

Doctor of Dental Medicine

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2024 ENTERING CLASS

2,914

Applications received

24

Average age

483

Applicants interviewed

23

States represented

78

Class size

3.52

Average GPA

19.51

DAT academic average

3.43

Average science GPA



INTEGRATED COMMUNITY SERVICE PARTNERSHIPS

ATSU-ASDOH students complete five external clinical rotations in their fourth year, totaling approximately 24 weeks (37% of total clinical education). Clinical experiences are provided at over 70 sites, which allow the student to have a broad clinical experience and exposure to various models of community and public health dentistry.

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Arizona's first dental school, ATSU-ASDOH, opened to address the nation's oral healthcare needs and sought students who aspired to become community-minded leaders and dentists.



DUAL DEGREES

ATSU-ASDOH students earn a certificate in public health with dental emphasis, with an option to pursue an MPH degree. This provides students with a broad exposure to public health and equips them to serve the underserved.

CURRICULUM

- » Integrated and comprehensive approach to basic sciences within clinical application of skills.
- » Practical preparation for approaching real-world clinical needs in patient-centered care.

FOUR DOMAINS

1. Fundamentals of patient management.
2. Clinical dentistry.
3. Community dentistry.
4. Practice management and professional development.

Each domain has a corresponding course offered every semester across the four years. This approach embraces a "spiral curriculum" to revisit topics with greater depth and intentional repetition of concepts. ATSU-ASDOH's adaptable curriculum supports ongoing change, innovative curricular approaches, and the Integrated National Board Dental Examination.

CURRICULAR UPDATES

- » Decompressed curriculum.
 - » Improved deliberate repetition of key concepts.
 - » Decreased "high stakes" summative exams.
 - » Increased formative feedback for ongoing measurement of student progress.
 - » Introduced pass/fail evaluation.
- » Students introduced very early to the clinic in the first year by embracing asynchronous learning.
- » Digital dentistry exposure beginning in Simulation clinic.
- » First external rotation as early as the end of D3 year (optional summer rotation).
- » Added more engaging fourth-year experiences through peer-to-peer leadership opportunities, additional community-based rotations, and advanced elective experiences internally.

PREREQUISITES

- » General Biology*
(Zoology or Microbiology are acceptable alternatives.)
- » General Chemistry*
- » Organic Chemistry*
- » Physics* (Algebra based)
- » Human Anatomy**
- » Human Physiology**
- » Biochemistry** (Upper division)
- » English Composition/Technical Writing**

Highly recommended that science prerequisite courses be taken within five years of applying.

*One year with lab or 8 semester hours / 12 quarter hours

**3 semester hours / 4 quarter hours

APPLICATION INFORMATION

For requirements and application information, please visit:

atsu.edu/asdoh-apply

STUDENT LIFE

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A.T. Still University of Health Sciences serves as a learning-centered university dedicated to preparing highly competent professionals through innovative academic programs. The University is committed to continuing its osteopathic heritage and focus on whole person healthcare, scholarship, community health, interprofessional education, diversity, and underserved populations.

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