



Combined Degree BS/DMD

with Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine School of Dentistry

Major Information

Students accepted into this competitive program have a reserved seat waiting for them at the LECOM School of Dental Medicine upon graduation from St. Bonaventure University. Up to five students are accepted each year.

Accepted students receive a provisional letter of acceptance to LECOM upon entering the program at St. Bonaventure University, and a seat is reserved in the dental school class that begins four years after. The acceptance is provisional in that academic, comportment, and procedural requirements must be maintained while at St. Bonaventure in order to move on to dental school. Requirements are detailed in writing when a place is offered in the program.

In Phase I of the program, students complete a B.S. or B.A. degree in four years while at St. Bonaventure University. Majors other than biology require prior approval but are possible as long as dental school prerequisites are fulfilled. The student then goes on to Phase II at LECOM School of Dental Medicine in Bradenton, Fla., where the Doctor of Dental Medicine degree is completed in four years.

Application Requirements

- Applicants must be a U.S. citizen or hold a Permanent Resident Visa.
- Transfer students are eligible with restrictions.
- High school seniors:
SAT (Critical Reading + Math) \geq 1170 or
ACT Composite \geq 26
High School GPA \geq 90% or 3.5/4.0.

- Submit a minimum of two letters of recommendation. One letter must be from a science teacher.
- St. Bonaventure sophomores: Students enrolled at St. Bonaventure for three semesters and meeting college grade and course requirements may apply for entry prior to Feb. 1 of their junior year regardless of their high school record.

Requirements while at SBU

- Maintain full time student status and meet curriculum standards for rigor.
- Maintain a cumulative GPA \geq 3.4.
- Maintain a cumulative science GPA \geq 3.2 (Biology, Chemistry and Physics course prefixes).
- Minimum grade of C in required courses.
- Limitations are placed on use of AP credit, summer coursework, and courses taken outside of SBU.
- Maintain comportment standards.
- 100 hours of shadowing in a clinical dental setting not required but strongly encouraged.

Further requirements to move on to LECOM School of Dental Medicine:

- Take the DAT and perform satisfactorily.
- Have a background check performed, including drug and alcohol screening.
- Meet LECOM's Health and Technical Standards.
- Complete application procedures including AADSAS and LECOM secondary applications, letters of recommendation, final transcripts, etc.

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