The pre-dentistry program comprises a core of courses required for admission to dental schools. Your choice of the pre-dentistry program of study at UNCG indicates your interest in preparing for a career in dentistry. The pre-professional program in dentistry is not a major in which a degree can be earned but rather a program of study intended to be complementary to a chosen major. Because the required courses can be incorporated into almost any major at UNCG, students should consider a major they find interesting and feel they will do well in academically and then declare pre-dentistry as their second major at UNCG.

The Student Experience

- Experienced advisers can help plan your academic program and answer questions about the various aspects of applying to dental school.
- Enroll in a pre-professional program’s group with resources and information about upcoming events, opportunities, and deadlines.
- Consider membership in departmental academic honor societies, such as Beta Beta Beta (biology) or the Pre-Dental Students Club.
- Pre-dental advisers will help you choose classes that are helpful in preparing for the Dental Admission Test (DAT), which students typically take after the junior year.
- Past program participants have attended dental school at institutions including the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, East Carolina University, Howard University, New York University, Medical College of Virginia, University of Maryland, and University of Kentucky.

Additional Information

Students interested in the pre-dentistry second major will be assigned a pre-dental adviser (a member of the UNCG Health Careers Advisory Committee) during the freshman year. For a competitive application, students should demonstrate experience shadowing dentists, volunteering or working in a dental or service setting, and extracurricular activities that show a history of service. Dental schools also require students to have hobbies or jobs which require hand-eye coordination and fine motor skills, as those are essential in the field of dentistry.