

West Virginia University/Shepherd University

Dental Students in the Eastern Panhandle

2024 DentSTEP Application Form

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

The WVU School of Dentistry has partnered with Shepherd University to offer highly qualified second year students' potential early admission to WVU's Doctor of Dental Surgery (D.D.S.) program. Individuals who complete their first year at SU and aspire to earn a dental degree are eligible to apply to DEAP. Admission to DentSTEP 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 under-represented in dental school, including African American, Latino/Hispanic, Native American, first-generation college, and economically disadvantaged, are encouraged to apply. Please refer to the DentSTEP brochure for details.

Applicants to DEAP must:

- Have completed at least 30 semester credit hours but no more than 75 credit 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. 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.
- Have successfully completed 120 semester hours to graduate from SU.

Prior to admission to DentSTEP, students must have at least 20 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 SU/WVUSoD DEAP activities.

DEAP participants typically are expected to complete their undergraduate degree at SU within 4-four years.

Completed applications should be mailed to the address listed on the application form by April 1, 2024. Interviews will be held prior to June 1st. Successful candidates will be notified before the fall semester begins. Please direct questions about the application to the WVU Office of Dental Admissions by email dentaladmit@hsc.wvu.edu or phone 304-293-6646.

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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: _____

Colleges attended: _____

Dates of enrollment: _____

Honors/Awards: _____

Scholarships: _____

Leadership: _____

Community Service: _____

Dental Experiences: _____

Describe other experiences you want us to know. _____

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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 WVUSoD? Yes No

Please attach your personal statement describing your interest in dentistry, life experiences, challenges, and future plans.

Students currently attending Shepherd University who have a minimum of 30 semester credit hours and no more than 75 semester credit hours and are beginning their sophomore year in the fall 2024 semester should send their completed applications by April 1, 2024 to the address listed below.

Official college transcripts must be submitted to the WVU School of Dentistry. Electronic transcripts are to be sent to Dental Admissions at dentaladmit@hsc.wvu.edu. If electronic transcripts are not available, transcripts must be mailed to the address below in sealed envelopes. All materials must arrive by the deadline date.

Students applying to DEAP are expected to complete their undergraduate degree at SU within four years. 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 Science Center Morgantown,
WV 26506

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Date application received:

Status:

Date evaluation form received:

Interview Date:

Transcripts received:

Notes:

Final Decision:

Date applicant notified of final decision:

Final Decision signature:

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