



### **Shepherd University:**

A state supported liberal arts university in historic Shepherdstown, West Virginia. With 4,000 students, Shepherd offers excellent academic preparation, a wide range of four-year programs, and a supportive learning

environment that fosters academic and career success. Shepherdstown is a friendly college town on the banks of the Potomac River. Washington D.C., and Baltimore are each only 65 miles away and easily accessible by car or daily commuter trains.



### **WVU School of Dentistry:**

As the state's only dental school, students are provided a learning environment in which to develop the technical competence, intellectual capacity and professional

responsibility for meeting the oral health needs of West Virginians. The WVU School of Dentistry has been West Virginia's oral health education center for over five decades. Defined by excellence in service, education, and community outreach, the WVU School of Dentistry contributes to the oral health of all people, especially the citizens of West Virginia. The school's faculty consists of highly trained dentists and scientists who are also expert teachers. Recognizing the importance of community service, students participate in oral health outreach activities such as visits to high schools, hospitals, public health agencies and senior centers to stress the importance of oral health.



### **WVU Eastern Division:**

The Eastern Division of the WVU Robert C. Byrd Health Sciences Center provides community-based, health sciences education

in the Eastern Panhandle. The Division's Clinical Education Program allows medical students to spend their third and fourth years of medical school learning clinical skills directly from community providers in the region.

## **Dental Students in the Eastern Panhandle (DentSTEP)**

A joint program of Shepherd University and the WVU School of Dentistry



### DentSTEP Admission Requirements

- Have completed a minimum of 30 semester hours and a maximum of 75 semester hours, with a minimum of a 3.60 GPA, to include at least two (2) of the required Biology, Chemistry, and Math core courses each semester.
- 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 DentSTEP, students must have at least 10 hours of documented observation in one or more general dental practices.

Upon acceptance to DentSTEP, students sign a commitment statement affirming their intention to satisfy program requirements and participate in DentSTEP activities.

DentSTEP participants typically are expected to complete all course work required for enrollment in the WVU School of Dentistry DDS program and their undergraduate degree at SU within 4 years.

### Ongoing Requirements

To continue participation in DentSTEP while enrolled in Shepherd University, students must:

- Maintain 3.60 overall and science GPAs.
- Maintain standards of honesty, integrity, and citizenship.
- Successfully complete all prerequisite courses for dental school admission and all other requirements, including immunizations and criminal background clearance.
- Have overall and science GPAs of 3.60 or above at Shepherd 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.

### Required Shepherd University Coursework

- **Biology/Zoology** - Introductory class plus 2-4 upper division classes
- **Chemistry** - General and Organic Chemistry with labs
- **Biochemistry** - 1 year with labs
- **Physics** - 1 year with labs
- **Mathematics** - Statistics/epidemiology
- **Psychology** - Normal and abnormal, 1-2 classes
- **Philosophy/Ethics** - 1-2 classes
- **General Studies** - U.S. History, World History, etc.
- **English, computer literacy, sociology** – 1 year each
- **Art or music appreciation** – 1 semester

Students interested in Shepherd University and DentSTEP should also visit [www.shepherd.edu/](http://www.shepherd.edu/), regarding college admission requirements.

**The DentSTEP application period is February 1 – March 15.**