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DEMAND FOR DENTISTRY IS HIGH!

- People keeping teeth longer
  - High demand for esthetic dentistry
  - Advancements in dental technology!

- National emphasis on access to care

- Awareness of relationship between oral health and general health

- Greater number of dentists retiring (2015)
Favorable Employment Outlook
The 100 Best Jobs

All jobs aren’t created equal. In fact, some are simply better than the rest. *U.S. News* 100 Best Jobs of 2013 are the occupations that offer a mosaic of employment opportunity, good salary, manageable work-life balance, and job security.

**#1 Dentist**

**Overall Score:** 8.4 | **Median Salary** $142,740 | **See Job Openings**

Ever heard the phrase “Your face is your fortune”? For dentists, our smile is their fortune. They earn their living diagnosing and treating teeth and gums, performing oral surgery, and counseling and educating us on maintaining proper oral health. The profession should grow 21.1 percent by 2020.

**#10 Dental Hygienist**

**Overall Score:** 7.7 | **Median Salary** $69,280 | **See Job Openings**

Did you know that dental hygienists make yearly salaries of about $68,250, but many only work part-time? Something else to consider: This profession should grow at a breakneck clip as practices hire more hygienists to boost their patient roster.
Best Jobs 2013

From the dentist's chair, to the preschool classroom, to the veterinarian's office, these top jobs are in-demand, pay good-salaries, and provide job satisfaction.

Rankings Lists

100 Best Jobs »

#1 Dentist
$74K – $250K

#2 Registered Nurse
$44K – $96K

#3 Pharmacist
$84K – $144K

#4 Computer Systems Analyst
$49K – $120K

#5 Physician
$67K – $250K

» See The Full 100 Best Jobs Rankings

Best Business Jobs »

#1 Market Research Analyst
$33K – $112K

#2 Financial Adviser
$32K – $111K

#3 Accountant
$39K – $109K

#4 Compliance Officer
$34K – $96K

#5 Audit Clerk
$21K – $53K

» See Full Business Jobs Rankings

Best Healthcare Jobs »

#1 Dentist
$74K – $250K

#2 Registered Nurse
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#3 Pharmacist
$84K – $144K

#4 Physician
$67K – $250K

#5 Physical Therapist
$54K – $110K

Best Social Service Jobs »

#1 School Psychologist
$39K – $110K

#2 Interpreter & Translator
$23K – $88K

#3 Substance Abuse Counselor
$25K – $60K

#4 Speech-Language Pathologist
$44K – $106K

#5 Landscaper & Groundskeeper
$17K – $37K
Career Advantages

- Personal Satisfaction
- Variety
- Creativity
- Flexibility
- Security
WHAT’S UNIQUE ABOUT DENTISTRY?

• One of ten most trusted and ethical professions in US

• Flexibility - to balance personal and professional life

• Opportunity to be your own boss

• Personally rewarding (earning potential, service to others)

• Combines art and science
REASONS STUDENTS CHOOSE DENTISTRY

Source: American Dental Education Association, 2010
PROFESSIONAL OPTIONS IN DENTISTRY and Dental Hygiene

- General Practice (80%)
- Specialization (20%)
- Practice Settings:
  - private offices
  - public health facilities,
  - hospitals
  - military
- Teaching
- Research
General Dentists

• Has completed a DDS/DMD curriculum (usually 4 years post Bachelor’s degree)

• May or may not have completed a 1 or 2 year advanced education program focusing on general dentistry

• May practice all phases / types of dentistry
Dental Hygienists

• Some programs have Associates Degree

• Some have Bachelors Degree

• Some hygienists pursue Masters Degree level training (primarily educators)
GENDER: The percentage of female pediatric dentists has increased from 14.3% to 47% since 1998.

Source: American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry member database 2013

OUCOD Graduates (as of 2014):
- 28 Female (47%)
- 37 Male (53%)
65 have entered into pediatric dentistry
APPLYING FOR ADMISSION
State of Oklahoma

DDS Programs (1):
University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry

DH Programs (3):
University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry
Rose State College
Tulsa Community College
APPLICATION CYCLE – D.D.S.

- Cycle Opens: June 2
- Application Deadline: October 1
- Interviews: Sept – Nov
- Final Selections: December

College students typically apply at the end of their junior year.
APPLICATION CHECKLIST

1. Application (ADEA.org)

2. Dental Admission Test (DAT)

3. Recommendations
   - Pre-dental Advisory Committee (two science professors if no committee)
   - Dentist

4. Supplemental Application (OU)
   - Sent directly to OU College of Dentistry
OTHER REQUIREMENTS

1. Observation/Experience
   - Self-reported on application
   - 100 hours (minimum)
   - Dental practice, clinic or dental lab
   - Experience is ideal

2. International Students
   - TOEFL required 88 minimum ASP 94 minimum
   - Coursework evaluated by World Education Services (WES)
# Pre-Dental Requirements

**Prerequisites**

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## ADMISSION BY THE NUMBERS

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Class of 2021

- Male: 26
- Female: 28
Interview Stats 2016-17

- Ave GPA - 3.58
- Ave Sci GPA - 3.47
- Ave DAT – 19.53
- Ave Sci DAT - 16
- Residents 90
- Non-residents 70

- Female 70 : Male 90 (44%:56%)
- AGE: 22.3 (7 over 30)
- Ethnicity/Race: (Pool):
  - Asian/Pacific Islander - 28
  - American Indian - 11
  - Black or African American – 4
  - Hispanic or Latino - 5
  - White - 106
  - International - 0
  - Two or More - 1
- Re-applicants – 43
  - 2 second app
  - 7 third app
  - 1 fourth app
What Does it Cost?

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Costs are subject to change without notice. Figures (except tuition) are an approximate breakdown of education expenses.
OUCOD Website Information

Dental Hygiene Program

http://dentistry.ouhsc.edu/ProspectiveStudents/ProgramsOffered/DentalHygieneProgram/BaccalaureateProgram.aspx

Doctor of Dental Surgery Program

http://dentistry.ouhsc.edu/ProspectiveStudents/ProgramsOffered/GeneralDentistryDDS.aspx
Questions?