

# DENTIST (DDS or DMD)

## Career Pathway

### JOB DESCRIPTION:

Dentists diagnose and treat problems with patients' teeth, gums, and related parts of the mouth. They provide advice and instruction on taking care of the teeth and gums and on diet choices that affect oral health.

### SALARY RANGE:

\$140,000 - \$260,000 Annually

### EMPLOYMENT

Work as a dentist in a private practice or hospital. Provide international health care, participate in research, or become faculty in academic dentistry.

### ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Dental School Program (4 years)

- Includes classroom study and clinical practice
- Residency (2-3 years for specialized dentistry)

### CERTIFICATIONS/EXAMS

- Pass the Integrated National Board Dental Examination (INBDE)
- Obtain State Licensure

### PREREQUISITE

Must be 18 years old

- Completion of college degree with dental school prerequisite courses (4 years)
- Take Dental Admissions Test (DAT)
- Gain experience shadowing dentists



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**For more information:**  
*Ask your school's college/career counselor*

<https://www.mouthhealthy.org/en/resources/lesson-plans/career-resources>

<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/dental-dental-hygiene-schools-in-massachusetts>