POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMS

Advanced education for students at the College of Dentistry may take one of three forms: graduate education, certificate training in a clinical area or specialty, or continuing education.

The Medical Sciences Interdepartmental Area (MSIA) Graduate Program is part of the graduate program of the University of Nebraska and is administered by the Graduate College of the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

The certification programs are administered by the College of Dentistry and applicants must hold a D.D.S. or D.M.D. degree or equivalent to be considered for admission to these advanced dental educational programs.

Graduate Education

The Medical Sciences Interdepartmental Area (MSIA) Graduate Program is intended to prepare qualified applicants for careers in research and teaching. This program has a flexible curriculum including academic coursework and laboratory research designed for the student interested in working towards a traditional research oriented biomedical sciences Master of Science or the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree. The program is offered through the Graduate College at the College of Dentistry under the auspices of the Department of Oral Biology. A qualified student with an interest in the biomedical sciences may apply but must have a bachelor’s degree with a B average (3.0) or better. A Master of Science program requires at least two years and a Ph.D. program requires at least four years of study. Please consult the UNMC Graduate Studies Web site for further details at: http://catalog.unmc.edu/graduate-studies/.

Certification Program

Postgraduate programs at the College of Dentistry lead to attainment of a Certificate of Specialization in Endodontics, Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics, Pediatric Dentistry, Periodontics, General Practice, or Advanced Education in General Dentistry (AEGD). All programs are under the direction of the College of Dentistry Postgraduate Education Committee.

Postgraduate programs at the College of Dentistry are open to graduates of American Dental Association-accredited D.D.S. and D.M.D. programs in the United States and Canada or, in very few cases, equivalent programs in foreign countries. Candidates for a dental degree may be provisionally accepted into postgraduate programs pending the awarding of their dental degree. In order to be accepted into programs in Periodontics, Pediatric Dentistry, General Practice, or AEGD students must be able to obtain a Nebraska dental license (temporary or regular).

Admissions to pursue postgraduate work are limited to the number which can be handled to the advantage of the students and the College. Preference will be given to those who have adequate preparation and aptitude for their chosen program. All programs start in July 1 of each year.

Applicants with dental degrees from colleges or universities in which instruction is in a language other than English will be required to demonstrate acceptable proficiency in English before their application will be considered. Proficiency will be evaluated by the program director from the area to which the applicant is applying and must include a minimum score of 550 from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). Foreign applicants must also take the Graduate Record Examination (GRE).

Application forms may be obtained from the College of Dentistry website: www.unmc.edu/dentistry.

Application deadlines (the year preceding program starting dates):

August 1 Endodontics
September 1 Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics
October 1 Pediatric Dentistry
August 1 Periodontics
March 15 General Practice (GPR)
March 15 Advanced Education in General Dentistry (AEGD)

Students interested in Pediatric Dentistry, Endodontics, Periodontics, or Orthodontics must apply through the Postdoctoral Application Support Service (PASS) (http://www.adea.org). Orthodontics, Periodontics, and Pediatric programs also participate in the National Matching Program: National Matching Services, P.O. Box 1208, Lewiston, NY 14092-8208 or information is available via the internet at http://www.natmatch.com/dentres.

Students having specific questions about applications, fees, stipends, curriculum, etc., should contact the program director of the specific program to which they are applying:

Endodontics Dr. Lane Stephenson
Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics Dr. Sundaralingam Premaraj
Pediatric Dentistry Dr. Zachary Houser
Periodontics Dr. Matt Byarlay
General Practice (GPR) Dr. Kathy O’Brien-Ausman / Dr. Jay Hansen
Advanced Education in General Dentistry (AEGD) Dr. Jay Hansen

Continuing Education Courses

These are of short duration, designed as updates, reviews, and new techniques for dental professionals. The courses are administered by the Director of Continuing Education. All inquiries concerning such courses should be made to the Director of Continuing Education at the College of Dentistry. UNMC College of Dentistry Continuing Education. (https://www.unmc.edu/dentistry/continuinged)