



Top high school students can look to the University of Connecticut for a remarkable opportunity to prepare for a professional career in medicine or dental medicine. UConn, recognized as a top-tier research university by the Carnegie Foundation, is an innovator in public education. The University is proud to offer a combined undergraduate and medical or dental degree program. This unique educational choice offers admission to the respective professional school program provided all standards and contingencies are met.

School of Medicine and School of Dental Medicine

Purpose

This prestigious program offers gifted and talented high school students who are focused on a career in medicine or dental medicine the opportunity to combine a broad-based liberal arts program with medical or dental education at New England's top-ranked public university.

This program links undergraduate preparation with four years of medical or dental education, resulting in dual degrees: a BA/BS and MD/DMD.

Description

This highly selective admission program is the only program of its kind offered by a public university in New England. The University of Connecticut and the University of Connecticut Schools of Medicine and Dental Medicine have created an exciting opportunity for talented students to explore diverse undergraduate interests, while preparing for the professional school experience. Admission to these select programs is limited. It is expected that the student would be accepted into the School of Medicine or School of Dental Medicine if academic standards are maintained and all contingencies are met.

All applicants are considered for participation in the Honors Program, which comes with unique benefits.

General Requirements

To apply, the student must be entering UConn as a first-semester freshman. Selected freshmen must have demonstrated exceptional performance in academics, including advanced preparation in mathematics and laboratory sciences, or other fields. Students must take either the SAT or ACT exam. There are no state residency requirements, although Connecticut residents will receive special consideration. The University is always committed to attracting members of underrepresented populations for its programs.

Admission Requirements (BA/BS and School of Medicine)

To be considered for this prestigious program the student should have:

- a high school class ranking in the top 5%
- an overall high school grade point average of 3.5 (4.0 scale)
- SAT combined critical reading and math score of 1300 or an ACT composite score of 30
- a completed regular undergraduate admission application postmarked by December 1 and the attached supplemental application for the program in medicine by the January 1 deadline
- an interview with the School of Medicine

In addition, two recommendations from teachers/advisors, level of maturity, extracurricular activities, and commitment to the health profession are considered.

Upon completion of undergraduate preparation, to matriculate in the School of Medicine, the student must meet additional criteria, including:

- maintaining a college 3.5 cumulative grade point average (4.0 scale)
- ordinarily obtaining an MCAT score of 30+, (with a minimum score of 28) with subset scores of 7 or greater
- participation in clinical, research, and community services activities
- favorable interviews during the senior undergraduate year

Admission Requirements (BA/BS and School of Dental Medicine)

To be considered for this prestigious program, you should have:

- a high school class ranking in the top 10%
- an overall high school grade point average of 3.5 (4.0 scale)
- SAT combined critical reading and math score of 1300 or an ACT composite score of 30
- a completed regular undergraduate admission application postmarked by December 1 and the attached supplemental application for the program in dentistry by the January 1 deadline
- an interview with the School of Dental Medicine

In addition, two recommendations from teachers/advisors, level of maturity, extracurricular activities, and commitment to the health profession are considered. Coursework should include advanced mathematics and laboratory sciences in high school.

Upon completion of undergraduate preparation, to matriculate in the School of Dental Medicine, the student must meet additional criteria, including:

- maintaining a college 3.4 cumulative science grade point average (4.0 scale)
- a minimum score of 19 on all sections of the DAT
- coursework in biology, general chemistry, organic chemistry, physics, and biochemistry
- participation in clinical, research, and community service activities.
- favorable interviews during the senior undergraduate year

Curriculum

With undergraduate flexibility, students can select powerful combinations that will further their graduate efforts, with curricular options in any of our 100+ majors. While working on a selected undergraduate program, the student will be linked with the School of Medicine or School of Dental Medicine through special seminars and health-profession events, all aimed at supporting the achievement of career goals. This unique program of mentoring will further enrich the undergraduate experience by providing educational opportunities which will strengthen the student's preparation for professional school.

The University of Connecticut will confer the BA or BS upon completion of degree requirements. The University of Connecticut School of Medicine or School of Dental Medicine will confer the professional degree after all requirements are met. This program, designed as an 8-year curriculum, provides flexibility to accommodate individual choices, should the student decide to either accelerate undergraduate efforts, or take an extra year to graduate.

Financial Aid

All enrolled candidates will be automatically considered for merit scholarships. A full range of financial aid options based on student financial needs are available as well. Candidates for need-based aid must submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by March 1.

For more information about student aid programs, contact the University of Connecticut's Student Financial Aid Services Office at (860) 486-2819, write to 233 Glennbrook Road, Unit 4116; Storrs, CT 06269-4116, or check out admissions.uconn.edu

Expenses

Estimates for expenses are based on the cost of tuition, fees, room and board set by the University for each of the programs.

Additional fees, not related to the cost of attending the University, may also apply. Students will be notified of any additional expenses at the time of their admission into the medical or dental program.

Address Inquiries to:

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Special Program in Medicine & Dentistry
University of Connecticut
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Office of Undergraduate Admissions

Special Program in Medicine and Dentistry Recommendation Form

To the Applicant:

Two letters of recommendation should come from a teacher, a counselor, or an administrator who can discuss the student's current academic status, extra-curricular achievements, personal qualities, and potential for future success and contributions to the medical or dental field and community. Please feel free to attach a separate sheet of paper if more space is needed.

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, (P.L.93-380), allows a candidate for admission, employment, or receipt of honors to waive his or her right of access to confidential letters or statements written on his or her behalf if the recommendation is used solely for the purpose of admission, employment, or the receipt of honors and if the candidate, upon request, is notified of the names of all persons making such recommendations on her or his behalf. The University of Connecticut does not require that you sign such a waiver as a condition for admission or award of fellowship; however, under the legislation you have the option of signing such a waiver as follows:

I hereby waive my right of access to this recommendation and any appropriate attachments that have been written by (name of recommender) _____.

Yes No

Name of applicant (please print)

Signature of applicant _____ Date _____

To the Person Writing the Letter of Recommendation:

Please write or type, sign and date a letter of recommendation for the applicant. Please discuss the student's current academic status, extra-curricular achievements, personal qualities, and potential for future success in and contributions to the medical or dental field and community. The applicant should have completed the above section before providing you with this form. Please mail your letter of recommendation along with the completed form to:

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Please be sure that your letter of recommendation is attached to this completed form. Letters of recommendation must be postmarked by January 1, 2007.