The goal of the Idaho Dental Education Program is to produce the highest caliber of dental professional for Idaho. To meet that goal, the admission process for the IDEP program is centered on identifying and selecting the best quality applicants. The highest quality applicants are those who are academically sound, manually competent and motivated to excel while completing the rigorous dental curriculum. The information in this notice is provided to assist you in understanding and completing the IDEP admission process.

The IDEP Admissions Committee works diligently to objectively and accurately evaluate your application for admission to the IDEP program. To receive a valid assessment of your potential by the committee, it is important that you have a complete and accurate application. To reduce the amount of paperwork necessary on your part, IDEP utilizes most of the information you provide to Creighton and one additional form specific for IDEP applicants. The necessary items are indicated below for your convenience. Please be aware that we cannot consider your application until all items are complete in our files. Although you can technically complete the application process as late as January 1, 2004, most successful applicants will complete the process much earlier.

1. Complete your AADSAS Application indicating: a) Idaho as your state of residency, b) Creighton as one of the schools you are applying for admission.

2. Have a copy of your Dental Aptitude Test scores sent to Creighton.

3. Complete the Creighton Supplemental Application with the appropriate fee.

4. Have official transcripts from college course work submitted to Creighton as needed.

5. Have your personal references or pre-dental committee evaluation sent to Creighton.

6. Complete the Idaho Residency Certification form and return it to the IDEP office.

When your application is complete with items 1-5, Creighton University School of Dentistry will forward a copy of your application to the IDEP office for consideration by our admissions committee.

The IDEP program uses the information from your application to develop an Admission Profile Score. The admission profile score is composed of academic and non-academic factors which the admissions committee feels are important to your success as a student and future dental professional. The IDEP Admissions Committee gives preference to those applicants who present the most highly qualified admission profiles. Because of some differences in admission criteria and weighting of those criteria, admission to Creighton University School of Dentistry does not automatically result in acceptance to the Idaho Dental Education Program.

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Those applicants whose Admission Profile Score exceeds a pre-determined level are invited to participate in an interview with members of the admissions committee. Interviews are conducted at Idaho State University in Pocatello. Although all applicants are encouraged to interview in person, the committee understands that in some cases a telephone interview is necessary due to time and travel considerations. The admissions process considers both types of interviews equivalent in the selection of students for the program.

Upon completion of an interview, the committee ranks the applicants. Those applicants with the highest admission profile scores and ranking by the committee are offered seats in the program. The average G.P.A. of 2003 entering IDEP students was 3.51 with a range of 3.27 -> 3.81. The average DAT scores were 18.4 academic and 18.8 PMAT.

In most years the number of applicants greatly exceeds the number of available positions in the program. Some applicants are placed on an alternate list. Applicants from the alternate list are offered places of admission based upon their credentials and the availability of positions vacated by other accepted applicants. In some years all of the students from the alternate list are eventually offered positions in the program and in other years no alternates are offered positions.

The faculty and students on the Idaho Dental Education Program Admissions Committee realize the great amount of time and effort you have expended in completing the application process. It takes a similar amount of time and effort on our part to select the best students. We very much appreciate your patience throughout the process. If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call the IDEP office at (208) 282-3289. Good luck in the admission process.