

Pre-Dental Studies Designation AY20-21

The **Pre-Dental Studies Designation** (“**Pre-Dental Designation**”) is designed for students who are planning on pursuing a DDS or DMD (not intended for students enrolled in QU’s entry-level professional track programs such as PA or OT). The Pre-Dental Designation is not a stand-alone program - it is completed in addition to the student’s undergraduate degree and major. Application to dental school may require coursework outside of a specific major. The Pre-Dental Designation allows students to enroll in and track typical dental school course requirements. While the Pre-Dental Designation will cover most standard pre-requisite courses, requirements vary by school. Designation enrollees are responsible for checking their intended dental programs in advance of the AADSAS application process to determine if additional coursework is required.

Student Name: _____ **QU Student ID:** _____

Major: _____ **Anticipated Year of Undergraduate Graduation:** _____

Required Courses/Labs*	Credits (46 total)
Biology 101/101L or Biology 150/150L	4
Biology 102/102L or Biology 151/151L	4
Chemistry 110/110L	4
Chemistry 111/111L	4
Chemistry 210/210L	4
Chemistry 211/211L	4
Physics 110/110L or Physics 121 (includes lab)	4
Physics 111/111L or Physics 122 (includes lab)	4
Biochemistry (CHE 315/315L)**	4
Microbiology (BMS 370/370L)	4
Calculus (MA 141)	3
Biostatistics (MA 275)	3
<i>*Additional Coursework: In addition to the above required courses, students should complete two (2) English courses and Psychology 101 to meet many dental school admission requirements. Ethics and philosophy courses as well as advanced sciences such as Anatomy & Physiology, Genetics, Histology, and Cell Biology are highly recommended.</i>	
<i>**BIO 515 may be substituted for CHE 315/315L for students enrolled in 3+1 programs.</i>	

To receive the Pre-Dental Studies Designation upon graduation, the following are required:

- Cumulative GPA of 3.3 or above in required Pre-Dental Designation courses
- Minimum of 18 credit hours of Pre-Dental Designation coursework must be completed at Quinnipiac

Grades received for courses taken at other universities may be utilized for transfer student GPA eligibility. Congruent with [American Dental Education Association](#) and dental school admissions policies, grades will not be “replaced” for repeated coursework to determine GPA eligibility and online courses will not be accepted.

In addition to strong academic performance, Pre-Dental Designation enrollees must actively pursue opportunities throughout their undergraduate years to gain exposure to dentistry and experience with patient interaction. A wide range of skills and competencies should be developed through the following:

- extended exposure to healthcare and dentistry (shadowing, clinical work, volunteering, etc.),
- research outside of the curriculum,
- substantial volunteer efforts and community involvement,
- leadership experiences,
- active participation in relevant Pre-Health Advising Office workshops and events, and
- activities or hobbies that develop and exhibit strong manual dexterity skills.

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Director of Pre-Health Advising Signature: _____

(Form may be submitted to front desk of Learning Commons for processing AFTER attending a “Pre-Med 101” workshop)