GENERAL INFORMATION AND HISTORY

General Information
All statements in this section are announcements of present policies, requirements (admission and academic progress), curricula, fees and services. They are subject to change at any time without prior notice. They are not to be regarded as offers to contract.

History
The UMKC School of Dentistry traces its roots to 1881, when the Kansas City Dental College was founded as a department of the Kansas City Medical College. In 1919 the Kansas City Dental College merged with Western Dental College to form the Kansas City Western Dental College. It became the School of Dentistry of the University of Kansas City in 1941. In 1963 the school became the School of Dentistry at UMKC.

Continuous and distinguished service for more than 125 years has established the School of Dentistry as an important institution in the region and throughout the nation.

Over the years, the school’s educational standards and opportunities have increased as the school has consistently demonstrated its ability to educate well-qualified dentists and dental hygienists to contribute to the improvement of oral health. As an affirmation of this, the D.D.S., the graduate certificate programs: advanced education in general dentistry, periodontics, oral and maxillofacial surgery, endodontics, and orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics, and the B.S. in dental hygiene are fully accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association.

The school is situated on the Health Sciences Campus, where Truman Medical Center, Children’s Mercy Hospital and the UMKC Schools of Medicine, Nursing and Health Studies, and Pharmacy are also located.