

DentSTEP

2019 Dental Students in the Eastern Panhandle

Dental Students in the Eastern Panhandle (DentSTEP) is designed for highly motivated undergraduate students on the path to dental education. This unique collaborative program is co-sponsored by Shepherd University (SU) and the West Virginia University (WVU) School of Dentistry. DentSTEP provides dedicated SU students specialized guidance and educational opportunities which place them on the learning edge to succeed in dental school at WVU.

DentSTEP is available to eligible rising SU sophomores who aspire to become dentists. Priority in selection is given to students who are residents of West Virginia. A maximum of two students will be admitted to DentSTEP annually. Individuals from populations which are under-represented in dental education, including African American, Latino/Hispanic, Native American, first-generation college students, and those who are economically disadvantaged, are strongly encouraged to apply. Please refer to the DentSTEP program description.

Applicants to DentSTEP must:

-  Have completed or be on track to complete at least 30 semester credit hours but no more than 75 credit hours prior to beginning DentSTEP, including at least two (2) of the required biology, chemistry, and math core courses each semester.
-  Complete one chemistry, one biology, and one mathematics core course per semester during their freshman year.
-  Have earned a minimum 3.6 GPA.
-  Plan to complete physics core courses by the end of sophomore year.
-  Document at least 10 hours of observation in at least one general dental practice.
-  Complete DentSTEP application in spring semester of freshman year and submit all required materials by the deadline.
-  Request recommendation letters to be completed and submitted by academic advisor and one biology or chemistry professor.
-  Demonstrate honesty, integrity, and citizenship.

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Completed DentSTEP applications and letters of recommendation should be mailed to the address listed on the application form by April 1, 2019. Interviews will be held prior to June 1. Successful candidates will be notified before the upcoming fall semester. Please direct questions about the application to the WVU Office of Dental Admissions by email dentaladmit@hsc.wvu.edu or phone 304-293-6646.

DentSTEP Application Form

Date:

Last Name:

First Name:

Home Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Primary Phone:

Secondary Phone:

E-mail:

Gender: Male

Female

Current Year in College:

Degree Expected (Month/Year):

Current Major:

Minor:

Overall GPA:

Science GPA:

College(s) attended:

Dates of enrollment:

Honors/Awards:

Scholarships:

Leadership:

Community Service:

Dental Shadowing or Work Experiences:

Describe other experiences you want us to know.

Have you taken the Dental Admission Test (DAT)? Yes No If yes, list date(s) and score(s).

Did you request release of official scores to WVU SoD? Yes No

Please attach a personal statement describing your interest in dentistry, life experiences, challenges, and future plans. The statement must not exceed one typed page.

Students currently attending Shepherd University who have completed at least 30 semester credit hours and no more than 75 semester credit hours and are beginning their sophomore year in the 2019 fall semester should send their completed applications to the address listed below by April 1, 2019. **Official college transcripts are to be mailed to the address below in sealed envelopes. All materials must arrive by the deadline date.** Additional questions should be directed to dentaladmit@hsc.wvu.edu or 304-293-6646.

WVU School of Dentistry
Office of Dental Admissions
PO Box 9407
Robert C. Byrd Health Sciences Center
Morgantown, WV
26506-9407

Office Use Only

Application received:

Status:

Evaluation form received:

Interview Date:

Transcripts received:

Notes:

Final Decision:

Final Decision Signature:

Date applicant notified of final decision: