**Pre-Application Information/ Early Admission Opportunity with Rutgers School of Dental Medicine.**

Established in 2016, this is a memorandum of understanding between the Eberly College of Science (ECoS) and Rutgers School of Dental Medicine (RSDM).

University Park students can apply to RSDM via the ECoS Director of Premedicine and Science majors after their second year if they have met the following criteria:

1. Must have completed first year English and;
2. Must have completed 8 of the 10 math/science requirements\*\*\*;
3. Must have a PSU GPA of 3.5 or above at the end of the sophomore year.

\*\*\*MATH 140, 141; BIOL 110, 230W; CHEM 110/111; CHEM 112/113; PHYS 211, 212, 213/214 (or PHYS 250, 251); CHEM 210, 212/213. In the event of advanced placement (AP), international baccalaureate (IB) or advanced standing credit in the aforementioned courses, applicants will still be required to take substituted upper level science courses with same amount of credit weight. For pre-approval of a course intended to substitute, consultation with the Director of Premedicine and Science majors is required before the course is taken.

***Application Procedure:***

The forthcoming application will include your current photo, to our staff at the new Premed main office, room 225B Ritenour Bldg. by **April 19th, 2019**.

A] Attach high school transcript and record of SAT results.

B] For 2019, we will work with “veCollect” for you to set up reference letters from your letter writers. This part of the process for early admit candidates is the sole portion mirrors much of the regular Committee Letter process

**Step one:** Begin with this URL for our typical committee letter prep: <http://sites.psu.edu/sciadvising/committeeletter/>

**Step two:** Go to the last item: **Instructions for first-time applicants** and click on Instruction Guide for First-Time Applicants.

<http://sites.psu.edu/sciadvising/files/2018/11/Committee-Letter-Guide-2018-19-283xpme.pdf>

ONLY sections 1 and 2 of the Guide will apply to your Early Assurance Program (EAP) application. Read if carefully. For the EAP applicants, do not proceed with sections 3, 4 and 5, there is no need. veCollect is being used solely to assemble your EAP letter set.

**Step three**: On page 3, Section 2 of the “Guide …” describes how to collect your letters of recommendation, how to pay the fee our office has which we use to pay veCollect on your behalf.

*Why veCollect?* The veCollect system the enables you to monitor receipt of the reference letters without involving our office. At least two letters should be from university faculty and/or staff. We ask for at least 2 letters from science faculty who can address your credentials for advanced studies as presented in dental school.

C] University Park Pre-selection Committee will preview and select applicants to be forwarded to RSDM for further review. A personal interview at the Premed office might be requested. An interview invitation from RSDM typically comes to candidates in the early summer.

Students who are accepted into the program will be notified during the summer. Accepted students complete their 4-year bachelor’s degree at University Park. The DAT is not required for application to the program, but it must be taken in the junior year. Required DAT performance level will be designated by RSDM.