

How will I get from here to there?



Dental School Timeline

- Objective: Provide you with a bird's eye view so that you can plan ahead.
- Terminology: D1 (1st year of dental school), D2, D3, D4, Sim lab (simulation laboratory)
- **D1**
 - White Coat Ceremony
 - Didactic time > Clinical time
- **D2**
 - Didactic time > Clinical time
 - If applying to Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMFS) residency, take the CBSE between now and at the latest D3
- **D3**
 - Clinical time > Didactic time
 - Take the Integrated National Board Exam (INBDE)
- **D4**
 - Clinical time > Didactic time
 - Finish all your clinical requirements
 - Apply to residency (optional)
 - General Practice Residency (GPR)
 - Advanced Education in General Dentistry (AEGD)
 - Specialties (e.g. Periodontics, Endodontics)
 - If applying to residency, an additional exam may be required (check the programs):
 - GRE (for Ortho residency), CBSE (for OMFS), ADAT (for Endodontics)
 - ADEX Dental Exam
 - Written exam at a Prometric Testing Center
 - Clinical exam on simulated patients (aka manikin)
 - Law and Ethics exam (aka Jurisprudence exam)
 - State specific, look up your state dental boards requirements.
 - Can be taken after graduation. May be a take-home exam, or must take at a Prometric Testing Center.
- **Post-Graduation**
 - Decide which state you want to move to
 - To apply for your dental license, look up your state dental boards requirements.
 - May involve: background check (fingerprints), submitting school transcripts, submitting INBDE results, ADEX results
 - Once you obtain a state dental license, apply for a Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) number
 - Job Search

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- You may have to apply for Malpractice Insurance, if not provided by your employer.
- You may want to apply for long term Disability Insurance (e.g. Principal).
- Continuing Education (CEs)
 - CE's must be taken every 2 years to renew your state dental license. The number of hours vary by state (e.g. 50 hours of CE every 2 years in California). Courses must meet specific requirements. Check with your state dental board website for details.
 - Basic Life Support (BLS) taken in person is also required.

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