

**TAMHSC-  
Baylor College of Dentistry**

**Retention Programs**

*These programs are designed to assist dental and dental hygiene students successfully progress through TAMHSC-Baylor College of Dentistry.*

**Peer Tutoring Program (PTP)** provides free services for dental and dental hygiene students.

- The academic progress of dental and dental hygiene students is monitored
- Students who are having academic difficulty are contacted and encouraged to participate in PTP
- Tutors are nominated by course directors and trained by the PTP director



**Academic Counseling** helps students with:

- Time and stress management
- Organization and test-taking skills
- Study skills/learning strategies

The Bridge to Dentistry Program is sponsored by the Health Resources and Services Administration, the Texas A&M Health Science Center Baylor College of Dentistry.

**Mission Statement**

*The Office of Student Development seeks to create life-long partnerships with current and potential dental professionals. The primary objective of the Office is to assist qualified students in gaining admission into and successfully graduating from dental school. The Office of Student Development provides services and implements strategies which target students from pre-kindergarten through post-doctoral education. These services and strategies include: career awareness activities; recruitment and assisted-entry activities; retention services; and post-doctoral training.*

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More information about all programs can be accessed at: [www.bcd.tamhsc.edu/education/studentdevelopment](http://www.bcd.tamhsc.edu/education/studentdevelopment)

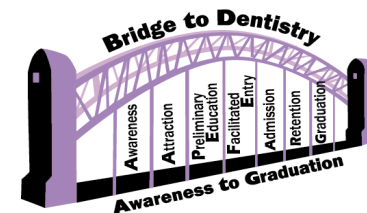


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**Outreach and  
Educational Programs  
Leading to  
Careers in Dentistry**

*Offered through*

**The Office  
of  
Student Development**



### Project Dental Awareness (PDA)

*PDA is designed to increase students' awareness of dental health and dental careers.*

*Project activities include:*

- On-site visits to elementary schools
  - Pre-K through kindergarten: video
  - 1st grade: "Brushing Our Teeth" (activity)
  - 2nd grade: "Pretty Smiles" (activity)
  - 3rd grade: "Seal-a-Way" (activity)
- Future Dentists Club (FDC) for 4th through 12th graders who exhibit a strong interest in dentistry
  - Dental activities
  - Meeting and talking with dental students
  - Visiting TAMHSC-Baylor College of Dentistry's campus
- Field trips to TAMHSC-Baylor College of Dentistry by 7th through 12th graders
  - Dental career awareness presentation
  - Tour of the dental school
  - Hands-on activity



### Summer Pre-Dental Enrichment Program for 10th Graders (SPEP 10)

*SPEP 10 is a one-week program which provides rising 10th graders an opportunity to increase their dental career awareness.*

*The curriculum includes:*

- Pre-Clinical Dentistry course
- Investigating Dentistry course

### Summer Pre-Dental Enrichment Program for 11th Graders (SPEP 11)

*SPEP 11 is a one-week program which provides rising 11th graders an opportunity to increase dental career awareness. The curriculum includes:*

- Pre-Clinical Dentistry course
- Investigating Dentistry course

### Summer Pre-Dental Enrichment Program for 12th Graders (SPEP 12)

*SPEP 12 is a six-week program which provides rising 12th graders an opportunity to learn about the dental profession, prepare for and successfully take the SAT and increase their competitiveness for admission to college. The curriculum includes:*

- SAT Preparation course
- Pre-Clinical Dentistry course
- Learning Strategies course
- Investigating Dentistry course
- Cultural Competence workshops
- Clinical rotations
- Pre-Admission workshops
- Field trips to colleges and universities

### Summer Pre-Dental Enrichment Program for High School Graduates (SPEP Collegiate I)

*SPEP I is a six-week program which provides high school graduates with a definite interest in dentistry an opportunity to prepare for college and learn more about dentistry. The curriculum includes:*

- Two college-level courses
- Pre-Clinical Dentistry course
- Clinical rotations
- Investigating Dentistry course

### Summer Pre-Dental Enrichment Program for College Students (SPEP Collegiate II)

*SPEP Collegiate is an eight-week program which provides college and post-college students an opportunity to prepare for and successfully take the DAT, strengthen their academic science background, increase their competitiveness for admission to dental school and enhance their success once admitted to dental school. The curriculum includes:*

- Introduction to the Human Body course
- Introduction to Dental Sciences course
- Pre-Clinical Dentistry course
- Learning Strategies course
- Investigating Dentistry course
- DAT Preparation course
- Cultural Competence workshops
- Pre-Application counseling
- Clinical rotations



### Post-Baccalaureate Program (PBP)

*PBP is a year-long program which provides students with baccalaureate degrees an opportunity to gain admission into TAMHSC -Baylor College of Dentistry upon successful completion of the Program. The curriculum includes:*

- DAT Preparation course
- 30 hours of upper-division science courses
- Learning Strategies course
- Pre-Clinical Dentistry course