West Liberty University College of Sciences

The WLU College of Sciences is committed to providing affordable, high-quality education in the basic sciences, mathematics, and health sciences, in a supportive, safe, and caring environment. Bachelor of Science degrees may be earned in Biology, Chemistry, Dental Hygiene, Mathematics, Medical Laboratory Sciences, Nursing, and Pre-Professional Speech Pathology and Audiology. The College offers majors that prepare students for continuation of their studies in professional areas, such as dentistry, medicine, pharmacy, optometry, and veterinary science. Over the past seven years, greater than 98 percent of our qualified pre-professional students have been accepted into the professional programs of their choice. WLU College of Sciences students are well-prepared by small class sizes, extensive peer and faculty interaction, and varied research opportunities. The College of Sciences anticipates moving many of its programs into a new 70,000-sq.-ft. Health Sciences Building in January 2014.

West Virginia University School of Dentistry

The WVU School of Dentistry fosters each student’s development of technical competence and professional responsibilities to address the oral health of all people, especially West Virginians. Within a respectful and humanistic learning environment, the dental curriculum prepares students to meet the oral health needs of a diverse society. The School’s faculty consists of highly trained dentists, specialists, and scientists, who are also expert dental educators. WVU participates in community outreach programs—local, statewide, and global—and offers enriching inter-professional learning opportunities. The School utilizes state-of-the-art technology to facilitate excellence in education, including but not limited to totally electronic health records, digital radiography and photography, digital implant planning, and dental simulation technology. The WVU School of Dentistry leads a variety of service initiatives to improve oral health. Dental students routinely participate in an array of community-based activities that promote oral health, such as visits to schools, hospitals, public health agencies, and senior centers, to stress the importance of oral healthcare.

Dental School Application

In the summer following their junior year at West Liberty University, DEAP students are required to apply to the WVU D.D.S. program via the Associated American Dental Schools Application Service (AADSAS) and, when prompted, complete the WVU School of Dentistry Supplemental Application for Admission in the fall semester of their senior year. The latter application fee is waived. An interview with the Dental Admissions Committee is required to verify that the candidate has fulfilled all D.D.S. program admissions requirements. DEAP applicants are informed about their dental school application status via letter from the Associate Dean for Dental Admissions, Recruitment and Access on or after December 1.

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Dental Early Admission Program
DEAP

West Virginia University School of Dentistry and West Liberty University
Overview

West Liberty University is responsible for DEAP student recruitment since enrollment in WLJ is a key program requirement. DEAP applications are available to all WLJ students who meet the specified criteria (see below). DEAP is one of several WVU School of Dentistry early admission agreements with colleges and universities to help guide pre-dental students’ smooth progression into the D.D.S. program. Participating students take part in pre-health professions seminars and community service activities while enrolled at WLJ.

DEAP Admission Requirements

Students admitted to DEAP must:

- Have completed at least 30 semester credit hours but no more than 75 credit hours, with a minimum of a 3.50 GPA, to include at least two (2) of the required Biology, Chemistry, and Math core courses each semester. Core courses are listed under “Undergraduate Curriculum.”
- Take one Chemistry, one Biology, and one Mathematics core course per semester during their freshman year.
- Complete the Physics core courses by the completion of their sophomore year. Prior to admission to DEAP, students must have at least 10 hours of documented observation in one or more general dental practices.
- Upon acceptance to DEAP, students sign a commitment statement affirming their intention to satisfy program requirements and participate in WLJ/WVU/DSD-DEAP activities.
- DEAP participants typically are expected to complete their undergraduate degree at WLJ within four years.

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West Liberty University’s School of Dentistry engages students in an abundance of educational, outreach, and research experiences to help reduce these disparities and prepare them to provide exemplary and culturally sensitive oral healthcare. There are many career options in dentistry, including private practice, public health, and academic dentistry. Dentists in private practice serve as their own bosses, allowing them flexibility to balance their professional and personal lives. A career in public health focuses on community health. Academic dentistry careers combine teaching, research, community service, and patient care. There are nine recognized dental specialties: Dental Public Health, Endodontics, Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology, Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics, Pediatric Dentistry, Periodontics, and Prosthodontics. The need for dentists is expected to continue to increase as the demand for oral healthcare grows.

Capitalize on the strength of partnerships, the WVU School of Dentistry and West Liberty University Biology Program are joining together to promote students’ seamless progression from college to dental school through the West Liberty University and WVU School of Dentistry Early Admission Program (WLJ/WVU DEAP). This joint program helps simplify the dental school admission process while saving the financial burden of the application. DEAP gives a select number of qualified West Liberty University Biology students an early introduction to the WVU School of Dentistry faculty, students, and alumni while also providing unique opportunities to help prepare them for WVU’s challenging dental program.

The WVU School of Dentistry has partnered with WLJ Department Biology Program to offer highly qualified rising sophomores at WLJ potential early admission to WVU’s Doctor of Dental Surgery (D.D.S.) program. Individuals who complete their first year at WLJ and are eligible to receive a dental degree are eligible to apply to DEAP. Admission to the DEAP is available to a maximum of two students annually through a competitive application and interview process. West Virginia residents receive priority consideration. Because the WVU School of Dentistry values diversity and recognizes its importance in addressing access to quality oral healthcare, individuals from populations that are underrepresented in dental school, including African American, Latino/Hispanic, Native American, first-generation college, and economically disadvantaged, are encouraged to apply.

Anita Monney
West Liberty University Class of 2015
WLJ Dental Class of 2015

DEAP Ongoing Requirements

To continue participation in DEAP while enrolled in West Liberty University, students must:

- Maintain at least 3.60 overall and science GPAs.
- Maintain standards of honesty, integrity, and citizenship.

Students accepted into the WLJ/WVU DEAP program will be guaranteed admittance to the WVU dental program if they:

- Successfully complete all prerequisite courses for dental school admission and all other requirements, including immunizations and criminal background clearance.
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- Have overall and science GPAs of 3.60 or above at West Liberty University.
- Take the Dental Admission Test (DAT) and score at or above the average Academic and Perceptual Ability Test (PAT) scores achieved by the previous WVU entering dental class.

- Fulfill preparatory community service (minimum 50 hours) and dental shadowing requirements (minimum 50 hours in various general dental practices).
- Successfully complete dental school application and interview requirements.
- Demonstrate honesty, integrity, leadership, and citizenship.
- Individuals who receive provisional acceptance to the WVU School of Dentistry educational programs must pass a Criminal Background Investigation (CBI) at their own expense, prior to final acceptance to the WVU School of Dentistry.

*always knew that I wanted to pursue a career in dentistry and never doubted West Liberty would be the perfect place to start. The moment I stepped on West Liberty’s beautiful campus I knew I was home. The small class size allowed for a personalized education. The entire faculty and staff knew me by name and were always ready and willing to help so I was able to succeed. I highly credit the strong science department for preparing me for the challenges of professional school.*