

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the *ADEA Official Guide to Dental Schools*! Whether you're seeking specific information about becoming a dentist or you're just beginning to wonder if dental school might be a career path for you, this book will be of value. And if you're in a position to advise and mentor students considering and preparing for the dental profession, this book will help you give them the information they need.

The *ADEA Official Guide to Dental Schools* is the only authoritative guide to dental education on the market. This comprehensive, annually updated resource guide has been edited and published for more than four decades by the American Dental Education Association (ADEA). The only national organization dedicated to serving the needs of the dental education community, ADEA has since 1923 worked to promote the value and improve the quality of dental education as well as to expand the role of dentistry among other health professions. As such, ADEA is perfectly positioned to provide you with both the most up-to-date information about the dental schools in the United States and Canada and the most useful insights into how to prepare for, apply to, and finance your dental education.

The *ADEA Official Guide to Dental Schools* has two parts:

PART I, BECOMING A DENTIST contains five chapters that will familiarize you with the dental profession and guide you through all the steps toward becoming a dental student.

Chapter 1, Exploring a World of Opportunities explains the wide range of careers in dentistry.

Chapter 2, Applying to Dental School describes the academic background generally necessary for admission to dental school and prepares you for the application process.

Chapter 3, Deciding Where to Apply defines important factors to help you decide which schools are the best match for your educational and professional goals.

Chapter 4, Financing Your Dental Education is an in-depth look at financing options to pay for dental school.

Chapter 5, Getting More Information lists other sources of information about topics covered in the previous chapters.

Part I also contains tables of information about dental schools and dental students across a wide range of categories. These data were collected from ADEA, the American Dental Association (ADA), and the dental schools themselves.

PART II, LEARNING ABOUT DENTAL SCHOOLS introduces each of the U.S. and Canadian dental schools. The information on each school is designed to help you decide which will best suit your academic and personal needs.

The entry for each school includes the following:

- general information;
- admission requirements;
- selection factors;
- timetable for submitting application materials;
- degrees granted and characteristics of the dental program;
- estimated expenses;
- financial aid awards to first-year students;
- academic and other assistance; and
- websites, addresses, and telephone numbers for further information.

The *ADEA Official Guide to Dental Schools* gives you everything you need to increase the likelihood of success in planning for and entering dental school and the dental profession. We wish you well!