**Selection Process**

A selection committee, composed of the Program Director and Program Faculty, will review all applications and interview up to 50 applicants by phone to determine applicant motivation.

Preference will be given to applicants who are currently enrolled in a four-year college/university or who have earned a Bachelor’s degree.

Number of Participants: A minimum of twenty (20) applicants will be selected.

**Dental Admissions Test (DAT)**

The College will cover the application fee for the DAT if taken up to six months after the Program’s registration deadline. If you’re applying in the 2016-2017 application cycle, we strongly recommend you take the DAT by July 31, 2016.

Participants must study for the DAT before the program begins and after it ends. Studying for the DAT should include taking multiple practice tests.

Applications are only available on-line at:  
https://bamf.tamhsc.edu/2

**Sponsoring Institution and Grant Support**

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The curriculum for the 2016 Summer Pre-Dental Enrichment Program for College Students (SPEP Collegiate II) consists of five core courses designed to augment the students’ knowledge base for taking the DAT and to help them prepare for dental school:

- Introduction to the Human Body integrates the biomedical sciences within a problem-based learning environment.
- PreClinical Dentistry demonstrates the application of preclinical courses to dental practice and provides hands-on experiences using dental materials.
- Learning Strategies promotes the effective use of learning techniques and study skills.
- DAT Preparation assists participants in preparing to take the Dental Admission Test.
- Investigating Dentistry provides students with an opportunity to investigate a dental topic and present the findings.

In addition, the students participate in workshops and activities such as:

- Cultural competence seminar
- Preadmissions counseling
- Intramural and extramural clinical rotations
- Interacting with dental students, faculty, and administrators

### PARTICIPANT SUPPORT

- Stipend to cover the cost of food and miscellaneous expenses
- Housing accommodations
- *DAT* application fee
- Clinic and laboratory supplies
- Notebooks and other instructional materials
- Access to College’s nurse
*must be taken within 6 months

### PARTICIPANT RESPONSIBILITIES

- Travel expenses (to, from, and during program)
- Immunization fees

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To be eligible for consideration, all individuals must:

- Have dentistry as their career choice
- Be a U.S. citizen or a permanent resident (preference will be given to residents of the State of Texas)
- Have completed 60 semester hours of college by the end of the Spring Semester, 2016
- Have completed 8 hours of general chemistry, 8 hours of biology, and 8 hours of organic chemistry by the end of the Spring Semester, 2016
- Provide all transcripts from colleges/universities attended
- Have a grade point average of **2.75 or higher**
- Submit an on-line application, including a 500 word essay stating how SPEP Collegiate II will benefit the applicant’s pursuit of dentistry as a career
- Submit one letter of recommendation from the applicant’s Pre-Health Advisor (or Advisory Committee) or two letters of recommendation from science professors from courses taken
- Complete a phone interview with Program staff
- Sign a contract agreeing to participate in all required Program activities
- Have first and second injections of the Hepatitis B vaccination series completed before attending the Program
- Be a member of a dentally underserved population and/or be from a *disadvantaged background*. 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, skill and ability to enroll in and graduate from a health professions school (Examples: 1st generation to earn 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 a county designated as underserved by health professionals; resident of lowest 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.*

### HOW TO APPLY

All applicants must complete and submit the SPEP Collegiate II on-line application and all supporting documents by January 31, 2016.

The SPEP Collegiate II on-line application is available at:
- [https://bamf.tamhsc.edu/2](https://bamf.tamhsc.edu/2)
- Create a username and password by clicking “REGISTER”
- Complete the following assigned documents:
  - *Statistical Questionnaire*
  - 2016 SPEP Collegiate II Primary Application
- Submit one letter of recommendation from a pre-dental/advisory committee OR two letters from science professors from courses taken
- Submit most current official transcripts from all accredited college/universities attended
- Detailed instructions on the following documents can be found on the on-line application

### Program Dates
**May 23, 2016 — June 30, 2016**

**Deadline for Application January 31, 2016**

**Notification Date No later than March 11, 2016**