

Grand Valley State University Pre dental Listserv Information

One of the challenges of being a pre dental student at a larger university like Grand Valley is receiving accurate and timely advice on preparing for the Dental Admissions Test (DAT), the credentials necessary for an effective dental school application and obtaining letters of recommendation. **Waiting until your junior year to pay attention to these items is too late!!!!** As you begin your pre dental education at Grand Valley, you must also realize that you are beginning to prepare for the DAT and to put together the credentials for your eventual application to dental school **from the day you start your classes.**

A major part of your development as a highly qualified pre dental school applicant over the next three years is obtaining information on a regular basis from your pre dental advisor and from the SMART Center. The SMART Center office is located in Padnos 377. You should be a regular visitor. In order to facilitate the advising for pre dental students, we have created a listserv for pre dental students.

Here is how a listserv works, for those of you who don't know what it is. You must subscribe to the listserv (instructions below) – you are not automatically a member. The listserv has its own email address. Once you are a member, when you send an email to the listserv (instructions below) it goes to **EVERY** member, even though you may actually want to direct your question only to your pre dental advisor. When we answer, the answer will go to **EVERY** member. The only way to avoid this, for instance if you have a personal issue that you don't want to advertise to everyone, is to email your pre dental advisor directly and ask him or her to email directly back to you rather than sending the answer to the listserv.

This will be a phenomenal advising tool since when someone asks a question you can all see it and see our answer/advice. That will help everyone. **Please always include a subject and your name whenever you send a message.** You are welcome to send more than questions. For instance, when someone asks a question, you may also send an answer to the listserv, or ask a follow-up question, or you may want to submit a useful website that you've found. Using the listserv will help you all as you choose classes, decide schedules and majors, seek experience with the field of medicine and volunteer opportunities, prepare for the DAT, and make application to dental school.

Please follow the instructions below and subscribe to the listserv once you know the email address that you will be using as your official GVSU email address. Note that if you change your email address, you will also have to unsubscribe your old email address and then subscribe again with your new email address.

Here are the instructions:

To subscribe:

1. email listserv@listserv.gvsu.edu
2. In the body of the email (leave the subject line blank) write:
Subscribe pre dental
3. Send the email. You will receive a response that includes a welcome message from us and instructions.

To send a message to the listserv:

1. email pre dental@listserv.gvsu.edu

To reply to a message posted on the listserv:

1. Click: [reply](#)
2. Select: [reply all](#)

BE SURE TO SUBSCRIBE TO AND USE THE LISTSERV.

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