



# PREDENTING APPLICATION CHECKLIST

## 1. LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

- Ask 2 – 3 professors AND a dentist if they will write you a letter of recommendation
- Provide professors with résumé, transcript, LoR requirements, your qualifications, and LoR upload link
- Check-in with Letter of Recommendation writers 3 weeks before needing it uploaded.
- Letter of Recommendation 1 uploaded (Professor #1)
- Letter of Recommendation 2 Uploaded (Professor #2)
- Letter of Recommendation 3 Uploaded (Dentist)

## 2. SCHOOL SELECTION

- Research the 65+ dental schools, eliminating first by location (could you see yourself living there?)
- Use your GPA & DAT to determine 4 – 8 target schools
- Determine 2 – 4 safety schools
- Determine 2 – 4 reach schools
- Use the PreDenting.com spreadsheet to organize your selected schools with supplemental apps and fees

## 3. TRANSCRIPT & DAT VERIFICATION

- Request school to mail or e-file transcript to the application service
- Input transcript data (courses, grades, units, etc.)
- Double check transcript data
- Ensure your DAT scores have been uploaded to your application



#### 4. PERSONAL STATEMENT

- Reflect on your journey and life, brainstorming ideas to answer, “why dentistry?”
- Write key experiences, activities, and principles that have shaped you into who you are today (your story)
- Write an introduction that introduces you properly, and possibly a quick glance at your upbringing / family
- Organize and structure your body paragraphs
- Put it together and revise for grammar, style, etc.
- Have one to two respected people read your statement for feedback and edits
- Have an expert review your statement to provide brutally honest feedback and top-notch revisions

#### 5. SUPPLEMENTAL STATEMENTS

- Research each school on your list to understand the school’s mission, values, and objectives
- Create an outline for each supplemental question and answer
- Rough draft supplemental statements
- Have an expert review your supplementals to provide feedback and make sure you’re on the right track

#### 6. ACTIVITIES LIST

- Outline your research, work, & volunteer (# of weeks, hours per week, start date, end date, advisor contact info)
- Outline your dental experience (# of Weeks, hours per week, start date, end date, advisor contact info)
- Write compelling descriptions for each activity
- Have an expert review your descriptions to ensure you’ve highlighted your activities in the best way

#### 7. REVIEWING FOR SUBMISSION

- Print this checklist one more time and ensure everything is complete, checking for typos and errors
- Ensure “manual dexterity,” “achievements,” “high school,” and all other sections are completed
- Do one final review and submit! CONGRATS! Check out PreDenting.com to prepare for your interviews!