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Dentistry at Outset



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**Explore healthcare in an immersive, hands-on setting
and see if a career in **Dentistry** is the right fit.**

Outset's Dentistry Program offers students an immersive introduction to the patient-focused world of oral health care. Participants explore what draws dental professionals to the field: diagnosing and treating dental conditions, performing preventive care, and helping patients maintain healthy smiles across all ages.

Through hands-on simulations, students practice essential dental skills, including filling cavities, casting mouthguards, conducting oral exams, and carving teeth. These activities help students build critical thinking, precision, and the careful, compassionate approach required for success in dentistry.

Students learn directly from dental professionals, practicing foundational techniques while tackling real-world problem-solving challenges. They participate in lectures and workshops with cross-disciplinary health specialists, gaining insight into the broader medical field and discovering how dentistry connects to overall patient care.

Paired with Outset's Path to Pre-Med curriculum, the program guides students in navigating the academic path ahead and deciding whether dentistry aligns with their interests and strengths. Participants leave with increased confidence and a clearer sense of where they want to focus their future studies.

What to expect in a week of Dentistry

Hands-On Dentistry Simulations

Students get a firsthand look at a variety of specialties and particular exposure to what dentists do, using dentistry-school-level tools and models under guided supervision. Examples of activities may include:

Tooth Filling:

Practice filling cavities on dental models, building precision and technique.

Mouthguard Casting:

Create custom mouthguards, learning molding and fitting skills used in preventive care.

Oral Exams:

Conduct comprehensive oral examinations to identify dental issues and develop diagnostic skills.

Tooth Carving:

Refine hand skills and dexterity by carving teeth, practicing the attention to detail essential for dental work.

Lectures and Q&A with Healthcare Professionals

Students attend sessions led by healthcare professionals - including dentists and specialists from other fields who share firsthand perspectives on medical careers. Example topics:

- What a dentist actually does day to day
- How healthcare professionals choose their path
- Training milestones, from college to residency and beyond
- Real stories from the clinic
- Student-driven Q&A about careers, school, challenges, and lifestyle

These sessions help students better understand whether Dentistry could be a good long-term fit.

Path to Dentistry Course

Students in the Dentistry program participate in the “Path to Dentistry” curriculum. It is designed by pre-dentistry advisors to demystify the entire journey to becoming a dentist. Students learn:

- The full timeline from high school to college to dentistry school
- What pre-dentistry classes to expect
- Strategies for succeeding in challenging courses
- How to choose the right college for their goals
- What the DAT is, how, and when students prepare for it
- How to make smart choices about extracurriculars, gap years, etc
- What dentistry school applications look for

Note: Specific activities vary by campus and availability. Students receive final schedule closer to their program date.



Your Foundation for the Pre-Dentistry Journey

Our **Path to Dentistry** curriculum is designed by pre-dentistry advisors to help students understand what it takes, before they start the path.

Map Your Dentistry Journey

See the full timeline and financial picture.

Pick the Perfect College

Find the school that sets you up for dentistry success.

Tackle Pre-Dentistry Challenges

Learn how to handle the toughest college hurdles.

Plan Your Courses

Know what classes to take and in what order.

Ace Hard Classes

Master strategies for challenging pre-dentistry courses.

Gap Year Options

Weigh pros and cons of a gap year before dentistry school.

Conquer the DAT

What it is, why it matters, and prep tips.

Master Dentistry School Applications

Learn the process and how to stand out.

Hear from students what they take away from the curriculum at the video on our home page:

[**Learn More**](#)



Program FAQs

What kind of student is a good fit for Dentistry?

Students who are curious, compassionate, and attentive to detail, with a strong interest in patient care across a variety of medical settings. We look for applicants who demonstrate critical thinking, problem-solving skills, and enthusiasm for hands-on learning in dynamic clinical environments.

Will there be a waitlist for students who want to attend a specific campus or program?

When campuses and / or programs are full, students can request to be placed on the waiting list and are encouraged to enroll for a different program that is relevant to their interests or an alternative campus offering the same program.

Are there grade limitations for Dentistry?

No, there are no specific grade limitations for Dentistry. The program is open to all high school students from 9th to 12th grade.

Can I switch program specialty later?

You can switch programs up to 2 months before your start date if there are still spots available in other programs on your campus. We cannot guarantee this, so please [contact our Admissions team](#) for more info.

Can I do back to back programs in different specialties?

Yes. Back to back programs are a great way to meet more peers, explore other specialties, and reinforce core learning. Note that if you stay on the same campus, activities may repeat and you will be participating in the “Path to Pre-Med” course again along with your new week’s student cohort.

What if I’m not sure this is the right program for me?

See our overview of other program specialties on the next page. You can also visit our [website](#) to explore other programs.

Contact Us

Hear from our alumni

Dentistry Program: Video



Educational & Fun

Perfect balance of fun and education. My daughter made some great friends here, and it really solidified her passion for and decision to go into medicine.

Priyanka Bansal, Outset Parent, 2025

All Programs

Not sure if **Dentistry** is the right program for you?
Check out some of our MD path specialties:

Orthopedic Surgery	Study musculoskeletal system care, bones, joints, and injuries.
General Medicine	Explore the fundamentals of care, diagnosis, and treatment.
Cardiology	Explore surgical care for the brain, spine, and nervous system.
Psychiatry	Focus on mental health assessment and treatment.
Anesthesiology	Learn how anesthesia supports surgeries and patient safety.
Pediatrics	Focus on healthcare of children from infancy to adolescence.
Nursing	Focus on patient care, monitoring, and daily clinical support.
General Surgery	Explore surgical principles and patient care for procedures.
Emergency Medicine	Understand fast-paced care for urgent and acute conditions.
Dermatology	Study skin health, conditions, and treatments.
Neurosurgery	Explore surgical care for the brain, spine, and nervous system.

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