MISSION STATEMENT:
The Pre-Dental Society helps Dartmouth students interested in Dentistry to gain an understanding of the nature of the profession, as well as how to navigate the dental school application process. The Society provides resources, information, events, and hands-on experience so that students may obtain the skills necessary to pursue their goals in dental medicine.

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What Does Being Pre-Dental Mean?

As a pre-dental student, you are someone who is interested in pursuing a career in dentistry. While there is no “pre-dental” major at Dartmouth, there are academic requirements you must fulfill before applying to dental school.

• 2 terms of each of the following:
  ○ English
  ○ Mathematics
  ○ Biology with lab
  ○ General Chemistry with lab
  ○ Organic Chemistry with lab
  ○ Physics with lab

• Some dental schools’ requirements deviate from this list; be sure to check their websites.

The DAT:

• The DAT is a standardized test used to assess whether you have the academic foundation upon which to build a successful dental career. It also serves as a basis for which dental schools can compare different applicants.

• The test consists of 4 sections: Survey of Natural Sciences, Perceptual Ability Test, Reading Comprehension, and Quantitative Reasoning.

Shadowing Opportunities

Each term, students are given the opportunity to shadow local dentists. Students have the chance to experience the workings of general dentists as well as specialty practices. This is a great way for undergraduates to explore the profession and prepare for dental school. During shadowing, you will get to observe various dental procedures, and in some cases be given the chance to get hands-on experience. Schedules can be customized.
Advising (cont’d)

During 40 years of active dental practice he served many overseas missions in Korea, Nepal, Ecuador and Honduras, providing dental treatment, lectures, and community-based oral health instruction for local community health aides. In the U.S., he trains school nurses in oral health and works with a local hospital for its community health outreach program.

Dr. Keene was recognized by the ADA and Yonsei University for his outreach work in Korea. He is a life member of the ADA, AOD, and AARD as well as the Secretary of the American Academy of Gold Foil Operators. Dr. Keene earned board certification in operative dentistry from the American Board of Operative Dentistry, and he networks with many Operative Dentistry Departments in dental schools in the U.S. and Canada. He is the former director of an Operative Study Club he formed in 1964.

Dr. Keene also founded the Red Logan Dental Clinic in White River Junction and continues to support its mission to serve those in need in the Upper Valley. He has lectured for the Dartmouth Medex Program, DMS electives in Dentistry, and served on the staff of Dartmouth Hitchcock Hospital. He is currently a member of the Anatomy Department at DMS.

Pre-Dental Events

Dr. Keene and his wife, Jean, open up their house to pre-dental students every term to discuss dentistry over dinner, joined by a local dentist or specialist. The dinners are great opportunities to get questions asked and to get to know Dr. Keene. In addition, we have also hosted representatives from various dental schools to learn more about the application process and specific programs.

Dental School

There are 61 schools of Dentistry within the U.S. and 10 in Canada. Dental school consists of 4 years of both academic and clinical study, after which you are granted either a D.D.S. or D.M.D. degree. Many dentists partake in a residency after graduation from dental school, and doctors can pursue a specialty in either 2- or 3-year programs.