

OBJECTIVES

The objective of the LEAD 1-3 programs is to provide important experiential opportunities for pre-dental (college students) to participate in the following activities:

- DAT Prep Course
- upcoming collegiate courses to enhance academic science background
- training to improve leadership qualities and study skills
- didactic and clinical sessions to increase knowledge of a career in dentistry
- enhanced knowledge of life in dental school by meeting and socializing with dental students
- interview skills training
- self awareness and stress management sessions for improved well-being
- networking to strengthen opportunities for success throughout dental school

Program participants who engage, acquire, implement knowledge, and actively participate in all the planned LEAD program activities will develop knowledge, skills, and values that will allow them to be more competitive and confident applicants for admission to dental school.



"I am so grateful that LEAD has provided me the opportunity to further my learning and knowledge about the field of dentistry! The dental students and HCOE faculty I have had the pleasure of working with are amazing and incredibly encouraging. I cannot wait to join this amazing school!"

-former LEAD participant

7-YEAR PATHWAY FOR SUCCESS

While our LEAD 1-3 three-week summer pre-dental enrichment program focuses on college students, and preparing you to become competitive applicants, we will also be there for you every step of the way once you begin your dental school journey!

Here at the HCOE, we will continue mentoring you throughout your dental school career. Being a participant of LEAD enables you to take advantage of a long pathway to success! Each summer while in school, you will be eligible to participate in our summer program. This will include handskills development, clinical/lab experience, research opportunities, and other critical sessions to prepare you for the following year. As a student, you will be eligible for HCOE-sponsored tutoring and practice teeth during the academic year. You will also have opportunities to teach in subsequent LEAD summer programs to help upcoming dental students, and graduate with a Teaching Distinction through the Teaching Honors Program. We are dedicated to helping you succeed and become a compassionate dental practitioner in your community!

PROGRAM DATES Last 3 weeks of July

Application opens January 31
Application closes March 31
Notification by April 30
All dates subject to change

LEAD application can be found at
<https://dental.uthscsa.edu/LEAD/>

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PROGRAM CURRRICULUM

The 2021 curriculum for all three LEAD programs will consist of a hybrid of both in-person and virtual sessions (due to COVID). The following experiences are tailored to help you prepare for your next year in college in order to maximize your benefits. Some sessions will be provided to all students, and some are only for one or two groups. See overview below:

All Participants

- clinical hands-on sessions
- ethics, culture, dental professionalism, gratitude, and empathy awareness sessions
- clinical preceptorship to shadow dental private practitioners or UT Health faculty
- gross anatomy case studies
- handskill competition with team prizes
- introduction to research opportunities
- mentoring session with current dental students
- oral hygiene and preventative dentistry
- OSHA & HIPAA certification course
- open panel discussions with dental students
- Spanish dental terms
- virtual labs

LEAD 1 (summer after college year 1)

- case-based ethical discussion groups
- cultural and diversity matters sessions
- mini-courses: Organic Chemistry and Cell Biology
- outreach and community service
- study skill development
- application tips/becoming a competitive applicant sessions by current dental students group
- presentation on current dental topics

LEAD 2 (summer after college year 2)

- DAT preparatory course and study time for exams
- mini courses: Microbiology and Anatomy

LEAD 3 (summer after college year 3)

- DAT preparatory course and study time for exams
- mini courses: Biochemistry and Physiology
- TMDSAS workshop
- mock interviews

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for consideration, you must:

- have completed Freshman year in college by the time LEAD starts in July
- have selected Dentistry as your career choice
- be a member of an underrepresented minority in the health professions (Black, Hispanic, American Indian or Alaska Native, or Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander)
- demonstrate a strong interest in working with underserved populations
- be a Texas resident/US citizen or permanent resident
- have a Science GPA of 2.75 or higher
- have immunizations up-to-date
- additional consideration is given to those who meet the above criteria and are a resident of a dentally underserved area, rural area, OR have a history of overcoming adverse circumstances.



Selection Process

The LEAD 1-3 selection committee composed of the Program Director and Program Faculty will review all applications and may 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.

HOW TO APPLY

All applicants must complete their online LEAD application and submit all supporting documents, by March 31. There is only one application for all three LEAD programs; it will be available online by January 31. If you are interested in applying, please read through the tips below prior to submitting.

<https://dental.uthscsa.edu/LEAD/>

- new applicants should click on link above, select **LEAD 1, 2, 3 application** and 'start a new registration session' (returning applicants, please see last bullet)
- a session code will be generated on the Registration page. Use this session code to enter your application
- online application and headshot photos must be submitted by March 31
- all applicants will be notified in mid-April
- official transcripts must be submitted by March 31 (see physical mailing address on back). If your school sends *official* transcripts electronically, please provide HCOE@uthscsa.edu to your school. An updated transcript may be requested from you, after the spring semester is completed
- contact two faculty/health advisors to provide electronic recommendations on your behalf
- include a personal statement about how participation in LEAD will benefit your pursuit of dentistry and what your plans are for your future career in dentistry

Upon being selected and agreeing to participate in entirety of program, LEAD participants will receive:

- a stipend to help cover food, hotel, and travel expenses
- access to instructional material, instructor's presentations, and handouts
- mentoring/counseling available prior to application deadline
- access to DAT online program for one year
- clinic and laboratory supplies during program
- parking expenses reimbursement