International Students in U.S. Dental Schools

655 INTERNATIONAL DENTAL SCHOOL GRADUATES WERE ADMITTED WITH ADVANCED STANDING IN 2020–21. More than three of every five students were admitted in the 3rd year of the program.

SECOND YEAR

THIRD YEAR

IN 2020–21, NON-RESIDENT ALIENS WERE:

- 92.8% WERE CITIZENS OF THE U.S.
- 1.5% WERE CITIZENS OF CANADA
- 5.7% WERE CITIZENS OF OTHER COUNTRIES
- 4.8% of 68,588 completed applications reviewed and considered for admission
- 3.5% of 13,053 applications offered admission
- 3.4% of 6,308 1st year students
- 6.4% of 6,609 2020 graduates (percentage is higher due to advanced standing programs)

THE NUMBER OF INTERNATIONAL DENTAL SCHOOL GRADUATES admitted to U.S. dental schools has generally increased since 1985. However, a substantial decrease occurred between 2013–14 and 2014–15, due largely to the phase out of an advanced standing program that admitted more than 120 international grads per year. In 2019–20, the number of international grads reached an all-time high.

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