

ABOUT ALTON, ILLINOIS:

- Diverse water activities (canoeing, kayaking, boating, fishing)
- Extensive biking and hiking trails
- Antique and specialty shops
- Nearly 200 restaurants, including microbreweries and wineries
- Abundant entertainment (live music, performing arts, cultural centers)
- Proximity to St. Louis for city amenities
- Local golf courses with exceptional greens
- Close access to Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (SIUE)

CAMPUS OVERVIEW

- State of the art Clinic and Simulation Lab
- Excellent faculty-to-student ratio
- Safe campus environment
- Comprehensive experience across all dental disciplines
- Exceptionally high pass rates on dental board examinations
- Numerous student-related activities

SIU SDM CURRICULUM

- Year I Dental Student
 - Advanced Bioscience
 - Intro to Pre-Clinic
 - Intro to Clinical Care
- Year II Dental Student
 - Pre-Clinic
 - Intro to Clinical Care
 - Intro to Dental Specialties
- Year III Dental Student
 - Advanced Dental Specialties
 - Clinic
 - Internal Rotations
- Year IV Dental Student
 - Clinic
 - External Rotations
 - Practice Management



Requirements & Application Process

2024 Applicant Cycle Stats

Total Applicants Processed: 526
Interviews Conducted: 200
Total Enrolled: 50
Gender Distribution:

48% Male

52% Female

Cumulative GPA: 3.70/4.0

BCP GPA: 3.61/4.0

Dental Admission Test (DAT) Scores:

Academic: 20.5

Perceptual Ability Test (PAT): 20.3

Total Science: 19.9

Residency

The SIU School of Dental Medicine prioritizes admission for Illinois residents, as it is a state institution aimed at serving the state's dental needs.

Policy on Diversity

SIU School of Dental Medicine is dedicated to serve a diverse community that recognizes the inherent worth and dignity of each individual.

Our goal is to foster tolerance, sensitivity, understanding, and mutual respect among its members, while encouraging each individual to reach his or her potential.

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Admissions Requirements:

- Complete at least 90 semester or 135 quarter hours from an accredited college in the U.S.
- Maximum of 60 semester hours accepted from community and junior colleges.
- Preference for applicants with strong academic performance in higher-level science courses.
- Science courses should not be non-science surveys.
- Coursework must be completed with a grade of C or better by July of the entry year.
- Grades of D or lower, pass/fail, or credit/no credit courses are not accepted.
- AP credit is not accepted for required subjects.

<u>Required Subjects</u>	<u>Semester Hrs</u>	<u>Quarter Hrs</u>
Biology (with labs)	8	12
General Chemistry (with labs)	8	12
Organic Chemistry (with labs)	8	12
Physics (with labs)	6	9
Biochemistry	3	5
English *	6	9

*For the English requirement, 6 semester hours are accepted or the completion of a Bachelor of Arts or a Bachelor of Science degree.

We suggest selecting several higher-level courses from the list below.

<u>Recommended Courses</u>	<u>Semester(s)</u>
Anatomy	1
Physiology	1
Microbiology	1
Cell and Molecular Biology	1
Histology	1
Immunology	1
Genetics	1
Neural Science/Neural Physiology	1

Letters of Recommendation

Southern Illinois University School of Dental Medicine requires three letters of recommendation to be uploaded directly to the AADSAS application by evaluators. The requirements are:

- ****Two Science Letters****: From science professors who have taught and graded the applicant at the university level, including course details and the professor's signature
 - ****One Letter of Choice****: From an evaluator of the applicant's choice (another professor, mentor, or dentist), including letterhead and a signature
- **Alternatively****, a Pre-Health Professions Committee Letter can replace the three required letters if the applicant's undergraduate institution has such a committee; this will be submitted as one letter

Extracurricular Activities & Shadowing

SIU School of Dental Medicine encourages applicants to engage in extracurricular activities and dental shadowing. Applicants must report detailed information on their AADSAS application, including dates, hours, descriptions, and supervisor details for each experience.

Examples of Extracurricular Activities:

- o Academic Enrichment Programs
- o Athletics
- o Clubs and Organizations
- o Research
- o Volunteering
- o Work Experience

Example of Shadowing Experiences:

- o Observing a General Dentist
- o Observing a Dental Specialist

Applicants that are shadowing or observing will complete this without compensation or volunteer hours. Any shadowing that has been completed as part of a club/organization activity must report it under such on the AADSAS application.

*** SIU School of Dental Medicine is unable to provide dental volunteer/shadowing opportunities.*

Application Process

SIU School of Dental Medicine participates in the American Dental Education Association's American Association of Dental School Application Service (ADEA AADSAS).

For more information about the 2026 AADSAS Application Cycle, please visit ADEA's AADSAS webpages at the following link:

<https://www.adea.org/GoDental/Apply/apply-to-adea-aadsas>

TIMETABLE

- Applications for SIU School of Dental Medicine open in early June and must be submitted by November 15 for the next year's class. **Early applications are encouraged.**
- The Admissions Committee reviews files from August to December.
- Interviews occur from September to January by invitation.
- First acceptances are sent on December 15.
- Final decisions are communicated on a rolling basis from January to May.
- Classes begin on the 1st Monday in August.

DENTAL ADMISSIONS TEST (DAT)

- All applicants must take the DAT, administered by the ADA at Prometric centers year-round.
- Official scores must be reported to AADSAS.
- DAT can be taken before applying in June, with scores due by November 15th.
- For first-round interview consideration, complete the DAT by September 15th.
- Future test dates must be reported on the AADSAS application.
- DAT scores are valid for three years before matriculation.

APPLICATION FEE

- Applicants must pay a fee to SIU School of Dental Medicine; a link will be provided for online payment.

TECHNICAL STANDARDS FORM

- A Technical Standards Form will be emailed to verified applicants, who must submit it with their ADEA AADSAS application.

****Note****: Responsibility for application completion lies with the applicant; incomplete or unverified applications cannot be processed.

Expenses Academic Year 2024-2025	YEAR I	YEAR II	YEAR III	YEAR IV
TUITION	\$39,275	\$39,275	\$38,131	\$31,198
MANDATORY FEES	\$24,036	\$22,325	\$15,450	\$10,486
EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES	\$63,311	\$61,600	\$53,581	\$41,684
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$220,176.00			

FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

<https://studentaid.gov/>
Title IV School Code are:
E00606 (SDM) & 001759 (SIUE)
(please use both)