

### **What are the best things about attending Texas A&M (Baylor) Dental School?**

You can get really good at oral surgery. Our oral surgery department allows dental students to attempt lots of procedures that you would not be able to do at other schools. Everyone will do at least 100 extractions. If you include all the extractions from volunteer events, you will do easily more than 200 extractions.

Clinical requirements are quite rigorous. Some dental students from other schools graduate after doing 3-4 crowns, which is not nearly enough, in my opinion. You cannot be called competent after doing 3-4 crowns. At our school, even though there is not a set number, everyone does a minimum of 25 units of crowns. Even doing over 30 crowns would be about average for students here. You will get an opportunity to do plenty of removable prosthodontics too, so you get fairly good at that.

### **What are the worst things about attending Texas A&M (Baylor) Dental School?**

Infection control is insane in the clinic. The rules are too strict and a lot of materials go to waste because of the infection control rules. They also significantly slow you down in clinic.

Students don't get to do a lot of endodontics. Just like other schools, we graduate with anywhere from completing 3-5 endodontic procedures - which is pathetic. Our endodontics department does not have the best reputation to begin with. However, the endodontics chairman has changed recently and apparently, he plans on allowing dental students to do more endodontic procedures, so that's good news.

Just like any dental schools, the school has some good faculty and some bad ones.

### **What do students need to know/what do you wish you knew before attending Texas A&M (Baylor) Dental School?**

It's more stressful than you think. Dental school here blows. First year is the worst because all you do is go to class, study, eat, and sleep. Clinic is a little better because you finally get to see your patients; however, it's still a circus. This school has a tendency to tunnel-vision their students. Just remember the major learning curve occurs after school when you start working. School is not everything; it's just a step you need to take to get to your dream destination.