



**SUMMER
SPRINGBOARD**
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DENTISTRY INFOSHEET

**New student admissions for
Summer 2026 are open**

2-Week Course

This is a two-week program where you'll focus on one course for the entire duration.

Program Highlights

- Gain a comprehensive introduction into dental anatomy, preventive care, dental materials, and the latest advancements in dental technology
- Students will engage in practical exercises and simulations that allow them to practice basic dental techniques and procedures
- Discover the diverse career options in dentistry, from clinical roles to research and public health, helping students identify their interests and future pathways
- Learn directly from an experienced dental professional about their career journey, gaining valuable insights into the field and practical advice for aspiring dentists

2026 Dates

MIT Campus

- Session 3: July 19 - July 31

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Academic Program Overview

Are you interested in a career that combines science and healthcare? The Summer Springboard Dentistry course is perfect for high school students eager to explore the field of oral health. In this engaging program, you'll learn the fundamentals of dentistry, including dental anatomy, common procedures, and patient care techniques. Through hands-on activities and simulations, you will practice basic dental skills while receiving guidance from professionals in the field.

This course offers valuable insights from your instructor, guest speakers, and peers, who will share their journeys and provide advice on pursuing a career in dentistry. Cambridge and the greater Boston area are ideal environments for exploring your interest in dentistry, with its reputable healthcare institutions and dental schools offering a rich environment for learning and discovery. Take your first step toward a rewarding career in healthcare and dental science on the campus of MIT this summer.



Excursions

Excursions will leverage the resources of the Boston and Cambridge area. In the past, students have visited a dental school, toured the campus, gained hands-on experience in a simulation lab, attended an admissions overview, and participated in a Q&A panel.

These visits provide valuable insight into academic and professional pathways in dentistry, allowing students to ask questions, explore career options, and apply their coursework in a real-world setting.

Instructor

Ana Zea

Dr. Ana Zea is a Clinical Associate Professor in the Departments of General Dentistry and Health Policy & Health Services Research at Boston University Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine, and she serves as the President-Elect of the Hispanic Dental Association. Originally from Colombia, Dr. Zea earned her Doctor in Dental Surgery (DDS) degree from Pontificia Universidad Javeriana in 1996 and completed a Doctorate in Public Health (DrPH) at Boston University School of Public Health in 2020. She is a Fellow of the American College of Dentists, a Fellow of the International College of Dentists, and an honorary faculty member of the Omicron Kappa Upsilon Honors Society.



Course Structure

There are nine 3-hour class sessions over the two-week course. During week one, students have class from 9am-12pm Monday - Friday. During week two, students have class from 9am-12pm Monday through Thursday. Wednesday afternoons of each week are dedicated to students' course-specific academic excursion, guest speaker, or activity.

Tuition Information:

Residential Students:

- **Includes:** all meals, lodging, excursions, academic course, weekend excursions
- **Excludes:** optional airport pickup and drop off service (available for an additional fee)
- **Price:** \$6,798

Commuter Students:

- **Includes:** lunch, academic course, excursions, programming from 9am to 5pm, Monday-Friday
- **Excludes:** lodging, breakfast, dinner, weekend excursions
 - Weekend excursions can be added on for \$125 per day
- **Price:** \$3,498

Supplements:

- **Application fee:** Starting at \$99 (mandatory, non-refundable)
- **Dentistry Supplement:** \$250 tuition (mandatory)
- **Tuition Protection Plan:** Allows for cancellation for any reason up until the day of the program. Click [here](#) for more info.

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Typical Schedule

8AM	Breakfast	
9AM	Academic Course / Commuter Student Arrival	
12PM	Lunch	
1:30PM	Academic Excursions or Recreational Activity	
3:30PM	College Readiness Workshop or True You	
5PM- 6:30PM	Commuter Student Departure	
6PM	Dinner	
7PM	Clubs	
10:30PM	Night Checks	

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