

ADVANCED DENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS – POSTDOCTORAL CERTIFICATES AND MASTER’S DEGREES

The Advanced Education Programs are designed for the preparation of well qualified dental specialists in the oral health fields most needed by the Puerto Rican population. The collaboration with the Iberoamerican countries in the preparation of dental specialist is another responsibility that the School accepts as part of its mission.

The Advanced Dental Education programs are administered by the Office of the Assistant Dean for Graduate Dental Education. The Assistant Dean for Graduate Dental Education has been delegated, through the Assistant Dean, the management of all aspects related to the evaluation of the programs, coordination of the accreditation processes, admission, promotion, and graduation processes in collaboration with the directors of the programs.

Requirements for Admission

All candidates to the Advanced Education Programs must comply with the following requirements:

- A degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery (D.D.S.) or Doctor of Dental Medicine (D.M.D.), or equivalent from an accredited dental school.
- Official transcripts from all institutions of higher education attended and photocopies of the diplomas or certificates received. Candidates accepted should present the originals upon admission to the program.
- Must have passed the first and second part of the National Dental Boards prior to beginning the program.
- A personal interview.
- Must be fluent in English and Spanish.
- A recent 2" x 2" photograph.
- A complete application should be received no later than October 1st for admission to the program beginning July 1st of the next calendar year. Applicants should submit an application through the Postdoctoral Application Support Service (P.A.S.S.) program. Please obtain a P.A.S.S. application by writing to the following:

POSTDOCTORAL APPLICATION SUPPORT SERVICE
AMERICAN DENTAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION
1400 K Street NW, Suite 1100B
Washington, D.C. 20005-2403
P.A.S.S. Fax: (202) 289-8702
P.A.S.S. Customer Service: (202) 289-8123
Toll-Free Customer Service: 1-800-353-2237
Web Site: <https://portal.passweb.org>

The candidate will be notified of acceptance or rejection no later than January 30th.

- Applicants must have a minimum grade point average established by each program:

Program	Minimum GPA
Orthodontics	3.00
Pediatric Dentistry	3.00
Prosthodontics	2.60
Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery	3.00
GPR	2.50

Foreign Students

Foreign Students must comply with the following additional requirements:

- Must have their diplomas, school transcripts, and all other pertinent documents, certified as official by the Ministry of Education or similar agency in their country of origin, or by the U.S. Embassy in those countries where these services are available.
- Must have legal proof of financial support. An affidavit or sworn statement, as well as bank records are required for the processing of the Student's VISA. The University of Puerto Rico does not provide scholarships, stipends or financial aid to foreign students.
- The approval of the National Board Dental Examinations Part I and Part II is waived for foreign candidates.
- Candidates must present evidence of approval of the TOEFL exam when applying to all Advanced Education Specialty/Programs.
- Foreign candidates are encouraged to participate in the six months Professional Studies in Dentistry course prior to applying for the Advanced Education Program.
- Application forms fully completed and all required documents must be submitted, in duplicate, to the Office of the Assistant Dean for Graduate Dental Education:

University of Puerto Rico
Medical Sciences Campus
School of Dental Medicine
Office of the Assistant Dean for
Graduate Dental Education
P.O. Box 365067
San Juan, Puerto Rico 00936-5067
Tel. (787) 758-2525 ext. 1121 or 2509

For further information and/or assistance call: (787) 758-2525 ext. 1121, 2509.

Criteria for Admission

Criteria for admission to the Advanced Education Specialty Programs are stated below. Each program determines the weight given to each criterion.

- Academic Performance in Pre-Dental Education
- Dental Education General Point Average
- Interview and/or letters of recommendation
- National Dental Boards Examination
- Professional Experience & Academic Activities
- Research Experience
- Extracurricular Activities

Each Program Director appoints an Admission's Committee that evaluates all completed applications and interviews those applicants who meet the requirements established by the residency program. Once applicants have been interviewed, the results are sent to the Office the Assistant Dean for Graduate Dental Education.

The Office of the Assistant Dean for Graduate Dental Education appoints an Admissions and Promotions Committee comprised of the Director of the Office of Graduate Programs, the Dean for Student Affairs, program directors or their representatives, graduate students, and/ or a representative from the Counseling and Guidance Office. All applications are reviewed by the committee. Potential candidates are selected

and interviewed by the committee, before submitting a final recommendation for admission to the Dean of the School of Dentistry.

General Requirements

All Advanced Dental Education Program students must attend the program on a full-time basis. The Advanced Education Specialty Programs, as well as the length of the curriculum, and the maximum number of years for completion of each degree is as follows:

Program	Length of Curriculum (In years)	Maximum Time Allowed for the Completion of the Degree
Post D.M.D. Certificates		
General Dentistry	1	1.5
General Dentistry (optional 2 nd year)	1	1.5
Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery	4	6
Prosthodontics	3	4.5
Pediatric Dentistry	2	3
Orthodontics	3	4.5
Master of Science in Dentistry (M.S.D.)		
Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery	5	6
Prosthodontics	4	5.5
Pediatric Dentistry	3	4
Orthodontics	4	4.5

Graduation Requirements

Residents must satisfactorily pass all required courses and have a minimum grade point average of 3.00, as certified by the Registrar's Office. Residents must also comply with the Rules and Regulations of the University of Puerto Rico (U.P.R.) School of Dental Medicine (S.D.M.), the didactic and clinical training sites, and the Resident's Contractual Agreement signed prior to enrollment.