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### Dental Medicine
- **Professional Association:** ADEA (American Dental Education Association)
- **Standardized Exam:** Dental Admissions Test (DAT)
- **When the exam is offered:** Year-round
- **Exam fee:** $495
- **Exam fee assistance URL:** DAT Fee Waiver
- **School/Program Info:** Deciding where to apply
- **Centralized Application Service (CAS):** ADEA AADSAS
- **# CAS Participating Schools:** 65 US and 4 Canadian programs, 4 Texas schools participate in TMDSAS
- **CAS Opening & Submission Dates:** Opens: May 2021, Submit: June 2021
- **Deadlines:** Latest are February
- **Letters:** Individual evaluations and/or committee letter/packet submitted electronically through ADEA AADSAS
- **Transcripts:** Official transcripts should be sent to ADEA AADSAS by the Registrars of all US/Canadian colleges/universities attended
- **Primary Application Fee:** $251 for first program, $108 for each additional
- **Fee Assistance Information:** Covers three schools; limited quantity
- **Application Service Contact Info:** 617-612-2045, aadsasinfo@aadsasweb.org

### Optometry
- **Professional Association:** ASCO (Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry)
- **Standardized Exam:** Optometry Admission Test (OAT)
- **When the exam is offered:** Year-round
- **Exam fee:** $500
- **Exam fee assistance URL:** OAT Fee Waiver
- **School/Program Info:** ASCO Map
- **Centralized Application Service (CAS):** OptomCAS
- **# CAS Participating Schools:** 23 of 23 programs participate in OptomCAS.
- **CAS Opening & Submission Dates:** June 30, 2021
- **Deadlines:** December through May
- **Letters:** Up to four individual online evaluations submitted through OptomCAS.
- **Transcripts:** Official transcripts should be sent to OptomCAS by the Registrars of all US/Canadian colleges/universities attended
- **Primary Application Fee:** $180 for first program, $70 for each additional
- **Fee Assistance Information:** Some programs provide coupon codes
- **Application Service Contact Info:** 617-612-2888, optomcasinfo@optomcas.org

### Pharmacy
- **Professional Association:** AACP (American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy)
- **Standardized Exam:** Pharmacy College Admissions Test (PCAT)
- **When the exam is offered:** Testing windows in Jan, Feb, Mar, July, Sept, and Oct
- **Exam fee:** $210
- **Exam fee assistance URL:** N/A
- **School/Program Info:** PharmCAS School Directory
- **Centralized Application Service (CAS):** PharmCAS
- **# CAS Participating Schools:** 156 participating programs. Apply to other programs directly.
- **CAS Opening & Submission Dates:** July 14, 2021
- **Deadlines:** Priority Decision: as early as October; Regular Deadlines: November through June
- **Letters:** Up to four Individual letters submitted electronically through PharmCAS.
- **Transcripts:** Official transcripts should be sent to PharmCAS by the Registrars of all US/Canadian colleges/universities attended
- **Primary Application Fee:** $175 for first program, $55 for each additional
- **Fee Assistance Information:** Limited quantity of fee waivers available
- **Application Service Contact Info:** info@pharmcas.org

### Veterinary Medicine
- **Professional Association:** AAVMC (Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges)
- **Standardized Exam:** Graduate Record Exam (GRE)
- **When the exam is offered:** Several times per month, year round
- **Exam fee:** $205
- **Exam fee assistance URL:** N/A
- **School/Program Info:** AAVMC Member Map
- **Centralized Application Service (CAS):** VMCAS
- **# CAS Participating Schools:** 29 US, 2 Canadian, and 7 international colleges
- **CAS Opening & Submission Dates:** Opens: Jan 2021, Submit: May 2021
- **Deadlines:** September
- **Letters:** Individual and/or committee recommendations submitted electronically through VMCAS
- **Transcripts:** Official transcripts should be sent to VMCAS by the Registrars of all US/Canadian colleges/universities attended
- **Primary Application Fee:** $220 for first program, $120 for each additional
- **Fee Assistance Information:** Limited quantity of fee waivers available
- **Application Service Contact Info:** vmcasinfo@vmcas.org

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<td>AAMC Association of American Medical Colleges</td>
<td>TMDSAS is an application service for medical, dental, and veterinary applicants to apply to schools in Texas. See the corresponding profession profile for profession-specific information.</td>
<td>ACOM American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine</td>
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<td>TMDSAS Texas Medical and Dental Schools Application Service</td>
<td>AACOMAS American Assoc. of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine Application Service</td>
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<td><strong># CAS Participating Schools</strong></td>
<td>144 US and 7 Canadian medical schools, Texas schools participate in TMDSAS.</td>
<td>10 medical, 3 dental and 1 veterinary school</td>
<td>All DO programs except UNTHSC-TCOM, which is part of TMDSAS</td>
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<td>August through December</td>
<td>Up to three individual online evaluations submitted through AACPMAS.</td>
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<td>Medical &amp; Dental: Individual and/or committee letter to TMDSAS, Vet: TAMU form to TMDSAS.</td>
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<td>$170 for first school $42 for each additional</td>
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<td>512-499-4786 <a href="mailto:info@tmdsas.com">info@tmdsas.com</a></td>
<td>617-612-2889 <a href="mailto:aacomasin@aamc.org">aacomasin@aamc.org</a></td>
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<td>Centralized Application Service (CAS)</td>
<td>CSDCAS Communication Sciences &amp; Disorders Centralized Application Service</td>
<td>PTCAS Physical Therapist Centralized Application Service</td>
<td>NDCAS Doctor of Naturopathic Medicine Centralized Application Service</td>
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<td>52 participating programs. Apply to other programs directly.</td>
<td>281 participating programs. Apply to other programs directly.</td>
<td>4 out of 7 total programs. Apply to other programs directly.</td>
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<td>$133 for first program $53 for each additional</td>
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### ATHLETIC TRAINING
- Professional Association: NATA (National Athletic Trainers Association)
- Centralized Application Service (CAS): ATCAS
- Exam fee: $205
- School / Program Info: CAATE Program Directory
- # CAS Participating Schools: 160
- CAS Opening & Submission Dates: June 30, 2021
- Letters: Three to five individual letters submitted electronically through ATCAS.
- Transcripts: Official transcripts should be sent to ATCAS by the Registrars of all US / Canadian colleges/ universities attended
- Primary Application Fee: $90 for the first program, $55 for each additional
- Fee Assistance Information: Fee assistance information
- Application Service Contact Info: 617-612-2075, atcasinfo@atcas.org

### ACUPUNCTURE & ORIENTAL MEDICINE
- Professional Association: CCAOM (Council of Colleges of Acupuncture & Oriental Medicine)
- Centralized Application Service (CAS): N/A – Apply to schools directly
- Exam fee: $205
- School / Program Info: CCAOM Member Directory
- # CAS Participating Schools: N/A
- CAS Opening & Submission Dates: N/A
- Letters: N/A
- Transcripts: N/A
- Primary Application Fee: $150 for first program, $65 for each additional (2020)
- Fee Assistance Information: Fee assistance information
- Application Service Contact Info: N/A

### OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY
- Professional Association: AOTA (American Occupational Therapy Association)
- Centralized Application Service (CAS): OTCAS
- Exam fee: $205
- School / Program Info: AOTA School Directory
- # CAS Participating Schools: 104
- CAS Opening & Submission Dates: mid July 2021
- Letters: Three to five individual online evaluations submitted through OTCAS.
- Transcripts: OTCAS requires an official copy of your transcript for each U.S. and Canadian institution attended
- Primary Application Fee: $150 for first program, $65 for each additional (2020)
- Fee Assistance Information: Fee assistance information
- Application Service Contact Info: 617-612-2860, otcasinfo@otcas.org

### SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY
- Professional Association: ASHA (American Speech-Language Hearing Association)
- Centralized Application Service (CAS): CSDCAS
- Exam fee: $205
- School / Program Info: ASHA EdFind Program Directory
- # CAS Participating Schools: 245
- CAS Opening & Submission Dates: July 15, 2021
- Letters: Three to five individual online evaluations submitted through CSDCAS.
- Transcripts: Official transcripts should be sent to CSDCAS by the Registrars of all US / Canadian colleges/ universities attended
- Primary Application Fee: $133 for first program, $53 for each additional
- Fee Assistance Information: Fee assistance information
- Application Service Contact Info: 617-612-2030, csdcasinfo@csdcas.org

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<td>Undergrad: $55 for first, $40 each additional Grad: $75 for first, $45 each additional</td>
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