PARTICIPANT RESPONSIBILITY

Financial

Each Post-Baccalaureate Program participant will be responsible for securing funds (personal or loans) to cover program-related costs.

Estimated school-related expenses (tuition, fees, books, etc.) and living expenses for the fall and spring semesters at UTD is $30,000.00. Please visit UTD’s website for more information. http://www.utdallas.edu/student/finaid/Estimated_Costs.htm

Program Disclosure

Once PBP participants have started the program, if they withdraw from PBP for any reason, they will be responsible for reimbursing TAMBCD all financial support provided to them. This financial support includes, but is not limited to: stipends, lodging, DAT application fees, materials, and supplies. The reasons for withdrawal from PBP include, but are not limited to: 1) applying to and accepting an offer of admission to another dental school while in PBP or after successful completion of the program, and 2) withdrawing from PBP due to plans to pursue a profession other than dentistry.

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PBP APPLICATIONS ARE ONLY AVAILABLE ON-LINE AT: https://bamf.tamhsc.edu/2

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Program Overview

The primary objective of Texas A&M University Baylor College Dentistry’s (TAMBCD) Post-Baccalaureate Program (PBP) is to assist students from underserved populations and/or disadvantaged backgrounds* in gaining acceptance into TAMBCD after successful completion of PBP. This will be achieved by enrolling in a rigorous year-long curriculum that will focus on Dental Admission Test (DAT) preparation and upper-division science courses. Students will enhance their test-taking skills and develop more effective learning strategies by participating in specially-designed seminars and workshops.

Program Curriculum

2016 Summer Component: May 23, 2016 - June 30, 2016

The first summer component will entail intense DAT preparation, including tutoring, review sessions, and mock DATs. PBP fellows must score as follows on the DAT: Academic Average, 19 or higher; Total Science, 18 or higher; Biology, 18 or higher; General Chemistry, 18 or higher; Organic Chemistry, 18 or higher; Reading Comprehension, 19 or higher; Perceptual Ability, 17 or higher; and Quantitative Reasoning, 17 or higher. The DAT may not be taken more than two times during the Program. Fellows will be required to take the DAT before the start of the fall semester.

Fellows will participate in a Learning Strategies course, which will teach study skills and time-management. A Pre-Clinical Dentistry course will give fellows the opportunity to engage in dental laboratory exercises. A Cultural Competence Seminar will help prepare fellows to serve a diverse patient population.

2016-2017 Academic Year Component

The academic year component will consist of 30 hours of courses to enhance fellows’ science backgrounds and to improve their communication and other social skills. These courses will include a minimum of four (4) upper-division biology courses per semester. Courses will be offered by the University of Texas at Dallas (UTD). Each participant will be advised as to the proper courses in which to enroll during the academic year.

The curriculum will be designed specifically to magnify the strengths of each fellow’s academic profile, as well as focus on the real and perceived weaknesses in her/his preparatory background. Fellows must earn a GPA of 3.4 or higher in courses taken at UTD.

2017 Summer Component: The second summer component will offer Pre-Clinical Dentistry, Introduction to the Human Body, Investigating Dentistry, and Learning Strategies courses, Clinical Rotations and a Cultural Competence Seminar. The curriculum is designed to enhance academic success during the fellow’s first year of dental school. All courses offered during the summer sessions at TAMBCD must be successfully completed to the satisfaction of faculty. This includes a grade of “C(75)” or better in the Pre-Clinical Dentistry course and “B(84)” or better in all other graded courses.

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for this program, applicants MUST:

♦ Be a legal resident of Texas
♦ Have applied to Texas A&M University Baylor College of Dentistry for admission into the dental program. A TAMBCD application must be on file at the College
♦ Lack no more than one TAMBCD prerequisite course. All TAMBCD pre-requisite course grades must be a ‘C’ or better. For a list of prerequisite courses, go to: http://bcd.tamhsc.edu/admissions/requirements.html. Preference will be given to candidates who have completed ALL of TAMBCD’s prerequisites
♦ Have completed a baccalaureate degree from a U.S. accredited college or university by May 23, 2016
♦ Have a minimum overall GPA of 2.5
♦ Have a DAT Academic Average score of at least 15
♦ Must not have taken the DAT more than a total of 2 times before the start of the program
♦ Be a member of a dentally-underserved population and/or be considered academically or economically disadvantaged* and
♦ Demonstrate a strong potential of working with underserved populations or in communities with limited access to dental health care

*Note: An academically disadvantaged individual is one who comes from an environment that has inhibited the individual from obtaining the knowledge, skills, and ability to enroll in and graduate from a health professions school (examples: 1st generation to earn a baccalaureate degree; English is a second language; resident of financially poor school district; attended low-performing high school; middle or high school home responsibility; single parent family; non-traditional student, including older age; employment while attending college; overcame or is experiencing extreme hardship; resident of least 10% per capita income county. An economically disadvantaged individual is one who comes from a family with an annual income below a level based on low-income thresholds according to family size, published by the U.S. Census Bureau in the Federal Register, and adjusted annually for changes in the Consumer Price Index.

Selection Process

The Selection Committee is composed of the Program Director, the Executive Director of Recruitment and Admissions and other appropriate faculty. The Committee will review applications and select applicants to interview and admit into the program. Participants who successfully complete the PBP will be admitted to Texas A&M University Baylor College of Dentistry.

Number of Participants

Sixteen (16) participants will be selected.

How to Apply

All applicants must complete and submit the PBP on-line application and all supporting documents by FEBRUARY 14, 2016.

The PBP on-line application is available at: https://bamf.tamhsc.edu/

Log-in by entering the username and password you created for the DDS application. If you encounter log-in issues, please contact nsneed@bcd.tamhsc.edu.

♦ Complete the following assigned documents:
  ⇒  Statistical Questionnaire
  ⇒  2016-2017 PBP Primary Application

♦ Submit the following: (detailed instructions on the following documents can be found in the on-line application)
  ⇒ One letter of recommendation from a pre-dental advisor or two letters from science professors who taught you
  ⇒ Most current official transcripts from all accredited colleges and/or universities attended
  ⇒ Official ADA copy of DAT scores

Status Notification

Applicants will be notified of their status in the program by March 25, 2016.