Announcement concerning COVID-19 and the 2020-2021 AADSAS application cycle
(Updated, May 25, 2020)

Prerequisite Course Requirements: There will be no changes to the prerequisite courses that we require. Both lecture and lab components remain an admissions requirement.

Online coursework: Due to social distancing policies related to COVID-19, all colleges and universities across North America have cancelled in-person courses. As a result, the School of Dentistry will accept online courses from US and Canadian regionally accredited universities for the 2020 spring and summer quarters/semesters. We will continue not to accept online or in-person coursework from schools which only offer accelerated curriculum.

Pass/No Pass: Our standard policy is that all prerequisite courses must be completed for a letter grade. We understand that due to COVID-19 many schools are offering the option of P/NP grading. We will accept P/NP for the 2020 spring and summer quarters/semesters under the following conditions:
  • If your school presents you with P/NP as an option, you should elect to take the course for a letter grade.
  • In the situation in which your university's only grading option is P/NP, we will make the exception.
    o However, if the minimum course grade required to earn a Pass is a C-, we will not accept a Pass from that institution to fulfill a prerequisite requirement.

Dental Observation: There will not be a reduction in the minimum number of dental observation hours required at the time of application submission to AADSAS. OHSU requires a minimum of 50 hours of which 25 hours must occur in one or more general dental practices. This is a minimum requirement. Priority is given to those applicants who have completed this requirement at the time of application.

DAT: We understand that Prometrics is not permitting DAT scheduling until May 31st and that this is a source of anxiety for many dental school applicants. At this time we do not foresee that we will extend our application deadline of November 1st. We will monitor the situation and may adjust our deadline accordingly.

This statement is concerning the spring and summer quarters/semesters only. If changes are made to this statement for future terms (i.e. fall 2020), we will post updated information here.