

## Your path to Dentistry

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This page is intended as a guide for students who would like to move into dentistry after finishing their degree in TU Dublin.

### Ireland

To work as a Dentist, you must first register with or be licensed by the regulatory authority in the country in which you wish to practice. National dental associations will be able to provide information on dentistry in their countries.

For Ireland, this is the [Dental Council of Ireland](#)

In Ireland there are 3 institutions where you can study Dentistry.

Apply through the [CAO](#) for [UCC](#) and [TCD](#)

Apply through [UCAS](#) for [QUB](#) (see below)

### Abroad

#### UK

Applications are through [UCAS](#). Please note that you are permitted a maximum of 4 choice on the UCAS form for Dentistry. The deadline for applications is usually in previous September to the year of study.

On qualifying and before being able to practice, dentists must register with the [General Dental Council](#) the profession's governing body.

Some UK institutions use a pre-entrance test; [UKCAT](#) tests take place on various dates. Check UKCAT for registration and deadline dates. Test centres in Ireland include Cork, Dublin and Kerry. For candidate sitting the examination in summer 2018 the UKCAT will consist of; Verbal Reasoning, Quantitative Reasoning, Abstract Reasoning, Decision Analysis and Situational Judgement.

Check out [this link](#) where you can carry out Aptitude Tests.

The following UK institutions have graduate-entry courses (application through [UCAS](#))

[University of Liverpool](#) and [University of Central Lancashire](#)

[Kings College London](#) (UKCAT required)

[University of Plymouth](#) (5 years, GMSAT required)

[Aberdeen University](#) (UKCAT required)

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There are other institutions in the UK ( including [QUB](#)) that have 5-year programmes on offer. They are listed on the [BDA](#) careers website and on [UCAS](#).

Your personal statement is extremely important. All look for some work experience in a dental practice. Tips for personal statements include; reasons for choosing Dentistry, work experience, team & leadership experience, manual dexterity and other information e.g. what you enjoy doing.

As part of your application through [UCAS](#) you also need to provide an academic reference-if you are not finished your degree it is essential that your expected results are included in the reference.

## **EU**

Some countries in Europe have Dentistry courses available through English.

Note; you will also have language classes in the early years of the programme (with the exception of Malta)

Some of the courses available are;

[Czech Republic](#)

[Hungary](#) (click 'What you can study')

[Latvia](#)

[Lithuania](#)

[Malta](#)

[Poland](#)

## **USA & Canada**

There is now a [Reciprocity Agreement](#) between the Commission on Dental Accreditation of Canada (CDAC) and the Dental Council of Ireland. Click on link for details and contacts.

[American Dental Association](#); There are over 66 dental schools in the United States accredited by the ADA's Commission on Dental Accreditation ([CODA](#))

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