

## Program Objectives

The six-week Program will provide students an opportunity to:

- Prepare to successfully take the DAT
- Strengthen their academic science background
- Learn more about the field of dental medicine
- Broaden their interest in biomedical and clinical sciences
- Learn useful study patterns
- Increase their competitiveness for admission into dental school
- Enhance their success once admitted to dental school

## Selection Process

A selection committee composed of the Program Director and Program Faculty will review all applications and interview up to 50 applicants by phone to determine applicant motivation.

**Preference will be given to applicants who** are currently enrolled in a four-year college/university, have earned a Bachelor's degree, and have a minimum of 16 hours of volunteer/observation experience in a dental environment.

A minimum of 20 applicants will be selected to participate in the Program.

## Dental Admissions Test (DAT)

The college will cover the application fee for the DAT if it is taken within six months after the Program's registration deadline. If a participant is applying to dental school in the 2021-2022 application cycle, we strongly recommend that the test be taken by July 31, 2021. Participants **MUST** study for the DAT before the Program begins and after it ends. Studying for the DAT should include taking multiple practice tests.

## PROGRAM PERSONNEL

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# Office of Student Development



SPEP Collegiate II Class

## 2021 Summer Pre-Dental Enrichment Program for College Students (SPEP Collegiate II)



Dallas, Texas

## Program Curriculum

The curriculum for the 2021 Summer Pre-dental Enrichment Program for College Students consists of five core courses designed to augment the students' knowledge base for taking the DAT and to help them prepare for dental school. Courses include:

- Introduction to the Human Body
- Pre-Clinical Dentistry
- Learning Strategies
- DAT Preparation
- Investigating Dentistry

Students also participate in workshops and activities such as:

- Cultural Competence Seminar
- Pre-admissions Counseling
- Intramural and Extramural Clinical Rotations
- Interaction with dental students, faculty, and administrators

## Participant Support

- A stipend to cover the cost of food and other expenses
  - Housing accommodations\*
  - DAT application fee (within 6 months)
  - Clinic and laboratory supplies
  - Notebooks and instructional materials
  - Access to the college's nurse
- \* For participants who live outside the Dallas/Fort Worth area

## Participant Responsibilities

SPEP Collegiate II participants are responsible for travel, parking expenses (to, from, and during the Program) and immunization fees.

**Note: The pre-dental programs offered via Bridge to Dentistry will not accept auditors. Applicants who do not satisfy eligibility requirements, or cannot commit to the program in its entirety, will not be considered.**

## Program Requirements

**To be eligible for consideration, all individuals must:**

- Have dentistry as their career choice
- Be a U.S. citizen or a permanent resident (preference will be given to residents of the State of Texas)
- Have completed 60 semester hours of college by the end of the **Spring Semester, 2021**
- Have **completed 8 hours (lectures/labs) of:** general chemistry, biology, and organic chemistry by the end of the **Spring Semester, 2021**
- Provide official transcripts from **all** colleges/universities attended
- Have a minimum grade point average of **2.75**
- Complete a phone interview with Program staff
- Sign a contract agreeing to participate in all required activities
- **\*\*Be a member of a dentally-underserved population and/or be considered academically or economically disadvantaged and:**
- Demonstrate a strong potential of working with underserved populations or in communities with limited access to dental health care.

**\*\*An academically disadvantaged individual** is one who comes from an environment that has inhibited the individual from obtaining the knowledge, skill and ability to enroll in and graduate from a health professions school. For the purpose of this program, an applicant is considered academically disadvantaged:

- If he or she is or will be a first generation college graduate to earn a baccalaureate degree in his or her family or
- If he or she meets at **least 4** of the following criteria:
  - English is not the applicant's primary language
  - Overcame or is experiencing extreme hardship
  - From a single parent family
  - Non-traditional student (including older age)
  - Significant employment while attending school
  - Attended a low-performing high school
  - Resident of a financially poor school district
  - Resident of a county designated as underserved by health professionals
  - Resident of a lowest 10% per capita income county
  - Other disadvantaged factor(s) identified by the applicant

**\*\*An economically disadvantaged individual** is one who comes from a family with an annual income below a level based on low-income thresholds according to family size, published by the U.S. Census Bureau in the Federal Register, and adjusted annually for changes in the Consumer Price Index.

## How to Apply

All applicants must complete and submit the SPEP Collegiate II online application and all supporting documents by deadline of **January 31, 2021**.

**Access the on-line application at:**  
<https://bamf.tamhsc.edu/2>

Application checklist:

- ✓ Create a username and password by clicking "Register"
- ✓ Complete the 2021 SPEP Collegiate II Primary Application, including an essay (*max 500 words*) stating how SPEP Collegiate II will benefit the applicant's pursuit of dentistry as a career
- ✓ Complete the Statistical Questionnaire
- ✓ Submit one letter of recommendation from pre-dental/pre-health advisor **or two** letters from science professors who taught you
- ✓ Submit most current **official transcripts** from **all** accredited colleges/universities attended

Detailed instructions about supporting documents can be found on the online application

## Program Dates

**May 17 - June 25, 2021**

## Application Deadline

**January 31, 2021**

## Notification Deadline

**March 8, 2021**