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**DAT – Dental Admission Test**

**Pre-Professional Advising Center**

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*\*This guide is intended to summarize key information about the test. Students MUST consult* [***ada.org/dat.aspx***](http://www.ada.org/dat.aspx) *for more detailed instructions and information.*

| **Section** | **# Questions** | **# Minutes** | **Score** | **Topics Covered** |
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| Optional Tutorial |  | 15 |  |  |
| Survey of Natural Sciences | 100 | 90 | 1-30 | Biology, General Chemistry, Organic Chemistry |
| Perceptual Ability Test | 90 | 60 | 1-30 | Apertures, angle discrimination, cube counting, 3D form development, paper folding, and view recognition |
| Scheduled Break (optional) |  | 30 |  |  |
| Reading Comprehension | 50 | 60 | 1-30 | Contains 3 passages and requires no prior knowledge of the topic other than a basic undergraduate preparation in science. |
| Quantitative Reasoning | 40 | 45 | 1-30 | Algebra, fractions, decimals, percentages, probability & statistics, geometry, trigonometry & word problems |
| Optional Post Test Survey |  | 15 |  |  |

**Important Information:**

* Required by most dental schools.
* Computer-Based Testing – Exams offered year-round.
* $445 fee – If a student selects at least one ADEA/AADSAS or TMDSAS school at the time of DAT registration, scores will be sent to all AADSAS and/or TMDSAS schools. If no school is selected, there is a $35 fee per school to have your scores sent. It is strongly recommended to choose at least one school when registering to avoid the additional cost.
* Test score average of accepted students at Ohio schools is 19-20.
* Unofficial test scores and explanation are received immediately upon completion of DAT. Official scores will be released to schools 3-4 weeks after test date.
* Examinees must wait 90 days between testing attempts. Those who have tested three or more times must apply for special permission to take the test again.
* See [ada.org/dat.aspx](http://www.ada.org/dat.aspx) for more detailed information. Sample test items are available at this site.

**Resources:**

* PPAC Resource Library has a variety of preparation and reference materials available for loan.
* UC Learning Assistance: [uc.edu/aess/lac/resource.html](http://www.uc.edu/aess/lac/resource.html) (test strategies, note taking, test anxiety)
* Test preparation – Educate yourself by investigating all options thoroughly prior to committing. This is not an exhaustive list and PPAC does not endorse any test preparation company.
  + [Kaplan](http://www.kaplan.com/)
  + [Princeton Review](http://www.review.com/)
  + [Exam Krackers](http://www.examkrackers.com/)

*DAT General Information handout, updated Dec 2017; accessible*