



### THE RESERVED ADMISSIONS PROGRAM: DO I QUALIFY TO APPLY?

Several years ago, the UMKC School of Dentistry established the Reserved Admissions Program to enable highly qualified, ambitious, and talented Missouri and Kansas students to reserve a seat in a future dental class. The program allows students who meet specific criteria to apply to dental school in their sophomore year of college and then engage in developmental opportunities with the Office of Student Programs throughout the remainder of their college experience. Once a candidate meets the full criteria, a seat is reserved for him/her and he/she is allowed to bypass the traditional dental application process.

If a student has a 3.6 science & math GPA upon completion of their fourth college semester, they are welcome to apply for the Reserved Admissions Program. At the time of application, the student should also be able to show a strong understanding of dentistry through shadowing experiences and a commitment to service through ongoing community service activities. Following submission of the application, candidates must maintain a 3.6 science & math GPA while completing a bachelor's degree and the prerequisites. Additionally, candidates must score a 19 on the DAT, meet expectations of the subjective criteria, and complete a faculty interview. Below are details regarding the admissions criteria and program.

### OBJECTIVE CRITERIA:

- ☐ Continuous full time enrollment (15-18 hours/semester) at an accredited College or University of your choice
- ☐ Maintain a minimum science & math GPA of 3.6.
- ☐ Successful completion of all sections of the DAT. Must specifically attain a DAT Academic Average of 19 or higher by July 1<sup>st</sup> of the year prior to matriculation (example - a student entering the DDS program Fall 2013, must have received the required score by July 1, 2012.)
- ☐ Completion of all DDS prerequisite course work by end of spring semester prior to fall entry into DDS program.
  - o Biology with labs\* (16-20 semester hours including Biology I, Anatomy, Physiology, Cell Biology)
  - o Chemistry I and II with labs\*
  - o Organic Chemistry I and II with labs\*
  - o Physics I and II with labs\*
  - o English Composition I and II

\*Biology, Chemistry and Physics pre-requisite courses should be completed at a 4 year College or University. No more than 60 hours will be accepted from the community college system. All students should be working toward completion of a BS or BA prior to entering the School of Dentistry.

### SUBJECTIVE CRITERIA:

- ☐ Investigation of Dentistry (minimum 100 hours, 5 offices)
- ☐ Evidence of ongoing Social Conscious and Compassion ( minimum 100 hours, 5 volunteer activities)
- ☐ Indication of fundamental personal character (integrity, maturity, leadership skills)
- ☐ Evidence of critical thinking/problem solving abilities
- ☐ Effective interpersonal communication skills
- ☐ Demonstrated effective time management characteristics

### RAP APPLICATION / ACCEPTANCE:

- ☐ Students anticipating graduation in three years should apply immediately following completion of their third full-time college or university undergraduate semester, no later than January 15 for the traditional college student.
- ☐ Students anticipating graduation in four years should apply immediately following their fourth full-time semester, no later than August 1 for the traditional college student.
- ☐ Applicants must have a 3.6 science GPA at the time of application and strong shadowing and community service experiences. The application process includes the Reserved Admissions Program Application Survey, three letters of recommendation, a 2x2 photo and submissions of all official college transcripts.
- ☐ Applicants will be invited for an introductory visit to the School of Dentistry to meet with the Director of Admissions. Following the introductory visit the applicant will be notified regarding provisional acceptance.
- ☐ Candidate will be invited for a personal interview with a Dental Faculty member following provisional acceptance.
- ☐ Full acceptance into the Reserved Admissions Program will follow after completion of all criteria above. Final notification following July 1<sup>st</sup> date.

### ONGOING EXPECTATIONS:

- ☐ Continuous college enrollment and completion of bachelor's degree (minimum of 120 hours college credit prior to enrollment).
- ☐ Continuing development of subjective criteria.
- ☐ Annual participation and review with the School of Dentistry Office of Student Programs.
- ☐ Other
  - o Ongoing completion of Semester Update Form
  - o UMKC Application and \$45.00 UMKC application fee
  - o Background Check and Technical Standards

**December 1<sup>st</sup>** prior to entry – Phone calls and letters to all acceptances for incoming class. Candidates return advanced deposit and acceptance confirmation card. Failure to meet any of the established criteria will subject the student to loss of Reserved Admission Program status.

Students interested in learning more or ready to receive an application regarding the Reserved Admissions Program should contact Richie Bigham at 816-235-2082 or [bighamr@umkc.edu](mailto:bighamr@umkc.edu).