

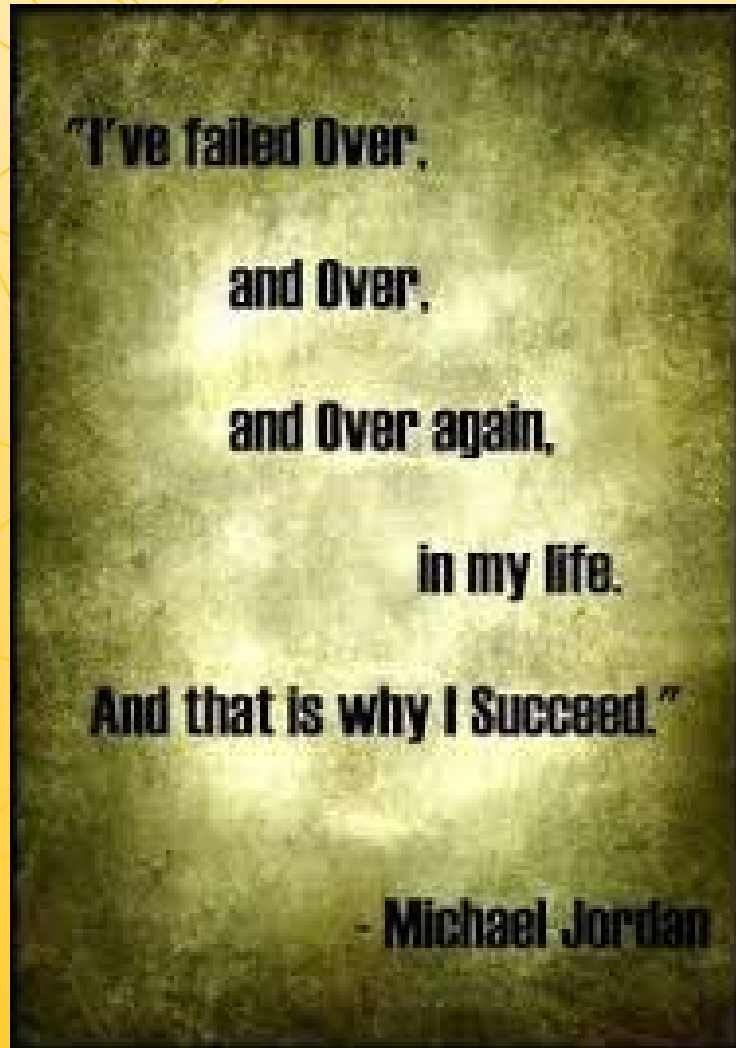
School of Dentistry
Office of Admissions & Diversity

Preparing For A Re-Application



UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Try again



- You are not alone
- Only 20% of the applicant pool were interviewed in the 2017 application cycle
- Several of those who were offered admission were denied once before



Review your application

- The University of MN uses a holistic review of applicants
- Use the DDS Re-Applicant worksheet – note that there are several components of a successful application
- Identify areas of weakness in your application



DDS Reapplicant Worksheet

	Where I am now:				What I need to improve:	What I need to do:
DAT Scores						
Averages from incoming class of 2016	AA 20.18	PAT 20.44	QR	RC 21.71		
	BIO	IC	OC	TS 19.77		
Academic Performance/Transcripts						
Cum GPA: 3.59/						
Sci GPA: 3.51/						
BCP GPA: 3.50/						
Prerequisites:						
Extracurriculars/Volunteer Work						
Leadership						
Work Experience						
Shadowing						
Essays						
Academic Difficulties						
Personal Statement						
Contribution to Diversity						
Orientation to Dentistry						
Reapplicant						
Letters						
Others						



Identify what you need to improve or to highlight in your next application

Experiences:

- *the “road traveled”*
- *educational background*
- *employment*
- *research experience*
- *dentistry-related experiences*

Attributes:

- *skills & abilities*
- *personal and professional characteristics*
- *demographic factors*

Metrics:

- *grade point averages*
- *DAT scores*

Components of Strong DDS Application

- Academics: Over-all, Science, and BCP GPAs (Do you need to retake prerequisites or take upper level courses?)
- Elective courses – Additional courses can help strengthen your science foundation and improve your GPA
- DAT score – (Do you need to retake the DAT?)
- Letters of recommendation (need new letters)
 - 2 from college science/math instructors
 - 1 from supervisor (paid or volunteer position)



Re-write your essays

- Contribution to diversity statement should include
 - Geographic diversity
 - First generation college student
 - Personal or family adversity
 - Psychomotor ability
 - Racial and ethnic diversity
 - Evidence of outstanding leadership
 - Unique work or service experience
 - Experience and/or interest in research or teaching
 - Interest in providing services to underserved areas



Essays need to reflect on your experiences

- Re-applicant essay should state what you have done to improve your application
 - New courses taken or master's degree
 - Re-take of DAT
 - Continued dental shadowing and mentorship by a dentist
 - Volunteer work in healthcare or other service
 - Others



Before you submit your re-application

- Take time to re-build or add to your credentials
- Make sure your new courses and grades can be included in your application
- Do not rush to re-take the DAT – take time to prepare
- Attend a re-applicant advising session if you can. Check the Health Careers Center website for schedule



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