

Pre-Dentistry Track

The Warner Pacific Pre-Dentistry Track program allows for students to complete their prerequisite coursework, earn a baccalaureate degree, and obtain assistance with the dental school preparation, selection, and application process.

Dental Medicine is the study of dentistry and students who select this track would like to become a dentist, a licensed health care provider who specializes in oral health. Dentists are doctors; therefore this track is like other pre-medical tracks offered at Warner Pacific. Given the emphasis on biomedical sciences and requirement of a pre-entrance test, the Dental Admission Test (DAT), this track is ideal for students who are declared as Biological Sciences: Human Biology Emphasis majors.

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Students must complete a bachelor's degree including a specific set of prerequisite courses, before matriculating to a professional school to earn their Doctor of Dental Medicine (DMD) degree. Students on this track select to complete their bachelor's degree prior to matriculation, which is required. The requirements in this pre-professional track meet prerequisite requirements of local dentistry programs including Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU) in Portland, Oregon, which offers a four-year professional training program. Students are responsible for researching requirements at the schools in which they are interested and adding any necessary extra coursework.

In addition to completing the courses listed below, Pre-Dentistry Track students also complete the requirements for a major as well as other graduation requirements. Majors highly compatible with this track (meaning there is ample course crossover) include Biological Sciences. This track can be applied to any traditional undergraduate major.

Required Coursework 48

• BIO 211, 212	General Biology I, II with lab	4, 4
• BIO 221, 222	Human Anatomy & Physiology I, II with lab	4, 4
• CHEM 211, 212	General Chemistry I, II with lab	4, 4
• CHEM 301, 302	Organic Chemistry I, II with lab	4, 4
• CHEM 412	Biochemistry with lab	4
• MA 115	Precalculus	4
• PHY 221, 222	General Physics I, II with lab	4, 4

Additional Items to Consider

This is a competitive doctoral program. Students will often need a GPA minimum of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale for admission, successful completion of the Dental Admission Test (DAT), and at least 50 hours of professional observation within the dental field. Additional requirements and information from OHSU are located here: <https://www.ohsu.edu/school-of-dentistry/dmd-admission-requirements>.