**Hello PDC’ers!**

On Tuesday, March 1st, we held our 4th general meeting and had Ms. Abbey Walters, the admissions counselor of Midwestern University, and Dr. Bruno Jham, the associate dean come in and talk to us about their dental program.

Here is a quick recap of what was discussed:

* **At a Glance**
  + Midwestern University is located in Downers Grove
  + It is a private/non-for-profit institution
  + They only offer graduate/professional degrees
  + No specialties
  + Class size= 130
  + Overall GPA= 3.4
  + BCP GPA= 3.3
  + DAT= 18-20
* **Application Process**
  + Apply through AADSAS prior to January 1
  + Secondary applications due March 1
  + Rolling admissions
  + Minimum overall and BCP GPA of 2.75
  + DAT scores taken no more than 3 years prior to matriculation
  + 2 letters of recommendation
  + Prerequisites accepted from any regionally accredited college of university
  + Survey courses are not acceptable
  + AP classes accepted over a 3
* **Prerequisites**
  + 8 hours of Biology with Lab
  + 8 hours of General Chemistry with Lab
  + 4 hours of Organic Chemistry with Lab
  + 8 hours of Physics with Lab
  + 3 hours of Anatomy
  + 3 hours of Physiology
  + 3 hours of Microbiology
  + 3 hours of Biochemistry
  + 6 hours of English
* **Curriculum** 
  + Integrated and systems based instead of isolated. Spatial curriculum
  + Preclinical simulation. Simulation training before going to clinic
  + Lecture, small-group, case-based education
  + Comprehensive clinical dentistry
  + Community clinical rotations. Students will have a lot of community service opportunities. 4th year focuses on community rotations. 4th year is when dental students will treat patients in local clinics
* **Interview**
  + MMI format
    - You’ll have a scenario given to you such as “Would you steal a loaf of bread”, then you’ll have a chance to discuss this topic with your interviewee
  + Start interviews in October, November, December, but the bulk of interviews is after January 1st until early April
  + 8 interview stations
    - One break station
* **Master’s Program**
  + MA- 9 month (strictly science coursework)
    - More competitive
  + MBS- 24 month (science courses and research)
  + Requirements for Master’s program
    - 2 letters of recommendation
    - DAT, GRE, or MCAT
    - Minimum 2.75 GPA
  + Application deadline July 15 (to enter Fall 2016)
  + Intended for students who want to boost their academic credentials for a professional program OR students who are interested in pursuing research
  + No need to finish if student get’s accepted into dental school in the middle of the curriculum. Other schools may not have this
  + Articulation agreement- guarantee interview
    - Maintain 3.0 through two quarters of coursework
    - Must be within one standard deviation of average test scores

For more information, please visit Midwestern Dental School’s website at <https://www.midwestern.edu/programs_and_admission/il_dental_medicine.html>

For information on the masters program, please visit:

<https://www.midwestern.edu/programs_and_admission/il_master_of_biomedical_sciences.html>

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