

Progression Requirements – Dentistry

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Year 1 before transitioning to Year 2, as well as successfully complete all Year 2 requirements before transitioning to Year 3.

Year 3 courses involve both in-person and online learning. Year 3

PROGRAM REGULATIONS

Attendance

It is expected that students attend all scheduled curricular learning experiences in the DDS program, including laboratory, pre-clinical and clinical. Failure to attend curricular learning experiences, including scheduled pre-clinical and clinical sessions, without prior advanced approval will be considered a breach of professionalism and may result in a failing grade, remediation or dismissal.

Professional Ethical Standards

All candidates registered in the program are expected to be in compliance with Western University's Degree Level Expectations, and all other applicable policies or statements governed by Western University, including the Code of Student Conduct, MAPP 1.35 – Non-Discrimination/Harassment/Sexual Misconduct Policy, and MAPP 1.46 – Safe Campus Community. In addition, candidates must develop and demonstrate the attributes of a professional as outlined and regulated by the Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario (RCDSO), the Schulich Dentistry Professionalism Policy, and Schulich Medicine and Dentistry Charter of Professionalism.

Immunizations

On admission and for annual clearance, students are required to provide immunization documentation as it relates to the requirements of the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry listed on the Learner Experience Office website.

Police Checks

Students enrolled in the DDS program are engaged in patient care, including vulnerable sectors (i.e., children, adolescents, special needs, adults, seniors, etc.) during their learning. To fulfill legal obligations that support patient safety, students will be required to submit their police record checks and vulnerable sector checks upon admission to the Program prior to beginning Year 1 studies and prior to the beginning of Years 3 and 4. Year 2 students must provide a signed declaration before beginning Year 2. This must be completed independently by the learner and submitted to the Learner Experience Office. Students are not permitted to commence their studies in Year 1, Year 3 and Year 4 if they do not submit or update required documentation of a clean police and vulnerable sector check. Students must consult the Admissions Office (for Year 1) and the Learner Experience Office (Years 2,3, and 4) about processes to follow in the event of a failed check.

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If a student fails to satisfactorily complete the clinical cases in the prescribed time necessary to remove the course grade of “incomplete”, this will result in a failure of the course.

No supplemental examinations will be permitted in the clinical component of third or fourth-year courses, 5320 and 5420. If, by the end of the academic year, a student in third or fourth-year has a failing grade in a clinical discipline within 5320 or ~~5420~~, that student shall be given a grade of ~~8i~~ (ad)102-nc(t)lin2. ho (t)2 (hi)6 (r0 1 Tf0 Tc (ur)17 (s)1hd0o)10

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1. The student has not met the conditions listed under “Conditional Progression” and, therefore is not eligible for supplemental assessment.
2. The student has met the conditions listed under “Conditional Progression” but permission for supplemental assessment is not granted by the Competency and Progressions Committee and Vice-Dean and Director of Dentistry.
3. The student is offered and completes a repeat year of supplementary learning and is not successful in progression.
4. The student has failed a second year of studies (does not have to be consecutive).
5. The student has failed 30% or more of their course load in a single year.
6. The student that has met the requirements under “Satisfactory Progression” but may be required to withdraw under the University penalties for Scholastic Offenses or violation of the Western University Code of Student Conduct.
7. The student has met the requirements under “Satisfactory Progression” but has not been compliant with the Professional Ethical Standards defined above.
8. The student has not met the requirements for immunization and/or Police Record Check/Vulnerable Sector Screening resulting in suspension of pre-clinical or clinical privileges and failure to complete academic requirements.
9. The student has failed to remit tuition or student fees and has been sent to collection, resulting in suspension of pre-clinical or clinical privileges and failure to complete academic re Td(S)Tj0.004 Tc -0.004 Tw 0.67 0 Td[t]12 (e s)4 (e l)6 (o)

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3. A student who is granted permission to repeat a year is required to repeat the entire year, regardless of the achievement level. All prescribed work must be completed satisfactorily or the student will be required to withdraw from the Faculty of Dentistry. Supplemental examination privileges are not normally extended to students repeating a year.

A student who voluntarily withdraws from a specific year of instruction before the end of the Fall-Term may apply for readmission to the Vice-Dean and Director of Dentistry by July 1 of the following year. In such event, the year from which the student withdrew would not be counted within the sixty-month period (or forty-eight months for International Dental Graduates) allowed to complete the program.

Grading

Students are able to access their grades at the end of each academic term through the Student Center. The key to grades is:

In the Transition Year (September 1, 2024 to August 31, 2025) 65% to 100% will be a “pass” and below 65% will be a “fail”.

Effective September 1, 2025:

70% and above:	Pass
Below 70%:	Fail
IPR:	Course in Progress
INC:	Incomplete

Students must satisfactorily complete all course requirements to receive a Pass level of performance, which includes formative assessments and a minimum grade of 70% (Transition Year – 65%) on summative assessments.

Note: Effective September 1, 2025, the Pass level of performance and minimum grade on summative assessments will change to 70%.

Remedial Work/Supplemental Examination

A grade of 70% (Transition Year – 65%) is given to students who have failed a course and have successfully completed remediation work and/or a supplemental examination.

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Honours

See the “Dean’s Honour List and Graduation “With Distinction”” policy.

Graduation Requirements

A student who successfully completes the work of their final year of the DDS program shall be recommended for graduation.