

POSTDOCTORAL CERTIFICATE IN GENERAL DENTISTRY (GPR-FIRST YEAR PROGRAM)

The General Practice Residency (G.P.R.) program of the University of Puerto Rico (U.P.R.), School of Dental Medicine (S.D.M.), is a fully accredited residency-training program sponsored by the S.D.M., Medical Sciences Campus (M.S.C.), and affiliated to the University District Hospital (U.D.H.) in San Juan and the Hospital of the U.P.R. in the municipality of Carolina. Ample experiences are provided in the hospital setting, enabling the graduate to work more efficiently as an integral part of the institutional health team. In addition, students practice at the Diabetes Clinic at the M.S.C., at the U.D.H., at the Smile for the Mountain Community Program, at *Centro de Salud Oral Materno Infantil (CSOMI)*, and at the Puerto Rico Community Network for Clinical Research on AIDS (PR CoNCRA), an agency dedicated to provide care for HIV/AIDS patients. This program has been training residents in postdoctoral certificate in general dentistry and delivering comprehensive dental care since July 1988.

The GPR program is designed to provide advanced training in clinical dentistry and applied basic and medical sciences, and to refine the skills necessary for the generalist to provide comprehensive patient care with a high level of competency for all population groups. It prepares the residents to manage total oral health by providing instruction and experience in the delivery of care to a wide range of ambulatory and hospitalized patients.

The G.P.R training is provided primarily in the context of patient care, in which most of the resident's time is devoted to direct delivery of oral health care. The program consists of 12 consecutive months of both core and elective components. Clinical work is supplemented by formal educational activities, to assure that students achieve program goals and objectives, and derive maximum educational value from clinical experiences. Students must approve all courses in the study program in order to qualify for certification.

The program's three major components are: academic, hospital rotations, and dental services. These include:

Academic

Lectures	4 hours/week
Seminars	1 hour/week
Journal club	1 hour/week
Case presentations and discussions	1 hour/week
Physical Diagnosis Course	3 hours/week/1 st trimester

Hospital Rotations

Emergency Medicine	2 weeks
Anesthesiology	2 weeks
Internal Medicine	2 weeks
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery	2 weeks
Emergency Service	Approximately 5 days per month

Dental Services

Hospital Dental Clinics	4 days per week throughout the year for outpatient and inpatient care
Consultations	1 hour/week, or as required in emergency cases.

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.

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Total Credit Hours: 33 Semester C.H. + 10 Trimester C.H.

PHAR 8515	Pharmacology and Therapeutics	2
PROG 9100	Anesthesiology Rotation	4
PROG 9101	Patient Care Clinic I	2
PROG 9102	Patient Care Clinic II	2
PROG 9105	Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Clinic	2
PROG 9106	Hospital Protocol	2 tr
PROG 9107	Conscious Sedation for Dental Patients	3 tr
PROG 9108	Physical Diagnosis	3 tr
PROG 9111	Comprehensive Patient Care Clinic I	2
PROG 9112	Comprehensive Patient Care Clinic II	2
PROG 9113	Clinical Sciences Seminar I	2
PROG 9114	Clinical Sciences Seminar II	2
PROG 9115	Internal Medicine Rotation	0 tr
PROG 9116	Emergency Rotation	0
PROG 9117	Gerodontology	2 tr
PROG 9121	Dental Literature Review I	2
PROG 9122	Dental Literature Review II	2
PROG 9135	Implant Dentistry for General Practice Residents	3
PROG 9145	New Endodontic Techniques	3
PROG 9155	Oral Health and HIV	3

Professional Studies in Dentistry (GPR)

Besides the first year in Advanced Dental Education Program in General Practice Residency (G.P.R.), the S.D.M. offers a six-month to a year special program, which is not conducive to a degree or diploma. Students receive a certificate of the program. This program is designed for foreign dentists interested in the regular advanced dental education program.

PROG 9515 – (Section 005) – Professional Studies in Dentistry – 0 crs.

Application

Application to Professional Studies in Dentistry is conducted through the Office of the Assistant Dean for Graduate Dental Education.

<http://dental.rcm.upr.edu/?s=assistant+dean+for+graduate+dental+education>

An interview with the Director of the Advanced Dental Education Specialty Program of interest is mandatory in order to start the application process.