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Program for Advanced Standing Students

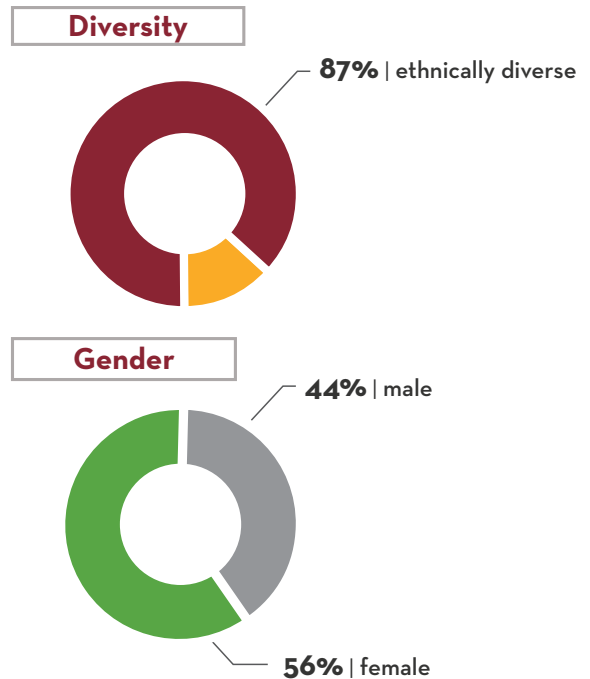
The University of Minnesota School of Dentistry has been preparing oral health professionals for more than 130 years, and today the school is a national leader in dental education, research and oral health patient care. Located on the University of Minnesota's vibrant Twin Cities campus, the school offers students in its DDS PASS program unparalleled opportunities to learn, lead and collaborate.

<h3>FIRST YEAR CLASS PROFILE</h3>	<h3>16 learners</h3> <p>(Class of 2026)</p>
<h4>About the learners</h4> <p>Average age 33 (range 26-41) 13 countries of origin 9 learners received advanced degrees</p>	<h4>Test scores</h4> <p>Average GPA 3.17 (range 2.08-4.0) Average TOEFL 105 (range 97-112)</p>

The Program

UMN PASS is a 29-month program for graduates of dental schools outside of the United States and Canada. Graduates earn their Doctor of Dental Surgery to practice general dentistry in the United States. UMN PASS is one of the only programs that prepares graduates to take the dental board examinations so graduates can practice dentistry in Canada as well. A total of 16 students are admitted each year.

UMN PASS is an integrated program, so students receive the same clinical education as any other student graduating from the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry. All instruction is research-based, taught by top faculty who are leaders in dentistry, and incorporates leading dental techniques, skills, and tools. UMN PASS facilitates a smooth transition into the United States and Canadian dental profession with 100% employment after graduation.



Find your future in dentistry here.

About the School

The 29-month UMN PASS program integrates learners into class with third-year traditional DDS learners, allowing them to achieve clinical excellence alongside their peers.

DDS students have opportunities to collaborate with students in medicine, pharmacy and nursing in addition to their dental hygiene and dental therapy colleagues.

Research opportunities abound for students who seek them. As a research institution, teaching is based on the latest evidence-based practice.

The school partners with 13 outreach clinics to give every DDS student 6-8 weeks of practical experience in underserved rural and urban communities off campus.

The School is home to eight discipline advanced education programs where DDS students learn from highly qualified faculty experts.

Discipline programs include: prosthodontics, pediatric dentistry, oral surgery, orthodontics, endodontics, periodontics and orofacial pain.

Student life

Opportunities for leadership development and involvement in national and regional organizations are abundant. DDS students participate in a variety of organizations, clubs and committees that provide an introduction to professional life, help them shape the future of dentistry, and give back to the community. Our students are involved in organizations such as the American Student Dental Association, Student National Dental Association, Association of American Public Health Dentistry and the national Give Kids a Smile Day. Two dentistry fraternity residences offer students affordable housing.

Additional information

Learn more, including how to apply, on the PASS website: z.umn.edu/8dhy.

Contact Rachel Katkar at apply-umnpass1@umn.edu with questions.

“WILLIAM GIES, CREDITED AS THE FOUNDER OF MODERN DENTAL EDUCATION, STATED IN THE EARLY 20TH CENTURY THAT DENTISTRY IS A ‘LEARNED PROFESSION,’ HIGHLIGHTING THE PROFESSION’S STRONG CONNECTION TO THE UNIVERSITIES AND OTHER HEALTH PROFESSIONS. TODAY, IN THE 21ST CENTURY, ORAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS PROVIDE CARE WITH AN UNDERSTANDING THAT ORAL HEALTH CONTRIBUTES TO A PATIENT’S OVERALL HEALTH. THEREFORE, DENTISTS, DENTAL HYGIENISTS, AND DENTAL THERAPISTS ARE SIGNIFICANT MEMBERS OF EVERY PATIENT HEALTHCARE TEAM.”

- Dean Keith Mays



Application Requirements

Requirement	Description
Citizenship	All applicants, regardless of citizenship, are welcome to apply.
Standardized tests	TOEFL must have been taken in the last three years, with a minimum score of 94. Passing score on the INBDE or NBDE required.
Transcripts	Must be evaluated by Educational Credential Evaluators (ECE) of your dental degree from an institution outside the US and Canada
Letters of evaluation	Three letters of evaluation should be submitted as part of your ADEA CAAPID application.
Supplemental application	Applicants must complete the UMN PASS supplemental application and pay the application fee.