

LINDSAY CLEVENGER

CLASS OF 2022



STUDENT PROFILE

Hometown: Hendersonville, NC

Undergraduate Major: Biology with a molecular concentration and a Business Administration minor

Career Aspirations: Dentist

Professional School: East Carolina University School of Dental Medicine (ECUSoDM)

What's been your favorite part of the journey to apply to professional schools?

My favorite of the journey to dental school was shadowing and volunteering at the NC free dental M.O.M clinics. I loved being able to see what the different specialties do and witness first-hand the intense need for dentists in rural areas.

What were some of the challenges you came across when preparing to apply to schools (what was tougher than you expected)?

Studying for the DAT was way tougher than I thought. The first time I took it I didn't score so well, but I persevered and learned how to study for it which led me to a great score when I took it the second time.

How did you prepare yourself for the process of applying to schools?

Being a first-generation university student, I had no idea what to expect when entering college or preparing for my future career. To help prepare myself I joined pre-dental organizations, got involved with service organizations, shadowed as much as possible, took up leadership roles, kept a close connection with my advisor, got involved with research I was interested in, and asked my dentist for tips.

Looking back, what advice would you give to students who are interested in professional schools? What do you wish you had known earlier?

If you are interested in a professional career, just remember that it is better to do things earlier than later.

What services or organizations would you recommend pre-professional students utilize?

I would definitely utilize the PPAC and their expert advising, PASC if you are struggling in a class, ECU Ambassadors for volunteer opportunities, Chancellors Student Leadership Academy for leadership experience, and any pre-professional club related to your career interests (pre-dental, pre-med, pre-pa, etc

What organizations were you involved in as an undergraduate student?

I was involved in ECU Ambassadors, Pre-Dental Honors Society, USNDA, and Chancellors Student Leadership Academy.

What type of shadowing did you do?

I shadowed a periodontist in Hendersonville, NC; an orthodontist in Greenville, NC; a pediatric dentist in Asheville, NC; and a general dentist in Cape Carteret, NC.

What type of volunteering did you do?

I did a lot of campus volunteering and campus tours. I also worked a lot with special needs students at local elementary schools in Greenville, NC

Did you do research? If so what was the topic?

I did research in the Chemistry Education Department with Dr. Joi Walker. I did student-based research on ADI lab formats using the ASAC scoring model. I basically studied how students worked together in groups in the ADI lab format sections.

What was your most rewarding experience at ECU?

My most rewarding experience at ECU was being recognized for my hard work. I was recognized for my hard work with ECU Ambassadors and was granted their scholarship. I have also worked so hard on the research that I do and have been given the opportunity to complete a thesis and graduate with honors.

Any other advice, recommendations, suggestions, or comments?

Remember to take a breath, have fun, and take care of yourself. Your future is very important, but so is your mental health. Enjoy college while you can!