

The Path to Becoming a Dentist

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Undergraduate programs:

- There are many programs that offer pre-dental tracks to prepare students for dental school, but they are not required for entry into dental school.
- Explore the [University of Wisconsin System](#) or [Wisconsin's private colleges](#) to find the right undergraduate program.

Dental programs:

- Individuals typically take the Dental Admissions Test (DAT) during the second semester of their junior undergraduate year, or during the summer between junior and senior years.
- Learn more about the [timeline to apply to dental school](#) and the [DAT](#).
- In Wisconsin, the [Marquette University—School of Dentistry](#) offers a doctorate of dental surgery (DDS).

Licensing and dental specialties:

- Graduates must pass written and practical exams to receive a state license to practice.
- Additional education is required to become a dental specialist, such as an orthodontist, periodontist, endodontist, or oral surgeon.
- In Wisconsin, the [Marquette University—School of Dentistry](#) offers Master's programs in dental biomaterials, periodontics, endodontics, prosthodontics, and orthodontics.

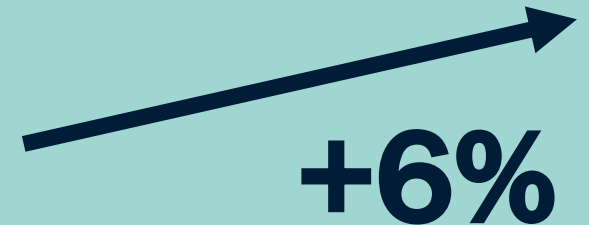
Dentist Career Outlook (2022)



Average annual salary in
Wisconsin

\$174,810

Employment projection



Doctorate degree

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Eight years of school



2,420

Employed in Wisconsin

Learn more about the [career outlook for dentists.](#)



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