



Combined Degree BS/DMD

with Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine School of Dentistry

Major information

Students accepted into this competitive program have a provisional 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.

State-of-the-art facilities

The university's historic Francis Hall underwent a comprehensive \$18 million renovation project in 2020-2021 to become the modern new home of the Dennis R. DePerro School of Health Professions.

The building's garden level includes a sprawling physical diagnosis lab with three exam rooms, 20 clinic exam tables, and inpatient hospital style beds. This level also includes a student breakout room.

The main floor houses academic offices and instruction space including high-tech classrooms with computers, microphone and speaker systems, high-end web cameras, projectors and TV displays, and a number of group study spaces with TVs as well as laptop and wireless connections.

In addition, the William F. Walsh Science Center houses state-of-the-art computer science laboratory and classroom space, biology labs, organic and general chemistry labs, a natural world lab, a 150-seat amphitheater, and faculty offices integrated with lab space for enhanced student-faculty accessibility.

Application requirements

- Applicants must be a U.S. citizen or hold a Permanent Resident Visa.
- High school seniors: 1240 (ERW+M) SAT or ACT composite 26; High School GPA \geq 90% or 3.5/4.0.
- Submit a minimum of two letters of recommendation; One must be from a science teacher.
- St. Bonaventure students must enroll prior to starting their third year.

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.

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- Maintain comportment standards.
- 100 hours of shadowing in a clinical dental setting not required but strongly encouraged.

Other requirements for moving on to LECOM

- 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.