.)
- DENT R909 Advanced Preventive Dentistry I (3 cr.)
- DENT R910 Advanced Preventive Dentistry II (3 cr.)
- DENT R911 Advanced Preventive Dentistry III (1-2 cr.)

Courses from the following list can be used to complete the total hours required for the major subject:

- DENT G905 Bone Physiology, Imaging, and Implant Anchorage (2 cr.)
- DENT G911 Dental Materials Science and Engineering (3 cr.)
- DENT G967 Advanced Periodontics (4 cr.)

### General Graduate

- GRAD G504 Introduction to Research Ethics (2 cr.) or
- GRAD G505 Responsible Conduct of Research (1 cr.)
- PBHL B651 Introduction to Biostatistics I (3 cr.)
- GRAD G655 Research Communications Seminar (2 cr.; taken in spring of second year)
- EDUC J500 Instruction in the Context of Curriculum (3 cr.) or
- PSY 608 Measurement Theory and Data Interpretation (3 ) or
- EDUC W531 Technology for Teaching and Learning (3 cr.) or other teaching method course recommended by the program director

## Dental

- DENT G910 Seminar: Preventive Dentistry or
- DENT G910 Seminar: Dental Materials or
- DENT R959 Seminar: Oral Biology and
- One IUPUI graduate level seminar course outside of the Dental School (one semester seminar course each year; 1 cr. each)
- DENT R956 Current Topics in Oral Biology (4 cr.)

## Required Dental Sciences Courses for Non-Dental Preventive Dentistry Track Applicants

Applicants without a dental degree may apply for the Preventive Dentistry Track but are required to take the following course in the first two years of their program:

- DENT G935 Dental Pediatrics (2 cr.)

### Research (remainder of 90 credits)

- DENT G930 Research: Preventive Dentistry (1-12 each semester)
- DENT R957 Introduction to Research in Oral Biology (3 cr.; taken once)

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[Indiana University Graduate School](#)

[IUPUI Department of Psychology](#)

## [IUPUI School of Education](#)

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## Dental Biomaterials Track Core Curriculum

Required courses below and 12 credit hours

### Biochemistry-Microbiology

- BIOC B500 Introduction to Biochemistry (3 cr.); or
- DENT G959 Graduate Oral Microbiology (3 cr.)

### General Graduate

- PBHL B651 Introduction to Biostatistics I (2 cr.)
- GRAD G504 Introduction to Research Ethics (2 cr.); or
- GRAD G505 Responsible Conduct of Research (1 )
- GRAD G655 Research Communications Seminar (2 cr.)
- EDUC J500 Instruction in the Context of Curriculum (3 cr.); or
- PSY 608 Measurement Theory and the Interpretation of Data (3 cr.); or
- EDUC W531 Technology for Teaching and Learning (3 cr) or other teaching method course recommended by the program director

### Dental/Oral Biology

- DENT G910 Seminar: Dental Materials (1 cr.) or
- DENT G910 Seminar: Preventive Dentistry (1 cr.) or
- DENT R959 Seminar: Oral Biology (1 cr.; taken one semester each year) and one IUPUI graduate level seminar course outside of the Dental School (one semester seminar course each year, 1 cr. each
- DENT R956 Current Topics in Oral Biology (4 cr.)

### Elective Courses

Offered by the Purdue University School of Materials Science & Engineering (MSE) on the West Lafayette Campus and Indiana University School of Dentistry on the Indianapolis Campus

- MSE 53000 or MSE 23000 Materials Processing in Manufacturing or Structure and Properties of Materials (3 cr.)
- MSE 24000 Processing and Properties of Materials (3 cr.)
- MSE 33500 Materials Characterization Laboratory (3 cr.)
- MSE 35000 Thermodynamics of Materials (3 cr.)
- MSE 38200 Mechanical Response of Materials (3 )
- MSE 69000 Seminar in Materials Engineering (0 cr.)
- DENT G911 Dental Materials Science and Engineering (3 cr.)
- DENT G912 Properties and Test Methods: Dental Materials (3 cr.)
- DENT G913 Clinical Applications of Dental Materials (3 cr.)

- MA 52700 Advanced Mathematics for Engineering and Physics I (3 cr.)

### Specialty Courses (in addition to the Core Courses):

These courses are offered by the Purdue University School of Materials Science & Engineering (MSE) on West Lafayette Campus; Indiana University School of Dentistry on the Indianapolis Campus; and Indiana University Department of Biomedical Engineering (BME) on the Indianapolis Campus.

### Polymers:

- MSE 52500 Structure-Property Relationships of Engineering Polymers (3 cr.)
- MSE 59700Y Polymer Synthesis (3 cr.)
- MSE 59700B-A&AE 590M Manufacturing of Advanced Composites (3 cr.)
- Six credit graduate level coursework chosen by the student's advisory committee

### Ceramics:

- MSE 51000 Microstructural Characterization Techniques (3 cr.)
- MSE 51200 Powder Processing (3 cr.)
- MSE 52300 Physical Ceramics (3 cr.)
- MSE 55600 Fracture of Materials (3 cr.)
- Three credits in graduate-level course work chosen by the student's advisory committee

### Metals:

- MSE 50800 Phase Transformation in Solids (3 cr.)
- MSE 51000 Microstructural Characterization Techniques (3 cr.)
- MSE 52200 Rate Phenomena in Process Metallurgy (3 cr.)
- Six credits in graduate-level course work chosen by the student's advisory committee

### Biomechanics:

- BME 595C Skeletal Biomechanics (3 cr.)
- BME 595J Molecular and Cellular Mechanics (3 cr.)
- MSE 55600 Fracture of Materials (3 cr.)
- Six credits in graduate-level course work chosen by the student's advisory committee

### Tissue Engineering:

- BME 595E Tissue Engineering (3 cr.)
- BMS 523 Tissue Engineering (3 cr.)
- BME 601 Principles of Biomedical Engineering I (3 cr.)
- BME 602 Principles of Biomedical Engineering II (3 cr.)
- BME 595B Biomolecular Engineering (3 cr.)

Additional information for Purdue University and IUPUI courses is available at the following links:

[Biochemistry and Molecular Biology](#)

[IUPUI Department of Mathematical Sciences](#)

[IUPUI Department of Psychology](#)

[IUPUI School of Education](#)

[IUPUI School of Engineering and Technology](#)

[Purdue University Graduate School](#)

[Purdue University School of Materials Engineering](#)

[Purdue University Weldon School of Biomedical Engineering](#)

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## Dental Materials Track Core Curriculum

**Required courses below and 12 minor credits**

### Required Courses

#### Biochemistry – Microbiology

- BCHM 500 Introduction to Biochemistry or
- DENT-G 959 Graduate Oral and Microbiology (3 cr.)

#### General Graduate

- PBHL G651 Introduction to Biostatistics (3 cr.)
- GRAD G504 Introduction to Research Ethics (2 cr.) or
- GRAD G505 Responsible Conduct of Research (1 cr.)
- GRAD G865 Fundamental Molecular Biology (3 cr.)
- GRAD G655 Research Communications Seminar (2 cr. – taken in spring of 2<sup>n</sup> year)
- EDUC J500 Instruction in the Context of Curriculum Education (3 cr. – taken during 1<sup>s</sup> year) or
- PSY 608 Measurement Theory and Data Interpretation (3 cr.) or
- EDUC W531 Technology for Teaching and Learning (3 cr) or other teaching method course recommended by the program director

#### Dental Materials

- DENT G 911 Dental Materials Science and Engineering (3 cr.)
- DENT-G 912 Properties and Test Methods: Dental Materials (3 cr.)
- DENT-G913 Clinical Applications of Dental Materials (3 cr.)
- DENT G910 Seminar: Dental Materials (1 cr. Each year enrolled) and one IUPUI graduate level seminar course outside of the Dental School (one semester seminar course each year, 1 cr. each)
- DENT-G 956 Current Topics in Oral Biology (4 cr.)

#### Dental

- DENT G910 Seminar: Preventive Dentistry or
- DENT G910 Seminar: Dental Materials or
- DENT R959 Seminar: Oral Biology and
- One IUPUI graduate level seminar course outside of the Dental School (one semester seminar course each year; 1 cr. each)
- DENT R956 Current Topics in Oral Biology (4 cr.)

### Research (remainder of 90 credits)

- DENT G957 Introduction to Research in Oral Biology (3 cr.; taken once)
- DENT G921 Research: Dental Materials (1-12 cr. each semester)

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### Graduate Courses

The availability of specific course offerings varies from year to year.