In 2014–15, more than half of U.S. dental schools (34 out of 65) offered an advanced standing program for graduates of international dental schools. This percentage has decreased slightly since 1985–86, when 36 out of 60 schools (60%) offered this type of program.

There were 469 international dental school graduates admitted with advanced standing in the 2014–15 academic year. Nearly nine out of every 10 were admitted as upperclassmen (3rd or 4th year of the program).

Since the 1986 academic year, the number of international dental school graduates admitted to U.S. dental schools has generally increased over time. However, a substantial decrease occurred between 2013–14 and 2014–15, due largely to the phase out of an advanced standing program that had admitted more than 120 international dental school graduates per year.

Source: American Dental Association, Health Policy Institute, Surveys of Dental Education (2014–15 and earlier years)
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