

Exploring careers in dentistry

With CCD's Further Education team



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At Bingeman's Conference Centre

Wednesday, January 29th 10:00am-3:00pm

Shuttle from Hagey Hall begins at 9:30am



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Who are we?



Tamara (she/her): In my free time, I enjoy playing sports, going on walks, spending time with friends, and bonding over good food.



Becky (she/her): I'm also a part-time PhD student. I make windchimes from thrifted materials; am passionate about land restoration; and love swimming with my dog.



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Territorial Acknowledgement

The University of Waterloo acknowledges that our work takes place on the traditional territory of the Neutral, Anishinaabeg, and Haudenosaunee peoples. Our main campus is situated on the Haldimand Tract, the land cared for, stewarded by, and stolen from Six Nations, which includes six miles on each side of the Grand River. Our active work toward reconciliation takes place across our campuses through research, learning, teaching, and community building, and is coordinated within the Office of Indigenous Relations.



Take Action

On campus

- Office of Indigenous Relations
 - Have a Heart Day Thurs Feb 13 5:00pm-8:00pm at School of Architecture
- Shatitsirótha' Waterloo Indigenous Student Centre (WISC)

In the community

- O:se Kenhionhata:tie Land Back Camp
- Willow River Centre
- Authors, artists, and makers



What's on the agenda for today?



What can I do? How do I know what's right for me?



What additional education do I need?



What's the application process like?

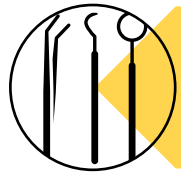


How do I balance all the things?



What can I do in the field of dentistry?

So many things! Some options include...



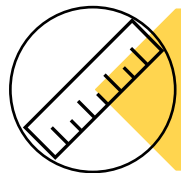
Dental hygienist, general



Dental hygienist,
specialized



Dental laboratory
assistant



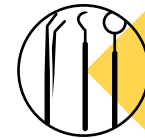
Denturist



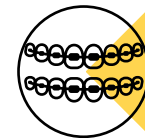
Dental technologist



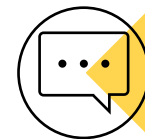
Clinician-scientist



Dentist, general



Dentist, specialized



Speech language pathologist



How do I know what's right for me?

Drive

What problem do I want to solve?

Who can I help with this degree?

Skills

What am I good at?
What does it take to be good at this?

What have I thought / observed that's relevant to this work?

Fit

How to my research interests align with faculty?

What do I want to learn and how do I want to learn it?



What additional education will I need?

Course-based masters

1.5 to 2 years

Courses

Maybe funding

Maybe work-integrated learning

College diploma or degree

1 to 3 years

Courses

Practicum or internship, not always paid

Exams

Professional school

4 years

Optional 1-year post-grad residency



When is the best time to apply?

Mental health

I'm burnt out and need a break.

I'm juggling a lot of things right now.

Cost

I'm in debt and not sure if I can afford to go to grad school.

I must remain in a specific geographic area.

Goals

What is life.





What will the application be like?

Each program might be a little different, but generally they ask for a combination of the following...



Application Form or Portal

- Sometimes a form, sometimes a form in a portal. Look for “Apply Now” or “Apply Here”
- Includes basic information and sometimes additional questions



Letters of Reference

- One or more
- Academic
- Professional
- Your choice



Documents

- Personal statement
- Research proposal
- Resume
- Essays or short answer



Admission Tests

- CASPer
- DAT





What will programs look at?

Each program might be a little different, but generally they look at a combination of the following...



Grades

- GPA or average
- All of your grades or some of them



Prerequisite Knowledge

- Usually prerequisite courses
- Sometimes completed before you apply, sometimes not



Experience

- Lived experience
- Research
- Volunteering
- Shadowing



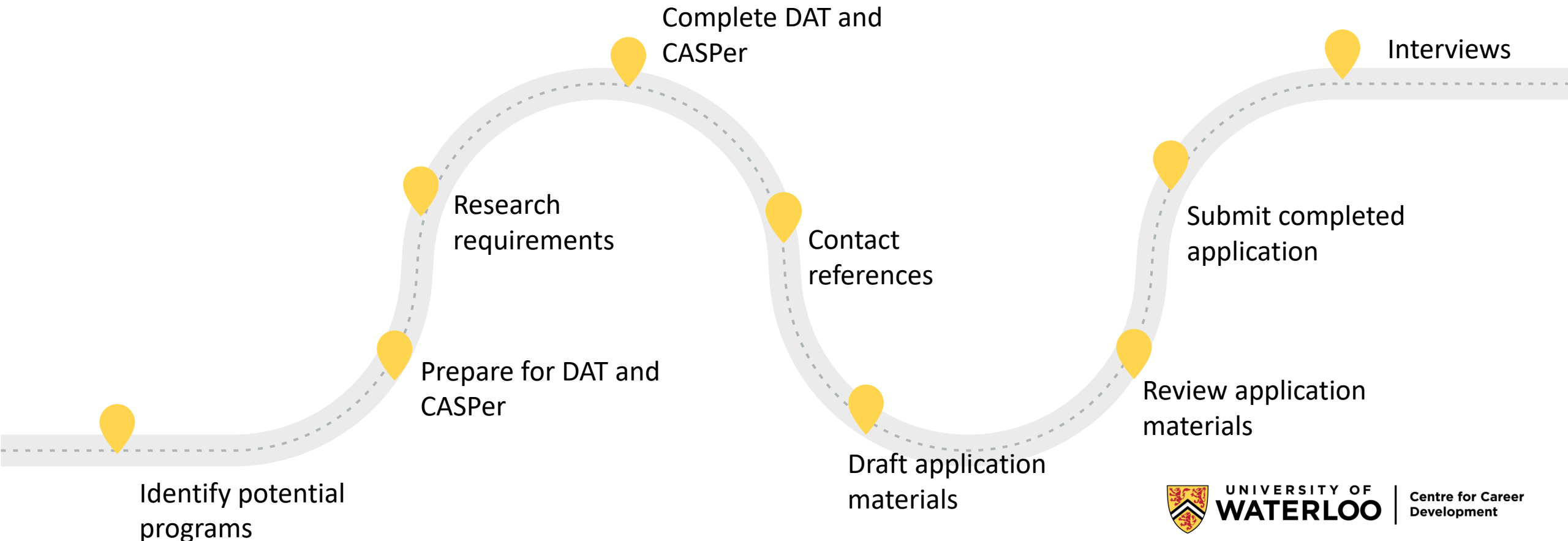
Fit

- How does this program fit with your plans?
- How do you fit their program?



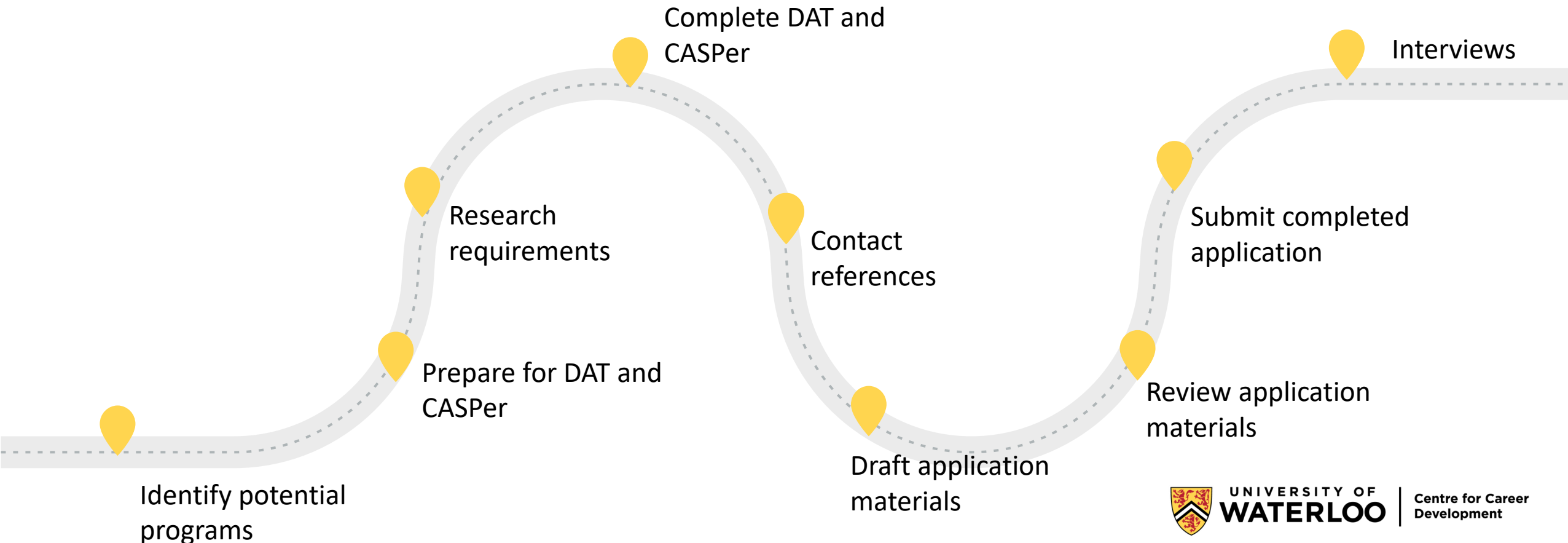
What's the application process like for CAN dentistry?

Things could change so be sure to double check application requirements when you're applying



What's the application process like for US dentistry?

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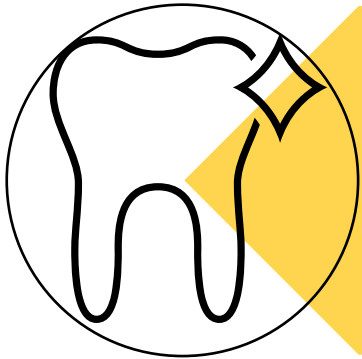


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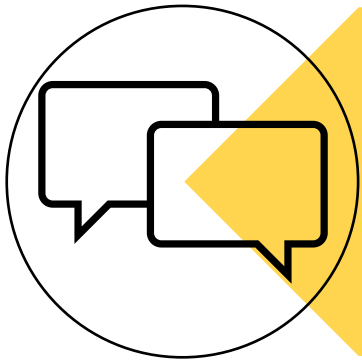
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What about admissions tests?

US programs

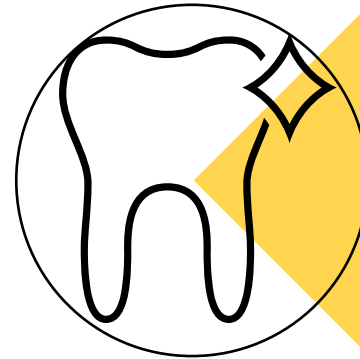


DAT US Version

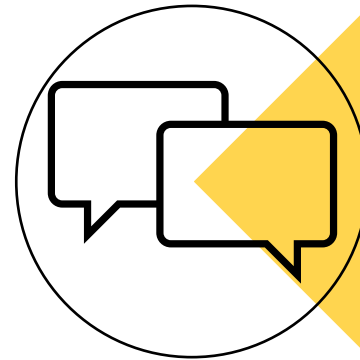


“Professional
Health Sciences”
CSP10101

Canadian programs



DAT Canadian
Version



“CASPer 2”
CSP10211



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How do I balance all the things?



What's worked for you in the past?



What are your priorities?



What supports do you already have?



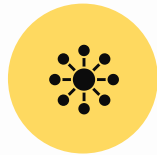
What supports are you looking to add?



What supports does the program, your community, or school offer?



Where can I get support?



CareerHub



Health Careers Cast



Further Education appointments



Program-specific info sessions



Career planning appointments



Program Coordinators or Program Advisors



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How do I become a speech language pathologist?

SLPs evaluate, diagnose, treat, and prevent communication disorders, cognitive-communication disorders, voice disorders, and swallowing disorders



1. MSc or MHS in Speech Language Pathology

- 2 years
- 4 in ON; 12 programs in Canada
- Apply through ORPAS for ON programs



2. CEPT Qualifying Exam

- Administered by Speech-Language and Audiology Canada



How do I become a dental hygienist?

Dental hygienists provide dental hygiene treatments and services related to oral health disease and mouth injury prevention.



1. Diploma or degree in dental hygiene

- 2 – 3 years
- 18 in ON; 31 in Canada
- Apply through OCAS for ON programs



2. NDHCE Exam

- Administered by the Federation of Dental Hygiene Regulators of Canada





How do I become a dental assistant?

Dental assistants support office administration, support the dentist during clinical procedures, and may independently perform scoped intra-oral duties.



1. College certificate

- 1+ years
- 8 in ON; 40 in Canada
- Apply through OCAS or program website for ON programs



2. NDAEB Certificate

- Administered by the National Dental Assisting Examining Board





How do I become a denturist?

Denturists examine patients who are missing teeth, and can design, construct, repair and alter removable dentures.



1. Advanced diploma

- 3 years
- 3 in ON; 5 programs in Canada
- Apply through OCAS for ON programs



2. CDO Qualifying Exam

- Administered by the College of Denturists of Ontario



How do I become a dental technologist?

Dental technologists use a variety of specialized tools, techniques, materials, and technologies to produce bridges, crowns, dentures, implants, orthodontic and other dental devices



1. Advanced diploma

- 3 years
- 1 in ON; 4 programs in Canada
- Apply through OCAS for ON programs



2. Competency Assessment

- Administered by the Canadian Alliance of Dental Technology Regulators





How do I become a dentist?

Dentists diagnose, treat, prevent and control disorders of the teeth and mouth.



1. DDS or DMD

- 4 years
- 2 in ON; 10 in Canada; 75 in the US
- Apply through AADSAS, OUAC, or program website



2. Optional residency

- 1 to 3 years
- Apply through program website



3. Virtual OSCE

- Administered by the NDEB



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How do I become a specialized dentist?

Dentists diagnose, treat, prevent and control disorders of the teeth and mouth.



1. DDS or DMD

- 4 years
- 2 in ON; 10 in Canada; 75 in the US
- Apply through AADSAS, OUAC, or program website



2. MSc or PhD

- 2 to 7 years
- Apply through program website



3. NDSE

- Administered by the Royal College of Dentists of Canada





How do I become a clinician-scientist?

Clinician-scientists pursue an academic career specializing in oral health research



1. Joint DDS/MSc, DDS/PhD or DMD/PhD

- 4+ years
- 1 in ON; 1 in QC; a few in US
- Apply through program website or AADSAS



2. Virtual OSCE

- Administered by the NDEB

