

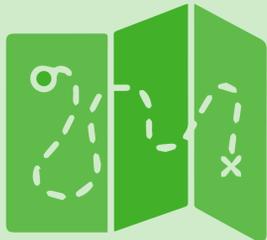
How to become a PEDIATRIC DENTIST

What is a Pediatric Dentist?

Pediatric dentists are primary and specialty oral care providers for infants and children through adolescence, including those with special health needs. They focus on prevention and treatment, and educating parents on how to best treat their children.



ROADMAP to becoming a Pediatric Dentist



START

Obtain a BACHELOR'S DEGREE

Dentists must have a bachelor's degree to attend dental school. Biology, child development, chemistry, psychology and business are all applicable focuses.

Graduate from DENTAL SCHOOL

After completing a bachelor's degree, the next step is dental school, where a DDS or DDM is received. Dental school provides basic dental education, but a pediatric dentist requires specialty education.

Get LICENSED

In order to be a registered dentist, the American Dental Association's National Board Dental Examinations must be passed.

Complete RESIDENCY

The American Academy of Pediatric Dentists has approved programs throughout the U.S. that accept qualified candidates. The residency programs focus on pediatric-specific education and clinical experiences.



**PEDIATRIC
DENTIST**

20%



GROWTH

in overall dentist
employment from
2016 to 2026.

what is the
**CAREER
OUTLOOK**
for dentists?



the medium
WAGE



for dentists is
\$158,000

SOURCES

<https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/dentists.htm>
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