

Frequently Asked Questions

DMD APPLICANTS

PROGRAM INFORMATION AND COST

1. When will the first class of the dental school begin?

We plan to welcome our inaugural class in the Fall (August) of 2023 pending accreditation approval.

2. What is the length of the DMD program?

The Doctor of Dental Medicine (DMD) program is 4 years.

3. How many learners will be in a single class?

There will be 60 learners per cohort.

4. What is the cost of tuition?

Tuition is estimated to be \$82,500 each year. The average private dental school tuition is \$87,090 per year and the average out-of-state public dental school tuition is \$83,220 (average in-state is \$50,555). HPU will also provide free continuing education (CE) credit for life for all graduates up to the amount to meet the minimum licensure requirements for their respective state licensure.

5. I am an out-of-state resident, what will be the out-of-state tuition?

HPU SDMOH is a private dental school and tuition will be the same for in-state and out-of-state residents.

6. Will Scholarships be available?

Scholarship awards will be available for the HPU SDMOH, however, there are no additional details at this time about their availability.

7. Will the school be fully accredited by the time the inaugural class begins?

National accreditation through the Commission of Dental Accreditation (CODA) requires multiple steps—at this time, we are on track to begin our inaugural cohort in Fall 2023. Any changes to this status will be IMMEDIATELY shared with candidates.

APPLICATION LOGISTICS

1. I am interested in applying to your dental school as a DMD candidate, how do I apply?

HPU SDMOH will use an application in the Slate portal and is **NOT** participating in the ADEA/AADSAS application. The application is expected to be available on May 1, 2022. The application includes two steps, which is outlined on the application website. There is no application fee for the HPU SDMOH.

2. What is the supplemental application (step two), and will it be available online or emailed to candidates that apply?

The supplemental application includes additional questions and activities that will be required for all applicants. Candidates will be notified via email if they are invited to complete the supplemental components (i.e., step two). The second step requires additional assessments that have a cost (the CASPer/Altus assessment), so we want to be mindful of the financial burden on applicants. There is no additional/supplemental fee for the HPU SDMOH.

3. Where do applicants submit official transcripts?

Official transcripts are expected to be requested when a conditional offer is given. The HPU SDMOH application will request **unofficial** transcripts during the application process. Academic transcripts should not be sent to the HPU SDMOH unless explicitly requested.

4. What is the deadline to apply to HPU SDMOH?

The HPU SDMOH application (part one) is due by January 31, 2023. Candidates who are interested in early commitment must apply (part one) by July 31, 2022.

5. What is the early commitment program?

This program gives applicants higher priority in on-site interviews and allows them the opportunity to confirm their position in the cohort early in the admissions process. Candidates who apply to the early commitment program, complete the interview, and are offered a conditional acceptance are contractually bound to attend HPU SDMOH, similar to other early decision/commitment programs. They are expected to withdrawal their application to other programs at that time and will be considered a member of the incoming class, unless there are unforeseen circumstances. This is a unique program attribute, please feel free to contact us with additional questions about the requirements.

THE APPLICANT

1. What is HPU SDMOH looking for in an applicant?

We are seeking motivated, adaptive, and eager future dentists who have a passion for dentistry, a commitment to serve their communities, a curiosity for learning, and a desire to lead innovative practice spaces that promote better oral health. We are seeking candidates with diverse backgrounds in their knowledge, experiences, and individual attributes who want an extraordinary education that will prepare them for the future of dental medicine.

2. I am not majoring in a Science-related field or pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree, can I still apply?

We encourage learners from all majors to apply! We anticipate that prospective applicants will have various degrees, and this demonstrates interests outside of dentistry, which diversifies your application.

3. I want to start dental school as soon as possible, do I have to have a four-year degree?

Candidates are invited to apply to the program as soon as they believe they are ready to pursue a career in dentistry. Preference will be given to those who are on track to complete a four-year degree or who have completed a four-year degree.

4. I do not have an even distribution of classes from the CARE document listed under the “pre-reqs” tab, will that negatively impact my application?

The CARE document is a comprehensive guide to encourage learners from all backgrounds to apply. It will not negatively reflect your application if you do not have an evenly distributed transcript. We have listed classes that we are confident will adequately prepare learners and be advantageous for a career in dentistry.

5. What is the GPA requirement?

The HPU SDMOH does not have a minimum GPA requirement. This is subject to change after the matriculation of our inaugural class.

6. What is the minimum DAT score required for admission?

The DAT (Dental Admission Test) is **NOT** an admission requirement for HPU SDMOH. Applicants may choose to submit a copy of their unofficial DAT score to demonstrate testing competency if they desire. While it will be reviewed, it will not be considered as admission criteria to the dental school. Applicants who do not submit a DAT score will not be negatively impacted.

7. Since the DAT is not required for admission, will the GPA be weighed heavier for candidates who apply to the DMD program?

The team will use a holistic approach to evaluate each candidate. We will review your application, transcripts, experiences, and supplemental information in their entirety to inform our decisions. Your GPA will be considered, but your GPA alone is not a determining factor.

8. How many shadowing hours are required to apply?

While we encourage shadowing during your pursuit of dental school, we do **NOT** require a standard number of shadowing hours to apply. In addition to shadowing general dentists, we encourage shadowing different oral health specialties and healthcare providers for exposure to all disciplines. Additionally, we recognize the COVID-19 pandemic has further limited shadowing opportunities.

9. How many letters of recommendation will be required?

The HPU SDMOH application will request you submit contact information for three individuals you would like to provide additional perspective about your capacity as a potential candidate. They will be requested to complete a brief rating of your abilities and the opportunity to share comments. The individuals are not requested to submit a formal letter of recommendation.

10. Can I take a tour of the dental school?

We have not broken ground yet to build the dental school. The first cohort will be in a separate campus location until construction of the new dental school is complete. We do encourage a tour of main campus, which can be scheduled through Graduate Admissions (please contact [Ms. Elizabeth Parker](#)). Interviews for prospective learners will include an on-site visit and tour of the campus.

TRANSFER AND INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS

1. I am currently enrolled in another dental school, can I transfer to HPU SDMOH?

Due to the integrated structure of our curriculum, the HPU SDMOH will not accept learners transferring from another dental school.

2. I have a Bachelor's degree from another country, can I apply to the HPU SDMOH?

Applicants who hold a Bachelor's degree from any other country outside of the United States are required to have their transcripts submitted and cleared through the [Educational Credential Evaluators](#) or [World Education Services](#) for admission to the HPU SDMOH.

3. I am an international learner, who will require a student F1 VISA to attend the HPU SDMOH, can I apply?

Due to accreditation requirements, we are unable to accept learners who will require a VISA in our first year. This is an evolving situation, so please check back or contact our team for more information.

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ACCELERATED DENTAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM

NOTE: The Dental Scholars program is closed for the 2021-2022 academic year.

1. What is the Dental Scholars program?

HPU SDMOH offers a six-year accelerated dental program that enables highly qualified and selected learners to earn a dental degree after a minimum of six years of study at HPU. Exceptionally qualified **high school seniors** who plan to pursue careers in dental medicine apply to the Dental Medicine Scholars Program annually. The program includes two academic years of undergraduate coursework at HPU. The next four years are spent in the DMD program at the HPU SDMOH. The Dental Scholars program is encouraged for learners who have a definite passion to pursue dentistry as a career, and/or learners who may desire to specialize and spend less time in undergraduate studies.

2. Who is eligible for the Dental Scholars Program?

High School Seniors that have been admitted to High Point University and desire to attend dental school at HPU SDMOH are eligible for the Dental Scholars program.

3. How do learners apply to the Dental Scholars Program?

Application to the program occurs concurrently when a learner applies for undergraduate admission to HPU. The dental school reviews the file of the applicant in Spring of the academic year prior to matriculation. Applicants may also be requested to attend a brief interview (online and/or in-person) to gather more information. Admission is based on a holistic review of the candidates' qualifications as well as SAT scores, letters of recommendation, interviews, scholastic achievement, maturity, and motivation for dental school.

Due to the competitive nature of the program, not all applicants will be admitted in the Dental Scholars program. If learners are **NOT** selected into the Dental Scholars program they may be offered **Early Access**, in which learners who decide to attend HPU will be guaranteed an interview at the HPU SDMOH after two years of enrollment. Therefore, they may still earn the benefits of the accelerated track to the DMD program.

4. How many learners will be admitted to the Dental Scholars Program?

The number of learners admitted each year to the Dental Scholars program may vary.

5. When will learners begin classes at the SDMOH?

Learners that successfully maintain their academic and behavioral requirements and successfully complete the dental school interview will begin classes at the HPU SDMOH in the Fall following the conclusion of their second year of undergraduate studies.

6. What will Dental Scholars major in at HPU?

Dental Scholars will first declare a major of their choice as an incoming Freshman (i.e. Biology, Chemistry, etc.), although they will be non-degree seeking learner and will not receive a Bachelor's degree in this program.

7. Who will offer admission to the Dental Scholars Program, Undergraduate Admissions or the SDMOH?

Learners admitted to the Dental Scholars Program will be formally contacted by the HPU SDMOH. This is **NOT** admission to the HPU SDMOH.

8. Will Dental Scholars be required to take the DAT (Dental Admission Test)?

No, Dental Scholars will not be required to take the DAT, as it is not an admission requirement to the HPU SDMOH.

9. If a learner is selected for admission to the Dental Scholars Program but has been granted financial awards for four years to HPU, how will this apply to the Dental Scholars Program?

Learners who are selected for the Dental Scholars Program, may also be Presidential Scholars who've been offered financial award scholarship packages. Learners who agree to participate in the Dental Scholars Program, will only be considered undergraduate learners for two years, and will only be eligible to accept scholarship packages for the first two years (however, this is subject to change). Once a learner agrees to participate with Dental Scholars, they may opt out of their final two years of Presidential Scholarship awards.

10. Does admission to the Dental Scholars Program guarantee admission to the HPU SDMOH?

No, admission to the Dental Scholars Program does not guarantee admission to the HPU SDMOH. Acceptance into the program guarantees an on-site interview if the candidate appropriately maintains their academic and behavioral requirements. With successful completion of the interview requirements, learners will be offered a conditional admission pending background check and drug screening.

11. Will Dental Scholars be awarded a Bachelor's degree?

No, Dental Scholars will **ONLY** be awarded a Doctor of Dental Medicine degree after six years at HPU and successful completion of the requirements for the HPU SDMOH. A Bachelor's degree will not be awarded for learners who participate in the accelerated program unless they are able to complete additional credit hours and/or if they begin at HPU with college-level courses.

12. What are the requirements for Dental Scholar learners to achieve successful matriculation to the HPU SDMOH?

Learners must maintain a minimum overall and science GPA of 3.5 throughout the first two years at HPU. In addition, the learner cannot have any behavioral infractions or incidents. Accelerated DMD learners are required to live on HPU's campus for their two pre-DMD years and during the first two years of the DMD program.

13. Will Dental Scholars have opportunities to volunteer at HPU dental clinics?

Yes, Dental Scholars have opportunities to volunteer in an HPU oral health facilities.