Supplemental Programs for International Dentists

Information current as of July 2009

In addition to advanced standing programs, some U.S. dental schools have special programs designed to meet the needs of internationally trained dentists called International Dentist Programs (IDP). This section contains information submitted by IDP and advanced standing programs and may not be a comprehensive list. NOTE: If a dental degree is not granted at completion of the program, the graduate may not qualify for licensure in most states.

CALIFORNIA

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES: Professional Program for International Dentists: UCLA offers the Professional Program for International Dentists (PPID) for qualified international dental graduates. PPID is an intensive two-year program that begins in late June each year and continues for 24 consecutive months. Up to 12 students are admitted each year. The Program commences with a pre-clinical review course that includes didactic review and clinical preparatory instruction. After successful completion of the pre-clinical review course, PPID students will find themselves fully integrated into the UCLA School of Dentistry's comprehensive care philosophy. As with the traditional four-year program, those students who demonstrate accelerated proficiency will have additional training opportunities. Individuals who successfully complete the program requirements will be awarded a Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) from the UCLA School of Dentistry and thus are eligible to take the dental licensing examinations throughout much of the United States - pending individual state laws. Admission requirements include: completion of the written PPID application; evidence of a dental degree or equivalent from a foreign country; passage of the National Dental Board Examination Part 1; Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) examination with a minimum score of 560 (paper-based) or 220 (computer-based); and three letters of recommendation. In addition, the following documents must be submitted to International Education Research Foundation, Inc (IERF) or Educational Credentials Evaluators Inc. (ECE) for an IERF Detail Report or a course-by-course report: 1) original certified, course by course college (post graduate) transcripts, 2) original certified professional educational transcripts, 3) official copy of diploma and/or degree from the applicant’s dental school, and 4) official copy of the applicant’s dental license or its equivalent. UCLA participates in the ADEA Centralized Application for Advanced Placement for International Dentists (CAAPID) which has its own application fees (depending on the number of schools to which an applicant is applying). Those applicants who demonstrate the potential for success in the PPID will be invited to participate in a personal interview and a pre-clinical skills assessment. For additional information contact:

Professional Program for International Dentists
Office of Student Affairs
UCLA School of Dentistry
10833 Le Conte Avenue
A0-111 Center for the Health Sciences
Los Angeles, CA 90095-1668
Phone: 1-310-825-6218
www.dent.ucla.edu/ppid

Continuing Education: For individuals who choose not to enroll in an advanced standing program for internationally trained dentists such as the Professional Program for International Dentists (PPID), UCLA offers continuing education courses to prepare for the California State Board Restorative Technique Part III (currently available only to persons who have passed the National Board of Dental Examinations Part I and Part II prior to
12/31/03) and California State Board Clinical Part IV examinations. International dentists can prepare for the Part III examination with several review courses, which involve lectures and laboratory exercises. Dentists (foreign and U.S.-trained) who want to become licensed to practice in California can prepare for the California State Board Clinical Part IV Examination with a nine-day review course. The review course for the Part III examination and Clinical Part IV examination are offered several times per year prior to the test dates. For additional information about these continuing education courses, please contact:

UCLA School of Dentistry
Office of Continuing Education
Box 951668, Room A0-121 CHS
Los Angeles, CA 90095-1668
Phone: 1-310-794-4387
Fax: 1-310-825-2536
gmacklin@dent.ucla.edu

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN FRANCISCO: The UCSF International Dentist Program (IDP) is a two-year (eight-quarter) program administered by the UCSF School of Dentistry. The program may extend beyond two years depending on the student’s ability to meet all graduation requirements. The program admits 24 foreign-trained dentists yearly. The program begins in June each year and applications are available on the UCSF website. Successful graduates are conferred a Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) degree. Minimum requirements for admission consideration are evidence of a dental degree or equivalent from a foreign country, Educational Credentials Evaluators (ECE) English translation of dental school transcript and every college or university attended, passage of National Board Dental Examinations Part 1 with an overall average of at least 83%, Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) examination with a minimum score of 587 (paper-based test) or 240 (computer-based test) or 95 (internet-based test); and three letters of recommendation (dean of dental school, faculty member, and candidate choice). No exceptions are made on minimum requirements. For additional information go to

http://dentistry.ucsf.edu/admissions/admiss_program9.html or please contact:

UCSF School of Dentistry
IDP Office of Admissions
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San Francisco, CA 94143-0430
Phone: 1-415-476-2737
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Mary.pham@ucsf.edu

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA: The USC’s Advanced Standing Program for International Dentists (ASPID) is a two-year program (six trimesters) leading to the Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) degree. The USC’s ASPID has a 40-year history of success in California. An entering class of 32 students is admitted once a year, with classes beginning in April. The incoming cohort completes an intensive pre-clinical summer trimester before being fully integrated into the DDS class.

Minimum requirements for admission include: completed dental degree from a foreign college or university, National Dental Board Exam Part I with a minimum score of 75 (higher scores are advantageous), Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) with minimum score of 100 (internet), 250 (computer) or 600 (paper), original dental school transcripts (in original language with English translation when needed), documentary proof of license to practice from a Ministry of Health or proper governing body, two letters of recommendation and a brief clinical resume. Also, evaluated course-by-course transcripts from either Educational Credentials Evaluators, Inc. (ECE), World Education Services (WES), or
International Education Research Foundation Inc. (IERF) must be sent directly to the admissions office. For additional information please contact:

USC School of Dentistry  
Office of Admissions & Student Affairs  
925 W. 34th Street, Room 201  
Los Angeles, CA 90089-0641  
Phone: 1-213-740-2851  
FAX: 1-213-740-8109  
http://www.usc.edu/hsc/dental/admissions/dds_admisions.htm#dds  
uscdadm@usc.edu

LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY: The International Dentist Program at Loma Linda University is designed to enable qualified dentists educated outside the United States to earn a Doctor of Dental Surgery (D.D.S.) degree in the United States. The program length is two academic years (24 calendar months), but may be extended, when necessary, to meet the needs of the student. Twenty students are accepted each year and begin the program in March. Pre-requisite requirements are a dental degree from a recognized foreign dental school, successful completion of the National Board Dental Examinations Part I (minimum score 81) and Part II (minimum score 79), TOEFL examination (minimum 550 written or 213 by computer, minimum 20 in each area on the internet based testing), and evaluation of dental school transcripts or marks sheets (with English translation) by one of the following agencies: Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc.; International Educational Research Foundation; or Academic Credentials Evaluators International.

In addition, for application purposes, the following documents are required; three (3) letters of recommendation (preferably dental school faculty), certified copies (with English translation) of dental school diploma and dental school transcripts, documentation of visa or immigration status, financial statement, a dexterity test and personal interview by invitation. Cost of the program is approximately $16,720 per quarter. For additional information contact:

International Dentist Program  
Loma Linda University  
School of Dentistry  
Loma Linda, CA 92350  
Phone: 1-909-558-4621  
idp@llu.edu

UNIVERSITY OF THE PACIFIC, ARTHUR A. DUGONI SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY: The International Dental Studies program admits 22 international dentists per year and is a two-year program that culminates in a Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) degree. In some cases the program may be extended to meet an individual's educational needs. Application requirements are a dental degree from a foreign country, passage of the National Board Dental Examinations Part I with an average score of 80, passage of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) exam with a minimum score of 580 for paper-based or a minimum score of 92 for internet-based test, an Educational Credentials Evaluators (ECE) course-by-course transcript evaluation with a minimum grade point average of 2.0 “C” and two (2) letters of recommendation. For additional information, contact:

International Dental Studies Program  
University of the Pacific  
Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry  
2155 Webster Street  
San Francisco, CA 94115
COLORADO

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO: International Student Program (ISP). The University of Colorado Denver (UCD) School of Dental Medicine offers a program to qualified graduates of international dental programs the opportunity to earn the Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) degree in a 24-month program. Graduates of this two-year accelerated DDS program may take state or regional boards, and thus will be eligible for licensure and practice within the United States -- pending individual state laws. The program consists of intensive didactic and preclinical simulated courses provided within the School of Dental Medicine and clinical courses involving direct patient care in the School’s clinics and community-based urban and rural public health clinics. Thirty-six students are accepted each year starting in January with a mandatory orientation in December and continue with six consecutive full-time trimesters. Applications are accepted through April 1 of the preceding year, and the most promising of applicants are invited to an interview and hand skills test. The admissions requirements for the UCDSDM ISP include the following: 1) dental degree from a dental program outside of the United States (DDS, DMD, BDS or comparable degree); 2) notarized official transcripts evaluated by Educational Credentials Evaluators (ECE) or World Education Services (WES); 3) National Dental Board Examination Part I – results must demonstrate that all parts were passed with a minimum overall average of 75, passage of Part II is recommended but not required; 4) Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) – a minimum score of 95 (internet), 240 (computer) or 587 (paper) is required; 5) three letters of recommendation; and 6) successful completion of psychomotor skills tests. For additional information, please contact:

The University of Colorado Denver School of Dental Medicine
International Student Program - Admissions
13065 E. 17th Place, F838
P.O. Box 6508
Aurora, CO 80045
www.uchsc.edu/sod

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

HOWARD UNIVERSITY: A program will be implemented in summer of 2010. For information contact Howard University College of Dentistry at 202-806-0440 or go to www.howard.edu/collegedentistry.

FLORIDA

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA: The University of Florida College of Dentistry plans to offer two programs for dental graduates from foreign countries; 1) a two-year Advanced Education in General Dentistry (AEGD) program which awards a certificate and 2) a four-year DMD degree program for internationally-educated dentists. Applications for the two-year AEGD program are available through the Postdoctoral Application Support Service (PASS), www.adea.org. A class of 12 students will enroll once yearly in May. Selected applicants will be invited to a two-day interview process. This program is located in Hialeah, Florida. Minimum admission requirements are a dental degree from a foreign country, which must be translated and certified by Educational Credential Evaluators (ECE) (www.ece.org) in a Course-by-Course evaluation report with a GPA; TOEFL examination with a minimum of 213 (paper-based) or 80 (internet-based); two (2) letters of recommendation; a 300-500 word personal statement including the applicant’s clinical experience, personal activities and future professional goals; and successful completion of
the National Board Dental Examinations Part I and Part II within seven years. Preference in admission is given to residents of the state of Florida. Admission is competitive.

Applications to the four-year DMD program are available through the Centralized Application for Advanced Placement for International Dentists (CAAPID), www.adea.org. Students in this program complete the entire DMD program and are awarded a DMD degree. Up to two international dentists enroll in this program each fall. The application deadline is December 1 annually. Minimum admission requirements are a dental degree from a foreign country, which must be translated and certified by Educational Credential Evaluators (ECE) (www.ece.org) in a Course-by-Course evaluation report with a GPA; TOEFL examination with a minimum of 80 (internet-based); two (2) letters of recommendation; a 300-500 word personal statement including the applicant’s clinical experience, personal activities and future professional goals; and successful completion of the National Board Dental Examinations Part I. Preference in admission is given to residents of the state of Florida. Admission is competitive.

For additional information go to http://www.dental.ufl.edu/Admissions/IEDP/ or contact:

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University of Florida, College of Dentistry
P.O. Box 100445
Gainesville, Florida 32610-0445
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NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY: The International Dental Graduate Program (IDG) at the College of Dental Medicine is a three-year program designed to enable qualified graduates from non-U.S. dental schools to earn a DMD degree in the United States. The College of Dental Medicine selects students based on academic records, letters of evaluation, a computer generated score of 80 in the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), a suggested minimum score of 85 on part 1 of the National Board Dental Examination, a translated GPA of the American equivalent of a 3.0, a case presentation, and a psychomotor bench test. The admission process is highly selective, and the applicant must submit materials to Nova Southeastern University Enrollment Processing Services (EPS), no later than February 15th. In order to qualify, the applicant must have received prior to matriculation in this International Dental Graduate Program, a DMD, DDS, or their documented equivalent from a non-U.S. dental school.

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ILLINOIS

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO: The International Dentist Degree Program (IDD) is a two-year Program administered by the College of Dentistry that awards a Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) degree. Participants will attend selected predoctoral and supplemental courses to satisfy educational requirements for licensure in the state of
Illinois. The first two semesters focus on pre-clinical instruction, didactic instruction and departmental rotations. After evaluation, participants begin patient care. Applications are available on July 1 and are accepted through November 1 of that application year. A class of 30 students is admitted once yearly in May. Selection is competitive and a personal interview is required for competitive candidates. To be considered for admission, you must earn a score of 75 or better for Part 1 of the National Board Dental Examination and a minimum TOEFL score of 550 or greater on the paper test or 213 or greater on the computer version. Eligibility is limited to permanent residents and U.S. citizens. Applicants in the U.S. with nonimmigrant status will not be considered. The total cost for this two-year program is $165,000. This amount includes tuition, leased instruments, and basic supplies. In addition, you will be responsible for the cost of self-study supplies, books and personal expenses, as well as for a $500 refundable deposit on leased instruments. All program tuition and fees are subject to change. Applications and further information are available at [http://dentistry.uic.edu](http://dentistry.uic.edu).

**KENTUCKY**

**UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE:** The University of Louisville School of Dentistry (ULSD) offers an Advanced Standing Program (ASP) for selected individuals who have received a dental degree from an institution outside the United States or Canada. Admission to the ASP is dependent upon the school’s available resources. Therefore, it is highly restrictive and generally limited to three or less candidates per year. The program will be individualized for each admitted student and will range from two to three years in length. On successful completion of all requirements, students in the advanced placement program will be awarded a Doctor of Dental Medicine (DMD) degree from the University of Louisville.

Applications will be accepted June 1- January 1 through the ADEA Centralized Application for Advanced Placement for International Dentists program at [http://www.adea.org/dental_education_pathways/CAAPID/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.adea.org/dental_education_pathways/CAAPID/Pages/default.aspx). A candidate must be a U. S. citizen or have a permanent resident visa and, if English is a second language, must demonstrate English language proficiency by submitting internet-based (iBT) Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) scores. Preference will be given to those scoring a total of 100 or above and 26 or above in speaking and listening. An applicant must have passed (with minimum score of 80) Part I and Part II of the National Board Dental Examination and must submit official scores upon request. Other requirements are two letters of evaluation, $50 application (sent upon request), personal statement, officially evaluated transcripts (by Educational Credential Evaluation, Inc.), official copies of professional certificates or licenses, official documentation of visa (if applicable), statement of financial responsibility and additional documents from applicants claiming asylum. Go to [http://louisville.edu/dental/future-students/](http://louisville.edu/dental/future-students/) for detailed requirements.

Following the initial review and evaluation of application credentials, applicants may be invited to interview. Applicants who plan to practice in an underserved area of the state will be given special consideration. Those who are deemed competitive after the interview will be required to undergo a comprehensive pre-clinical and clinical skills evaluation conducted by the faculty. For additional information, please contact:

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University of Louisville School of Dentistry  
Advanced Standing Admissions  
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Louisville, KY 40292  
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[www.louisville.edu/dental](http://www.louisville.edu/dental)
MASSACHUSETTS

TUFTS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF DENTAL MEDICINE: The Dental International Student Program (DIS) at Tufts University School of Dental Medicine comprises five semesters (two years and three months) of coursework and clinical experience, including innovative courses in implantology and geriatric dentistry. Upon completion of the program students receive a DMD degree and are eligible for licensure to practice dentistry in the United States – pending individual state laws. The program begins in mid-April and the application deadline is September 15 of the year prior to matriculation. All interested candidates must submit an application through the Centralized Application for Advanced Placement for International Dentists (CAAPID) administered by the American Dental Education Association (ADEA). Upon receipt of the CAAPID application the Admissions office will request additional information including an $85 application fee. The program requires passage of NBDE Parts I and II to be considered. Preference is given to individuals who score a 90 or above on Part I and 85 or above on Part II. All applicants must submit official TOEFL scores. For more information please contact:

Tufts University School of Dental Medicine
Office of Admissions
1 Kneeland Street
Boston, MA 02111
1-617-636-6639
http://dental.tufts.edu/admissions
denadmissions@tufts.edu

MICHIGAN

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN: The Internationally Trained Dentist Program (ITDP) offers an opportunity for qualified dentists who are graduates of foreign dental schools to obtain a Doctor of Dental Surgery (D.D.S.) degree in two calendar years. The program of study includes didactic, laboratory, and comprehensive patient care experiences. Graduates of the program will have acquired the requisite knowledge and skills to engage in contemporary dental practice in the United States. Graduates of the ITDP will be eligible to take most state and regional dental licensing examinations offered in the United States – pending individual state laws. A few states still require US citizenship for dental licensure.

The ITDP is an accelerated course of study that requires full-time, daily attendance for a minimum of two years (six fourteen week terms). The ITDP program begins May 1 of each year with an intensive one term didactic and preclinical course. Following successful completion of this course, ITDP students will join the third year dental class for the fall and winter terms (terms two and three). During the fourth term, ITDP students will take additional didactic and clinical courses as well as complete required clinical rotations, some of which will take place in other clinical sites within Michigan in addition to the University of Michigan School of Dentistry. ITDP students will join the fourth year dental class for the remaining fall and winter terms (terms five and six). The achievement of passing evaluations in all coursework will result in the granting of the D.D.S. degree.

Prospective students should apply directly to the Internationally Trained Dentist Program. In addition to the application form, the following requirements must also be met before an application is considered to be complete: (1) documentary proof of proficiency in the English language; minimum (TOEFL) examination scores of 575 (paper test), 230 (computer test) or 89 (internet-based test), (2) successful completion of the National Board Part I examination, average score 84 or above, no section score below 75, (3) three letters of recommendation, (4) two essays must be submitted; one should describe the applicant’s
dental experience and the second should discuss the applicant’s future professional goals, (5) documentary proof of license to practice from a Ministry of Health or appropriate governing body, (6) complete official documents (transcripts) of all college and university course work, including dental education in the original language accompanied by a certified English translation when necessary and (7) certification of dental degree.

The Admissions Committee for the ITDP will review complete applications and qualified applicants will be invited for a personal interview. The personal interview is mandatory for acceptance into the program and applicants must be able to secure the appropriate visa for travel to the University of Michigan. The personal interview consists of oral interviews, a written examination, and technical exercises. Additional information on the personal interviews will be provided to invited applicants well in advance of the interview.

Program Contact Information
Internationally Trained Dentist Program
University of Michigan School of Dentistry
1011 N. University
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48109-1078
Telephone: 1-734-763-1068
Fax: 1-734-647-6805
www.dent.umich.edu/prospective/international.html
internationaldent@umich.edu

MINNESOTA

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA: The University of Minnesota School of Dentistry gives qualified graduates of dental schools outside the United States and Canada advanced standing in its Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) degree program. Individuals accepted into the University of Minnesota’s Program for Advanced Standing Students (UMN PASS) can earn a DDS degree in approximately 26 months.

The UMN PASS has its own application process. It does not currently participate in the American Dental Education Association’s Centralized Application for Advanced Placement for International Dentists (CAAPID). Application information and materials can be found on the school’s website at http://www.dentistry.umn.edu/programs_admissions/UMN_pass/home.html.

Applications are accepted April 15 to November 15. To assist applicants, answers to common questions are provided on the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) section of the website. Applicants are encouraged to check the website periodically for changes in future program application dates and materials, or for policy changes related to CAAPID participation.

The UMN PASS program does NOT administer or require passage of a bench test for admission. A non-refundable application fee of $100 must be submitted with application materials.

A select number of applicants will be invited for a mandatory personal interview. An invitation for an interview does not guarantee acceptance into the program. This day-long event includes presentations by faculty and staff, a tour of the school facilities used by School of Dentistry students, and two to three interviews. An information session on the financial aspects of the program and housing options is also presented.

Candidate selection decisions are based on information provided on the completed application form, applicant personal statement, dental school transcripts, score on Part I of the National Dental Board Examination, scores on the TOEFL iBT test, and interview results.
To facilitate a smooth transition into the School of Dentistry’s Doctor of Dental Surgery program, PASS students take a 17-week “Introduction to Clinical Dentistry” course (DENT 6950) which starts in early April the year following acceptance. The course begins with a six-week introduction and orientation to the University of Minnesota, School of Dentistry, and lectures in several clinical disciplines. Initial practice sessions in operative dentistry are held in the school’s virtual reality-based DentSim clinic to re-establish psycho-motor skills.

During the next 11 weeks, students join the Junior class in mandatory third year didactic and laboratory courses, pre-clinical instruction and exercises in operative dentistry, prosthodontics, implant dentistry, and endodontics. The students will also be introduced to the school’s clinics and assist PASS students in their final year of clinical education. And, to assist students in acclimating to the academic, social, and professional environments of the school, discussion sessions on adapting to a new culture will also be held.

After completing the 17-week introductory course, PASS students are fully integrated with the class of third-year dental students in early September. Students are assigned to one of the school’s eight practice groups where they are part of a comprehensive care education program that includes third-and fourth-year dental and dental hygiene students. They participate in all didactic courses and clinical experiences, including the eight-week long course “Outreach and Community Practice”. After successfully completing all required clinical rotations and the DDS competencies, PASS students graduate with students in the school’s traditional DDS program and are awarded a complete Doctor of Dental Surgery degree.

For a complete description of all the school’s education programs, applicants to the PASS program are encouraged to visit its website at http://www.dentistry.umn.edu

**MISSOURI**

**UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI-KANSAS CITY:** Admission to this three-year full-time program is offered to permanent residents of Missouri or Kansas (at the time of application) on a space available basis. The program begins July1 with a six week pre-clinical review course that includes a didactic review and pre-clinical preparatory instruction. After determination of successful completion of the preclinical review course by the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, students are fully integrated into the second year of the School of Dentistry’s comprehensive care curriculum. Participants who successfully fulfill program requirements for graduation will be awarded a Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) from the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

All applicants must submit a UMKC Application and a UMKC School of Dentistry Application Survey accompanied by a non-refundable application fee of $45.00. Applicants will also be expected to provide: documentation of permanent residence of the states of Missouri or Kansas at the time of application; documentation of successful completion of the National Dental Board Examination Part I with scores at or above the national average; documentation of a Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score with a minimum score of 550 on the paper test, or 227 on the computer test; a translated and evaluated version of their dental school diploma; transcripts of all previous academic curricula and three letters of recommendation (in English or with a certified English translation). It is recommended that the letters come from the Dean or head official of the applicants’ school, a dental school clinical instructor who is able to communicate their professional abilities, and a person from the United States who knows the applicants personal characteristics. Documentation of successfully passing the National Board Dental Examination Part II is recommended but not required.
Applications are accepted for review throughout the fall semester and applicants meeting the appropriate qualifications may be invited for interview early in the spring semester. Notification of acceptance into the program will occur following the conclusion of the spring semester. For more information contact:

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NEW JERSEY

UNIVERSITY OF MEDICINE AND DENTISTRY NEW JERSEY-NEW JERSEY DENTAL SCHOOL: The International Dentist Program at the New Jersey Dental School (NJDS) is developed for exceptional individuals who have completed the equivalent of a DMD or DDS program in a non-US or Canadian accredited dental school. It is intended for individuals who would be interested in pursuing a dental career in the U.S. or who would be interested in returning to their country with additional skills acquired in a U.S. accredited DMD program.

The International Dentist Program will be approximately twenty-four months in length beginning approximately June 1st and concluding twenty-four months later. The first three months of the program will consist of a special curriculum with students participating in pre-clinical laboratory exercises together with appropriate didactic summary courses. Since candidates will have taken and passed Parts I and II of the National Boards it is anticipated that most, if not all, first and second year courses will be waived and the special summer program will help prepare students to become regular students of the Junior Academic Year beginning at the end of August.

Applications should be submitted to the Centralized Application Placement for International Dentists (CAAPID) (www.adea.org). Applications will be accepted from July 1st through November 15th. In addition to the CAAPID processing fee, NJDS will require a non-refundable $250 application processing fee. Applications will be reviewed and accepted upon by the NJDS Admission Committee. All candidates will be informed in writing of the action taken on their applications.

The criteria for admissions includes: documentation of a license to practice dentistry in his/her country, (if available) and a completed application, copies of diplomas and all official transcripts from post-secondary schools attended (transcripts in languages other than English must be translated and evaluated by a foreign academic credentialing service), National Board Part I and II scores (obtained within the past five years), and a TOEFL examination score in situations where English is not the applicant’s native language. In addition three letters of recommendation are requested, preferably from the faculty of the dental school attended.

Inquiries about the program can be made to
Dr. Jeffrey Linfante, at infante@umdnj.edu or
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UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER EASTMAN DENTAL CENTER: The University of Rochester offers the Post-Doctoral International Dental Program (PIDP) for qualified international dental graduates. This program is designed to satisfy part of the clinical requirement for licensure in the State of New York and is recognized as such by the New York Department of Education. PIDP is an intensive two-year program that begins June 1 and December 1 each year and continues for 25 consecutive months. Up to 12 students are admitted each year. The Program commences with a pre-clinical review course that includes didactic review and clinical preparatory instruction. After successful completion of the pre-clinical review course, PIDP students will find themselves fully integrated into the University of Rochester comprehensive care philosophy. The Program’s mission is to focus on the education of international dentists with an interest in academic careers in teaching and research. Those students who demonstrate strong scientific ability have the opportunity to seek enrollment in the Master of Public Health, Master of Dental Science or PhD Programs. Individuals who successfully complete the program requirements will be awarded a certificate of completion. Admission requirements include: completion of the written PIDP application; evidence of a dental degree or equivalent from a foreign country; Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) examination with a minimum score of 560 (paper-based) or 220 (computer-based) and three letters of recommendation. Completion of National Board Dental Examinations Parts 1 and 2 are encouraged. In addition, the following documents must be submitted to the International Education Research Foundation, Inc. (IERF) or Educational Credentials Evaluators, Inc. (ECE) for an IERF Detail Report or an ECE Subject Analysis Report: 1) original certified college (post-graduate) transcripts; 2) original certified professional educational transcripts; 3) official copy of diploma and/or degree from the applicants’ dental school and 4) official copy of the applicants’ dental license or its equivalent. Those applicants who demonstrate the potential for success in the PIDP will be invited to participate in a personal interview. For additional information contact:

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NEW YORK UNIVERSITY ADVANCED PLACEMENT (DDS) AND CONTINUING EDUCATION ADVANCED STUDY PROGRAMS FOR INTERNATIONAL DENTISTS: The Advanced Placement D.D.S. Program is offered to internationally trained dentists who seek to practice dentistry in the United States. The program emphasizes patient-centered care in order to produce health-care professionals who possess the knowledge and skills to diagnose, manage, and prevent diseases, abnormalities, and other conditions affecting the oral and surrounding tissues. An integrated curriculum prepares students to apply knowledge in patient-care situations beginning in their first year of study and for the duration of the program.

The program is a three-year, full-time program. Beginning in the month of July preceding the first academic year of the program, a five-week-intensive “orientation” program is presented, at the conclusion of which students are fully integrated into the second year class of the four-year DDS program. The program is fully accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association. Successful completion culminates in the awarding of a D.D.S. degree. Applicants must be graduates of international dental schools who have satisfactorily completed an academic program of study of no less than four years, culminating in a degree, diploma, or certificate in dentistry recognized by the
appropriate civil authorities of the country in which the dental school is located. Applicants must take the TOEFL and must pass Part 1 of the National Board Dental Examination. For additional information, please e-mail the Office of Admissions at Mz30@nyu.edu or visit http://www.nyu.edu/dental/academicprograms/ddsap/index.html.

The Advanced Study Programs for International Dentists* at New York University College of Dentistry are full time continuing education programs for graduates of international dental schools. One-year-programs in Endodontics, Esthetic Dentistry, General Dentistry, Orthodontics, Pediatric Dentistry, Periodontics and Prosthodontics are offered, as well as two-year-programs in Implant Dentistry and Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. The Advanced Study Programs attract internationally trained professionals from over 55 countries who choose to study at New York University College of Dentistry (NYUCD) located in New York City. The focus of the program is patient care and the NYUCD experience affords our program participants the opportunity to treat the largest and most diverse patient population of any dental school in the United States. The technologically advanced clinical facilities and renowned research and clinical faculty enable the participants to achieve their career goals in dentistry. For more information, please send an e-mail to dental.international@nyu.edu or visit http://www.nyu.edu/dental/academicprograms/international/flash/index.html.

*Please note that the Continuing Education Advanced Study Programs for International Dentists at New York University are designated as full-time continuing educational courses; completion does not qualify participants for licensure or certification in the United States and does not guarantee certification in their home countries.

PENNSYLVANIA

THE MAURICE H. KORNBERG SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY TEMPLE UNIVERSITY: The Advanced Standing Program for Foreign Trained Dentists is a two-year program designed to enable qualified individuals to earn a Doctor of Dental Medicine (DMD) degree in the United States. Applications are processed through the American Dental Education Association’s Centralized Application for Advanced Placement for International Dentists at http://www.adea.org/dental_education_pathways/Pages/default.aspx from June 1st to December 1st. The admission process is highly selective. Application requirements are application fee, letter of intent, completed application, official copies of transcripts and certificates, Part I and Part II National Dental Board Examinations scores, Credential Evaluation Report from the Educational Credential Evaluators, TOEFL exam – if English is not the native language – within a minimum of 580 (paper based) or 237 (computer based), two (2) letters of recommendation written within one year and a completed Dental Experience Summary Form. For additional information contact:

Kornberg School of Dentistry Temple University
Office of Admissions, Diversity and Student Services
3223 North Broad Street, Room 341
Philadelphia, PA 19140
admission@DENTAL.Temple.edu

UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH: The School of Dental Medicine has implemented an Advanced Standing Program for dentists holding a dental degree from other countries. This program is a two-year curriculum. After a mandatory summer pre-clinical laboratory and didactic program, qualified Advanced Standing students are placed in the First Professional Program (DMD) as first semester, third-year dental students and must complete the third- and fourth-year curriculum as prescribed. No waiver of classes is granted. The deadline for applications is September 15 of the year prior to the program start. The admission process is highly selective, and seats are limited.
The University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine participates in the Centralized Application for Advanced Placement for International Dentists (CAAPID) program. Applications sent directly to the University of Pittsburgh will no longer be accepted. The CAAPID website may be accessed at www.adea.org. Application requirements for this program include scores of eighty and above on both Parts I and II of the National Dental Board Exam and a TOEFL IbT (internet) score of 100. Please refer to www.dental.pitt.edu for further information.

University of Pittsburgh
School of Dental Medicine
Office of Admissions
Attn: Rosemary Mangold
3501 Terrace Street, Suite 2114
Pittsburgh, PA 15261
1-412-648-8437
Fax: 1-412-648-9571

TENNESSEE

UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE, MEMPHIS: Graduates who have received a doctoral degree in dentistry from an institution not accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association or by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of Canada may apply for admission to the College of Dentistry on an advanced standing basis. However, the admission of advanced standing students is a discretionary function of the College of Dentistry. Due to the nature of the college's curriculum and availability of positions, not every request for advanced standing may be accommodated.

Advanced standing applicants who apply for admission to the predoctoral program on an advanced standing basis may only be considered for entrance at the beginning of the second or third year. Applicants must meet the following criteria in order to be given an interview to determine acceptability for admission:

1. Achieve a minimum score of 275 on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL).
2. Achieve a minimum score of 50 on the Test of Spoken English (TSE-A).
3. All applicants must be citizens or permanent residents of the United States.
4. Submit all college course transcripts, including dental, taken outside the United States or Canada. These are to be submitted directly to the Office of Academic Affairs.
5. Successful passage of Parts I and II of the National Dental Board Examination (NDBE) within five years prior to the date of their current application.

Advanced standing applications must be received in the Office of Academic Affairs no later than December 31 of the year preceding that in which admission is being sought. Please contact:

University of Tennessee
Office of Academic Affairs
875 Union Ave
Memphis, TN 38163
Phone: 1-901-448-7686
Fax: 1-901-448-1625
mpatters@utmem.edu
TEXAS

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER AT SAN ANTONIO: The UTHSCSA Dental School’s International Dentist Education Program (IDEP) allows qualified graduates of foreign dental programs to earn the Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) degree. Completion of this two-year dental education program will allow graduates to take state or regional dental clinical examination and be eligible for licensure and practice within the United States -- pending individual state laws. The IDEP is a full-time, daily program consisting of a nine-week, online distance learning and a six-week, local, hands-on review course followed by matriculation through the 3rd and 4th years of the undergraduate DDS program with classroom lectures and direct patient care in the group practices, community clinics and departmental clinic rotations. The class size of the IDEP will be 10 students. The application requirements for the IDEP are a dental degree from a foreign country; officially translated and notarized dental school diploma; official, school-certified dental school transcripts; passing score on the National Board Dental Examination Part I with an overall average of 80 or above (within past 5 years); exam score of 92 or above (internet-based) on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL); three (3) letters of recommendation and completion of a personal statement about the applicant's educational experience, dental-related activities and future professional goals. Selected applicants will be invited for a two-day interview process that will consist of an orientation to the dental school, interviews with faculty, written essays and dental skills psychomotor assessments. The 10 students admitted to the IDEP each year will be selected from those individuals who present for the interview and skills testing phase of the admissions process and are offered a letter of acceptance for advanced standing placement in the DDS degree program. For additional information, please contact:

International Dentist Education Program
UTHSCSA Dental School
7703 Floyd Curl Drive
San Antonio, TX 78229
http://www.dental.uthscsa.edu/admissions/idep.php
IDEP@uthscsa.edu

CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES

These courses are designed to help dentists keep abreast of advances in dental and medical sciences. Continuing education courses are of short duration (usually less than one week) and do not lead to a degree. Mostly, these courses address a single topic. The Council on Dental Education and Licensure prepares a listing of continuing education courses sponsored by providers who have received approval from the ADA Continuing Education Recognition Program (CERP). The list is available at www.ada.org.

Some dental schools offer courses through their continuing education departments for international dentists that help prepare them for clinical examinations. Go to www.ada.org for contact information for dental schools.

MEXICO

MEXICAN INTERNATIONAL DENTIST PROGRAM: UNIVERSIDAD DE LA SALLE BAJIO; LEON, GUANAJUATO, MEXICO: The California Board of Dental Examiners granted authorization to the Universidad de La Salle to start a two-year international dental training program for foreign trained dentists that awards a Doctor of Dental Surgery (D.D.S.) degree. In 2006, the University De La Salle Bajio’s School of Dentistry began offering the
International Dental Program, designed for foreign trained dentists that are striving towards obtaining a dental license that allows them to practice in California, U.S.

The University De La Salle has built a program with academic and clinic facilities specifically designed for its International Dental Program. The program consists of four (4) academic semesters with both classroom and clinical requirements, beginning in January of each year. This is a bilingual program in which the lecture is held in English and the clinical process is conducted in Spanish for most every patient.

The basic admission requirements include candidate’s identity documents, an evaluation of dental school transcripts by Educational Credential Evaluators Inc. (ECE), three (3) letters of recommendation, certified copies in English translation of candidate’s dental school diploma, financial statements, passing of the TOEFL exam and an admission test as well as a personal interview with members of an admission committee. For additional information please visit http://www.LASALLEids.com or contact:

Universidad De La Salle Bajío
School of Dentistry
International Dental Program (IDP)
Av. Universidad #602 Col. Lomas del Campestre
CP 37150 Leon, Gto. Mexico
Phone (Including area code): (011-52-477) 710-8570
Fax (Including area code): (011-52-477) 779-4052

CANADA

CANADIAN QUALIFYING AND ADVANCED STANDING PROGRAMS: The Qualifying Program is a special university program held over two academic years for graduates of non-accredited dental programs leading to a Certificate of Qualification in Dentistry. Its purpose is to prepare students to take the examinations of the National Dental Examining Board of Canada (NDEB). Admission requirements include graduation from a non-accredited university dental program of a minimum of four years, Citizen or Permanent Resident of Canada on or before the application deadline, completion of the Eligibility Examination (EE) administered by the Association of Canadian Faculties of Dentistry (ACFD) and demonstrated competency in English. Upon successful completion of a CDAC-accredited Qualifying Program and the NDEB examinations, the candidate will be eligible for licensure/registration in all provinces of Canada. NOTE: Currently, the Qualifying Programs may not be recognized in United States licensing jurisdictions as meeting the educational qualification for licensure. Three Canadian dental schools offer Qualifying Programs to international dental graduates.

Dalhousie University
Faculty of Dentistry
5981 University Avenue
Halifax, Nova Scotia B3H-3J5
http://www.dentistry.dal.ca

University of Toronto
Faculty of Dentistry
124 Edward Street
Toronto, Ontario M5G-1G6
http://www.utoronto.ca/dentistry
University of Western Ontario  
Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry  
1151 Richmond Street, Room 1003  
Dental Sciences Building  
London, Ontario N6A 5C1  
http://www.med.uwo.ca

Graduates of non-accredited dental programs may also apply for advanced standing within an accredited D.D.S. or D.M.D. program in Canada. Graduates receive a D.M.D or D.D.S. degree upon completion of these programs, and upon successful completion of the appropriate licensing examinations, are eligible for licensure/registration in the U.S. and Canada. Three Canadian dental schools offer Advanced Standing to international dental graduates.

University of British Columbia  
Faculty of Dentistry  
2199 Westbrook Mall  
Vancouver, BC V6T 1Z7  
http://dentistry.ubc.ca

University of Alberta  
Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry  
Room 3036 Dent/Pharma Bldg  
Edmonton, Alberta T6G-2N8  
http://www.dent.ualberta.ca

University of Manitoba  
Faculty of Dentistry  
International Dentist Degree Program (IDDP)  
780 Bannatyne Ave.  
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3E-0W2  
http://umanitoba.ca/faculties/dentistry

For more information about dental education and licensure in Canada, contact:  
Canadian Dental Association  
1815 Alta Vista Drive  
Ottawa, Ontario  
Canada K1G 3Y6  
Phone: 1-613-523-1770  
http://www.cda-adc.ca