

DENTAL MEDICINE

PRE-PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM



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Most impactful mentor at HPU:

“Dr. Neil Coffield went from a great professor to a long-lasting friend. He guided me since day one at HPU. He helped me get involved with the NC dental community, challenged me in the classroom and always shared his graduate school memories.”

Program OVERVIEW

High Point University's School of Dental Medicine & Oral Health offers a six-year accelerated dental program that enables highly qualified and selected students to earn a combined baccalaureate and dental degree after a minimum of six years of study at the university. Exceptionally qualified high school seniors who plan to pursue careers in dental medicine are offered places each year in the Dental Medicine Scholars Program.

The program includes two academic years of undergraduate coursework which can count toward a baccalaureate degree. The next four years are spent in the regular program of dental education in the School of Dental Medicine & Oral Health.

During the first two years at HPU, students are expected to achieve excellent progress in all academic areas as well as in personal growth, developing the attributes needed to become an oral health professional including:

- Service Orientation
- Cultural Competence
- Oral Communication Skills
- Reliability and Dependability
- Resilience and Adaptability
- Critical Thinking
- Scientific Inquiry
- Knowledge and Understanding of Living Systems and Human Behavior
- Social Skills
- Teamwork
- Ethical Responsibility to Self and Others
- Capacity for Improvement
- Quantitative Reasoning
- Written Communication Skills

Pre-Dental ADVISING

As a supplement to your academic advisor, the pre-dental advisor will work one-on-one with you as well as help you find extracurricular and resume-building opportunities. Your pre-dental advisor provides you with a structured six-year academic plan, gives you guidance as you seek dental-related internships, assists in the completion of undergraduate research projects and guides you through the regular program of dental education in the School of Dental Medicine & Oral Health. Your academic major should be decided based upon your strongest interests, keeping in mind that the minimum requirements for entrance into the HPU School of Dental Medicine & Oral Health must be met.

Pre-Dental Scholars Curriculum

Students must maintain a minimum overall and science GPA of 3.5 throughout the first two years at HPU.

Students enrolled in the Dental Medicine Scholars Program do not have the option to take courses out of sequence, repeat courses or take courses at another institution during the summer. Accelerated DMD students are required to live on HPU's campus for their two pre-DMD years and during the first two years of the DMD program.

| CONTENT/DISCIPLINES | COURSE NAMES/NUMBERS |
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| 1 semester of physiology or anatomy | ANA 2070&2071 or PHS 2060&2061 |
| 2 semesters of biology | BIO 1500 & 2001 |
| 2 semesters of chemistry + laboratory | CHM 1510/1511 CHM 1520/1521 |
| 2 semesters of writing intensive courses | GenEd Curriculum |
| 1 semester of physics | PHYS 2010 or PHYS 1510 |
| 2 semesters of humanities | GenEd Curriculum |



DENTAL MEDICINE SCHOLARS PROGRAM:

The Dental Medicine Scholars Program opportunity is available for top academic students intending to major in pre-dental medicine with a desire to enroll in HPU's Doctor of Dental Medicine Program.

High school seniors admitted to HPU will be eligible for the Dental Medicine Scholars Program if they have an unweighted high school GPA of 3.5 to 4.0 overall. Priority will be given to students who apply before November 15.

Once enrolled at HPU, students enrolled in the Dental Medicine Scholars Program must achieve the following:

- Cumulative and core GPA's of 3.5 - 4.0 in the first year of the pre-dental curriculum at HPU
- Maintain good character and a positive student life record
- Successfully complete interviews following both the first and second years of study

- Complete 75 hours of volunteer clinical service in an HPU dental facility by October 1 of the sophomore year

Dental Medicine Scholars Program students will:

- Not be required to take the Dental Admission Test (DAT)
- Receive a priority interview with the School of Dental Medicine faculty beginning in August following their first year in the pre-dental program
- Receive an early admission decision within two weeks of their interview
- Be provided a reduced admission deposit for the School of Dental Medicine & Oral Health

For more information about High Point University's Pre-Dental Medicine Program, contact:

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