

Financial Responsibility

Each Post-Baccalaureate Program participant will be provided a stipend to help cover program-related costs. Although a stipend will be provided, it will not cover all costs during the PBP program. It is the participants' responsibility to secure funds (personal or loans) to cover costs not covered by the stipends.

Estimated school-related expenses (tuition, fees, books, etc.) and living expenses for the fall and spring semesters at UTD and UNT are estimated at \$20,000.00.

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[www.bcd.tamhsc.edu/education/
studentdevelopment/postbacprogram.html](http://www.bcd.tamhsc.edu/education/studentdevelopment/postbacprogram.html)**

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2012 - 2013 Post-Baccalaureate Program



Dallas, TX

Program Overview

The primary objective of Texas A&M Health Science Center Baylor College Dentistry's (TAMHSC-BCD) Post-Baccalaureate Program (PBP) is to assist students from culturally diverse and disadvantaged backgrounds* in gaining acceptance into TAMHSC-Baylor College of Dentistry after successful completion of the PBP. This will be achieved by enrolling in a rigorous year-long curriculum that will focus on Dental Admission Test (DAT) preparation and upper-division science courses. Students will enhance their test-taking skills and develop more effective learning strategies by participating in specially-designed seminars and workshops. Students will also observe and participate in TAMHSC-Baylor College of Dentistry and community clinics.

Program Curriculum

2012 Summer Component: May 29 - July 6, 2012

The first summer component will entail intense DAT preparation, including tutoring, review sessions, and mock DATs. PBP fellows must score at least an 18 on the Academic Average and a 16 on the Perceptual Ability components of the DAT. The fellows will be required to take the DAT upon the completion of this summer component.

Fellows will also participate in a Learning Strategies course, which will teach study skills and time-management. A Pre-Clinical Dentistry course will give fellows the opportunity to engage in dental laboratory exercises.

2012-2013 Academic Year Component

The academic year component will consist of 30 hours of courses to enhance fellows' science backgrounds and to improve their communication and other social skills. These courses will include a minimum of four (4) upper-division biology courses per semester. Courses will be offered by the University of North Texas (UNT) and The University of Texas at Dallas (UTD). Each participant will be advised as to the proper courses in which to enroll during the academic year.

The curriculum will be designed specifically to magnify the strengths of the fellow's academic profile, as well as focus on the real and perceived weaknesses in her/his preparatory background. Fellows must maintain a GPA of 3.25 or higher in program courses.

2013 Summer Component: The second summer component will offer Pre-Clinical Dentistry, Introduction to the Human Body, Investigating Dentistry, and Learning Strategies courses as well as Clinical Rotations. The curriculum is designed to enhance academic success during the fellow's first year of dental school.

All courses offered during the summer sessions at TAMHSC-Baylor College of Dentistry must be successfully completed to the satisfaction of faculty.

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for this program, applicants **MUST:**

- Have completed a baccalaureate degree from a U.S. accredited college or university
- Be a legal resident of Texas
- Have a minimum overall GPA of 2.5
- Have a history of overcoming adverse circumstances/be considered academically or economically disadvantaged*
- Have demonstrated a desire to work with underserved populations or in communities with limited access to dental health care
- Have applied to Texas A&M Health Science Center Baylor College of Dentistry for admission into the dental program. A TAMHSC-BCD application must be on file at the College.

*Note: An **academically disadvantaged** individual is one who comes from an environment that has inhibited the individual from obtaining the knowledge, skill, and ability to enroll in and graduate from a health professions school (examples: 1st or 2nd generation to earn a baccalaureate degree; English is a second language; resident of financially poor school district; attended low-performing high school; middle or high school home responsibility; single parent family; non-traditional student, including older age; employment while attending college; overcame or is experiencing extreme hardship; resident of lowest 10% per capita income county). An **economically disadvantaged** individual is one who comes from a family with an annual income below a level based on low-income thresholds according to family size, published by the U.S. Census Bureau in the Federal Register, and adjusted annually for changes in the Consumer Price Index.

Selection Process

The Selection Committee is composed of the Program Director, the Executive Director of Recruitment and Admissions and other appropriate faculty. The Committee will review all applications and select students to interview and admit into the program. Participants who successfully complete the PBP will be admitted to TAMHSC-Baylor College of Dentistry.

Number of Participants

A maximum of sixteen (16) participants will be selected.

Application

All applicants must complete an application and submit it between **January 23 and March 9, 2012.**

Submit the following:

- Application form (including the Academically and/or Economically Disadvantaged Checklist)
- A one-page statement of intent that discusses your present academic status, personal or educational hardships, what you expect to gain from participating in TAMHSC-Baylor College of Dentistry's PBP, and your plans to practice in underserved communities and/or to serve underserved populations
- **One** letter of recommendation from a pre-dental advisor **or two** letters from science professors who taught you
- Most current **official transcripts** from all accredited colleges and/or universities attended
- Statement of authenticity

Notification Date

Applicants who are accepted into the program will be notified by **April 13, 2012.**