At the University of Kentucky (UK), pre-professional programs are interest areas that students complete alongside their UK Core requirements and major curriculum. Students may pursue any major as long as pre-dentistry prerequisite coursework is completed.

The College of Agriculture, Food and Environment offers support and guidance to students throughout the college interested in applying to dentistry school. In addition to outlining necessary coursework and guiding students through application processes, the college’s pre-professional advisor also directs students to University programs, such as UK Education Abroad or the Center for Community Outreach, that foster well-rounded medical school applicants.

**MEET WITH AN ADVISOR**

Pre-dental students should meet with a pre-professional advisor at least twice during their freshman/sophomore years and at least three times during their junior/senior years. Visit www.uky.edu/grow and click “Advising Resources” for instructions on setting up an appointment with the college’s pre-professional advisor. Pre-dental students are also encouraged to attend pre-dental workshops, meetings, and events at the UK College of Dentistry each semester.

UK advisors work closely with advisors in the UK College of Dentistry. Visit mc.uky.edu/dentistry to learn more.

**DAT**

The Dental College Admission Test (DAT) is a standardized, multiple-choice examination designed to assess problem solving, critical thinking, and knowledge of science concepts and principle prerequisites to the study of dentistry. Pre-dental courses in biology, general chemistry, organic chemistry, and physics should be taken prior to taking the DAT.

**CONNECT**

Join the pre-med listserv to stay connected with pre-dental announcements. To subscribe, send an email message to listserv@lsv.uky.edu and type “SUBSCRIBE PRE-MED-L” in the body of the message.

**WHY OUR COLLEGE?**

In addition to pre-professional advising services, students in the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment connect with a variety of passionate faculty, staff, alumni and community organizations dedicated to meaningful, enriching experiences. These connections help students discover real-world applications to their studies and become well-rounded, competitive applicants for dental school.

While completing medical school requirements, past pre-dental students have been successful in majors such as Human Nutrition, Food Science, Animal Sciences, and Agricultural and Medical Biotechnology.

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