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This publication is designed to provide general information for dentists educated outside the United States or Canada who may wish to obtain a dental license in the United States. Sources for more specific information are identified, where appropriate. ***Every attempt has been made to obtain the most up-to-date information for this publication. However, because educational institutions and licensing agencies change their provisions periodically, it is always advisable to contact these organizations directly to obtain the most current information.*** See Appendix D for information on how to contact state boards and dental schools.

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## STEP-BY-STEP TO U.S. DENTAL LICENSURE

The following is a brief summary of the licensing process for international dentists and important contact information.

1. **Contact the state board of dentistry in the state where you wish to practice to obtain information about its licensure requirements.** State requirements vary, especially for graduates from dental schools outside the United States or Canada. It is very important to do this first so you will know exactly what is required for licensure in the state where you wish to practice, including information on clinical examination requirements. For a list of all state boards of dentistry, See Appendix D or go to <http://www.aadexam.org/> -- select "State Boards" and then "Administrators."
2. **Contact the American Dental Association Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations (ADA JCNDE) for information about the written National Board Dental Examinations.** *Taking the National Board Dental Examinations (NBDE) is one of the first things you will need to do to begin the process of becoming licensed in the United States.* This examination is a licensure requirement in all states. It is also a requirement for admission into a dental education program with advanced standing (see Appendix B), an advanced general dentistry or a specialty education program (See Appendix C). For more information about the National Board Dental Examinations call 1-800-232-1694 or go to the ADA website at <http://www.ada.org/prof/ed/testing/natboard/index.asp>.

To be eligible to take the NBDE, graduates from dental schools not accredited by the ADA Commission on Dental Accreditation or the Commission on Dental Accreditation of Canada must first have their dental course transcripts verified by Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc. (ECE), P.O. Box 514070, Milwaukee, WI 53203-3470. Telephone: 1-414-289-3400. Website: [www.ece.org](http://www.ece.org). E-mail [eval@ece.org](mailto:eval@ece.org). Candidates must contact the ECE directly to request an ECE application form and processing fee information. The Joint Commission will not process an application to take the National Board Dental Examinations before it receives the ECE Evaluation Report.

3. **Obtain additional education in an accredited dental or advanced dental education program.** Most states require that graduates of dental schools in other countries obtain additional education in an accredited predoctoral dental education program (see Appendix A). *It is very important to learn from the state board of dentistry what education is required for international dental graduates so you can be sure to meet the requirements.* Most states require candidates to complete additional education in general dentistry at the predoctoral level, while a few will also accept completion of education in an advanced education program (see Appendix C, page 30). Please contact the state dental boards for specific information. It is important to note that, if you become licensed in a state that accepts advanced education, and you later choose to move to another state that requires education in general dentistry at the predoctoral level, it is possible that you will have to go back for additional education in order to obtain a dental license in that state. For a list of dental education programs in the United States and Canada, call the ADA at 1-312-440-4653 or see the ADA website at [http://www.ada.org/prof/ed/programs/search\\_index.asp](http://www.ada.org/prof/ed/programs/search_index.asp).
4. **Successfully complete the clinical examination required in the state where you wish to practice.** Nearly all states require successful completion of a clinical examination to obtain a dental license in addition to the educational requirement and successful completion of the written National Board Dental Examinations. Connecticut, Minnesota, New York and Washington offer licensure applicants, who have graduated from an accredited program, the option of completing an accredited advanced education program of at least one year in length in lieu of a clinical examination.

Clinical examinations are administered by an individual state board or a regional testing agency. A state may contract with a regional testing agency that will administer the clinical exam required for that state. The regional examining agencies do not have the authority to license individuals and should not be confused with state boards of dentistry. The regional testing agencies are the Central Regional Dental Testing Services (CRDTS), Northeast Regional Board of Dental Examiners, Inc. (NERB),

Southern Regional Testing Agency (SRTA) and the Western Regional Examining Board (WREB). In July 2005 a new testing agency was established-the Council of Interstate Testing Agencies (CITA). At the time of this publication, two states (Mississippi, North Carolina) were members of the CITA. Some states do not contract with a regional testing agency. Instead they administer their own clinical examinations and generally do not accept the results of regional examinations (Alabama, California,\* Delaware, Florida, Louisiana, Nevada,\* Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands).

Contact the state board of dentistry in the state where you wish to practice for information about which examination is required. See Appendix D or go to <http://www.aadexam.org/> for information on how to contact the state boards and the state and regional testing agencies. Select "State Boards" and then "Administrators."

5. **Apply for a license through the state board of dentistry where you wish to practice.** Once you have successfully completed the written National Dental Board Examinations, met the educational requirement and successfully completed the appropriate clinical examination for the state where you wish to practice, the next step is to apply for licensure. Contact the state board of dentistry for an application. You will then be informed whether there are any additional requirements specific to that state. For example, several states require all applicants to pass a written test on the state dental practice act and regulations, be certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), or show proof of malpractice insurance.

## IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

**State Boards of Dentistry and State and Regional Testing Agencies:** Contact information for all state boards of dentistry and state and regional testing agencies can be found at <http://www.aadexam.org/>. Select "State Boards" and then "Administrators." Or, see Appendix D.

**Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations:** For information about the National Board Examinations contact 1-800-232-1694 or go to <http://www.ada.org/prof/ed/testing/natboard/index.asp>.

**Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc. (ECE):**

P.O. Box 514070,  
Milwaukee, WI 53203-3470  
Telephone: 1-414-289-3400  
Fax: 1-414-289-3411

[www.ece.org](http://www.ece.org) or e-mail: [eval@ece.org](mailto:eval@ece.org)

**Dental Schools in the U.S. and Canada:** For the most current information go to ADA website [http://www.ada.org/prof/ed/programs/search\\_index.asp](http://www.ada.org/prof/ed/programs/search_index.asp)

**American Student Dental Association (ASDA):** ASDA offers print and CD-ROM versions of National Board Dental Examination Part I and II. Contact ASDA for more information or to place an order. 1-800-621-8099, extension 2795 or 1-312-440-2795

[www.ASDAnet.org](http://www.ASDAnet.org)

**U.S. Citizens and Immigration Services**

1-800-375-5283  
<http://www.uscis.gov>

**U.S. Dept. of State**

Bureau of Consular Affairs  
Visa Office  
1-202-663-1225  
<http://travel.state.gov/>

\* These states may also accept results of other clinical examinations. Contact these state dental boards for more information.

## ADMISSION TO THE UNITED STATES

Immigration laws of the United States establish standards for admission of foreign nationals to the U.S. The basic standard is to obtain a visa of the appropriate type. Type of visa required and standards for issuance depend primarily on one's purpose for entering the country. The most basic distinction is between the nonimmigrant and the immigrant. A nonimmigrant is a person who enters the U.S. for a specific purpose with the intention of returning to his/her home country upon completion of that purpose. In contrast, an immigrant is a person who enters the U.S. with the intention of remaining indefinitely or permanently.

The two classifications most likely to be of interest to international dentists are Nonimmigrant--Academic Student and Immigrant--Member of a Profession. General information about both classifications follows. More specific information about these and other classifications may be obtained from a United States embassy or consulate in a foreign country. Alternately, information may be requested from:

U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
 Immigration and Naturalization Service  
 Washington, DC 20528  
 1-800-375-5283 (within U.S., Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico and Guam)  
[www.bcis.gov](http://www.bcis.gov)

The American Dental Association does not provide assistance in obtaining admission to the United States.

**NONIMMIGRANT-ACADEMIC STUDENT:** To enter the U.S. as an academic student, a foreign national must first be accepted for admission to a school that is authorized to admit international students. The school will then issue an eligibility form. This form must be presented to a U.S. consular officer to obtain a visa. Visas must also be obtained for the student's spouse and unmarried children under the age of 21.

In addition to a visa, a Nonimmigrant--Academic Student is usually required to hold a passport. The passport must be issued by the student's native country and must be valid for at least six months longer than the intended length of stay in the U.S. Requirements differ for Canadian and British students, who should check with a U.S. consular officer for details. Additionally, Canadian and Mexican citizens should contact a U.S. consular office for information about special visa requirements related to the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).

As an academic student, a foreign national may obtain employment in the U.S. only in specifically limited situations. The spouse and children of an academic student are not permitted to work in the U.S.

**IMMIGRANT-MEMBER OF A PROFESSION:** A foreign national who is a licensed dentist in another country may petition for a second preference (professional with advanced degree) or a third preference (professional or skilled individual) classification for an immigrant visa. If outside the U.S., the petition may be submitted to either an Immigration and Naturalization Service office or a U.S. consular office. In this country, the petition must be submitted to the Immigration and Naturalization Service office having jurisdiction over the intended place of employment. When a petition is approved, the petitioner's spouse and unmarried children under 21 years of age receive the same preference.

A foreign national awarded second preference is not awarded a visa automatically. Visas are issued only if need exists in the United States for members of the profession, and then they are issued in chronological order based on filing date until the need is fulfilled. Need is determined by the U.S. Department of Labor. If a nation-wide need exists, the Secretary of Labor certifies the profession and such certification applies to all members of the profession. The Secretary of Labor has not certified dentistry as requiring nation-wide need. Alternately, an individual may request certification of need for a specific area through a state employment service.

## DENTAL LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS

Before a dentist can legally treat patients in the United States, his/her qualifications must be approved by a governmental agency. The approval process is called licensure and the credential awarded is called a license.

The level of government that manages licensure is the state. The agency in state government that administers licensure is typically called the state board of dentistry or the state board of dental examiners. A license awarded by a state board permits the dentist to practice only within the boundaries of the state. A dentist who is licensed in New York, for example, is not permitted to practice in Illinois unless he/she obtains an Illinois dental license. **Licensure requirements vary from state to state.** This section provides a general overview of state licensure requirements. The three main requirements are:

1. Educational Requirements
2. Written Examination Requirements
3. Clinical Examination Requirements

This document is not intended to provide comprehensive requirements for any jurisdiction. **States may modify their licensure requirements and procedures at any time.** It is advisable to contact the state board of dentistry where you wish to practice early in the planning process for specific information.

**EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS:** The first licensure requirement that a candidate is likely to encounter is the educational requirement. The most typical educational requirement for licensure is graduation with a Doctor of Dental Surgery (D.D.S.) or Doctor of Dental Medicine (D.M.D.) degree from an accredited dental school. In most countries, approval of schools and educational programs is a governmental responsibility, which is typically assigned to a ministry of education. In the United States, schools and educational programs are evaluated and approved (accredited) by private, non-governmental agencies. The recognized accrediting agency in the United States for all dental and dental auxiliary education programs is the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association. References to accreditation in licensure provisions relate to the Commission on Dental Accreditation and no other agency.

The Commission on Dental Accreditation directly evaluates programs sponsored by U.S. institutions. Through a reciprocal agreement with the Commission on Dental Accreditation of Canada, the Commission indirectly approves programs located in Canada. For the purpose of licensure, programs located outside the United States and Canada are considered non-accredited. Graduates of non-accredited dental schools may be able to fulfill the educational requirement without repeating the entire dental education program: limited opportunities exist in some accredited dental schools for appropriately qualified candidates to be admitted with advanced standing (see "Advanced Standing" page 9 and Appendix B).

In 2002, The Dental Board of California implemented a process to approve dental schools outside the United States and Canada. As a result, graduates of those approved dental schools will be able to sit for the California Dental Board Examination without further education. Currently, the only school approved by the Dental Board of California is the University de La Salle in Leon, Guanajuato, Mexico. Contact the Dental Board of California for more information. See Appendix D, page 33, for contact information.

It is important to contact the state board of dentistry to obtain specific information about licensing requirements for graduates of non-accredited dental schools. A limited number of licensing jurisdictions (states) will accept candidates for licensure who have not graduated from an accredited dental education program (see Appendix A). Most require supplementary education of approximately two years in an accredited dental school. Supplementary education refers to additional predoctoral training in an accredited dental school. A supplementary education program is designed to ensure that the participant achieves the same level of competence expected for a graduate of the school's D.D.S. or D.M.D. program. Availability of such programs can be found in Appendix B.

An individual seeking licensure is responsible for providing documentation of educational credentials in a form acceptable to the board of dentistry. Some states are empowered with limited flexibility to accommodate political refugees who cannot obtain all usual documents. No state, however, will act without documentation of education in some acceptable form.

**WRITTEN EXAMINATION REQUIREMENT:** All U.S. licensing jurisdictions require evidence that a candidate for licensure has passed Parts I and II of the written National Board Dental Examinations. Each examination is composed exclusively of multiple-choice test items presented in the English language. Part I consists of four sections covering the basic biomedical sciences and dental anatomy. Part II consists of one comprehensive examination covering clinical dental subjects, pharmacology, behavioral science, dental public health and occupational safety. Part I must be passed before Part II is attempted. A National Board Dental Certificate is awarded only after both parts are passed.

Written and computerized National Board Dental Examinations are administered only in the United States and in Canada. Both Part I and Part II are offered in a computerized format. The written version of Part I will be offered in July and December of 2006. Applications for the written Part I examination are required approximately six weeks in advance of a test date and score reports are mailed to candidates 6-8 weeks after a test date. As of January 2, 2006, Part II will be offered only in computer format. Paper-based examinations will be phased out over the next two years. The last paper administration of Part II was December 2005. The final Part I paper administration will be December 2006.

The National Board Dental Examinations are a rigorous evaluation of a candidate's knowledge. All candidates should prepare carefully and comprehensively before participating in these examinations. The agency responsible for the administration of National Board Dental Examinations is:

The Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations  
 American Dental Association  
 211 East Chicago Avenue, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
 Chicago, Illinois 60611  
 1-800-232-1694

The Joint Commission will furnish information and an application on request. Candidates for Parts I and II can apply online at <http://www.ada.org/prof/ed/testing/index.asp>. Sample examinations are available for review in the library of the American Dental Association and in libraries of most accredited dental schools ([http://www.ada.org/prof/ed/programs/search\\_ddsdmd\\_us.asp](http://www.ada.org/prof/ed/programs/search_ddsdmd_us.asp)). Also, sample examinations may be purchased from the:

American Student Dental Association  
 Suite 1160  
 211 East Chicago Avenue  
 Chicago, Illinois 60611  
 1-312/440-2795  
[www.ASDAnet.org](http://www.ASDAnet.org)

Some jurisdictions also may require a written examination on state dental laws. State licensing agencies administer these examinations. Some clinical testing agencies also administer a supplemental test in conjunction with its clinical examination.

**ELIGIBILITY:** It is important to note that neither establishing National Board eligibility nor earning a National Board Dental Certificate provides assurance that an individual's educational credentials will be accepted for licensure in any jurisdiction. The following provisions are required for the certification of educational credentials obtained from non-accredited dental schools.

1. Candidates must submit an examination application and fee to:  
 The Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations  
 211 East Chicago Avenue, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
 Chicago, Illinois 60611  
 1-800-232-1694

2. Candidates who are still students must submit a form that is provided by the Joint Commission that includes the seal of the dental school in which the student is still enrolled and the signature of the dean or the registrar of that school.

3. Candidates who have graduated from a nonaccredited school must have official dental school course transcripts verified by:

Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc.  
 P.O. Box 514070  
 Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53203-3470  
 1-414/289-3400  
**www.ece.org**  
**eval@ece.org**

Candidates must contact Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc. (ECE) and request an ECE application form. The ECE form will describe what educational credentials are required and the manner in which to submit them to ECE. Fees for ECE services will also be listed. The candidate should indicate on the ECE application that the report on the evaluation of the educational credentials should be sent directly to the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations. It takes approximately four weeks for ECE to evaluate credentials. If requested by the candidate, Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc. will send the ECE Evaluation Report directly to the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations and also to the candidate. The Joint Commission will hold the examination application but will not process it before the ECE Evaluation Report is received.

4. Candidates from international dental schools may establish eligibility **for Part I only** by obtaining a letter or recommendation from the dean of a dental school that is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation to which they are *applying for admission with advanced standing*. Subsequently, when a candidate applies to take Part II, he/she must submit additional documentation as described above or provide a letter from the Dean or Registrar of the accredited dental school indicating that he/she was accepted to and is enrolled in the DDS/DMD program.

**CLINICAL EXAMINATION REQUIREMENT:** Candidates for dental licenses in most U.S. licensing jurisdictions are subject to the clinical examination requirement (Connecticut, Minnesota, New York and Washington offer licensure applicants the option of completing an accredited advanced education program of at least one year in length in lieu of a clinical examination). Clinical examinations are conducted by individual state boards of dentistry or by regional dental testing agencies. A regional agency, also called a regional board, is formed when a group of state boards jointly develop and administer a clinical examination. Five such regional agencies currently conduct examinations used by over 40 jurisdictions. State boards that participate in a regional dental testing agency often have different educational requirements for licensure, so some regional testing agencies restrict eligibility to graduates of accredited dental schools. A state with restricted eligibility may also have a provision to grant licensure to international dentists. ***Because circumstances may vary, an international dentist should always direct his or her initial request for information about a clinical examination to the appropriate state board rather than to a regional dental testing agency.***

A clinical examination may include a written component. There may also be a laboratory or manikin component, and most clinical examinations involve performing dental procedures on patients. Specific procedures are identified in the examination's Candidate's Guide, and the candidate is responsible for furnishing patients in need of these procedures. Although dental units and chairs are ordinarily furnished, the candidate may be expected to bring instruments and materials to be used. Candidates are advised to obtain specific information about these requirements and procedures from the clinical testing agencies. It is also advisable to request information about examination regulations, such as whether the state limits the number of times an individual may take the examination.

**OTHER REQUIREMENTS:** State boards of dentistry may have other types of licensure requirements. For example, most states require sound moral character as a criterion for licensure. Some states require proof of malpractice insurance or current certification in Basic Life Support. Documentation requirements differ among states. There may also be some requirements applicable to internationally trained dentists only. Check with the appropriate state board of dentistry for specific information.

**TEMPORARY AND PROVISIONAL LICENSURE:** Some states may grant temporary and/or provisional dental licenses to meet specific needs. For example, a temporary license may be granted to permit a student to participate in an advanced education program. Provisional licensure is usually limited to full-time faculty members of accredited dental programs, where required. Neither temporary nor provisional licenses are valid for the purposes of private practice. If seeking licensure for the purpose of a faculty position or enrollment as a student, the educational institution provides information about such provisions when an individual is accepted or employed into a position qualifying for temporary or provisional licensure.

## DENTAL EDUCATION

### PREDOCTORAL EDUCATION

In the United States, dental education programs are conducted at the post-baccalaureate level. Predoctoral dental education programs are a minimum of four academic years in length or its equivalent and lead to one of two equivalent degrees: Doctor of Dental Surgery (D.D.S.) or Doctor of Dental Medicine (D.M.D.). Curricula vary among U.S. dental education programs, but most of the first year and much of the second year are usually devoted to courses in the biomedical sciences. Subjects presented in the first and second years include anatomy, biochemistry, embryology, histology, microbiology, pathology, pharmacology and physiology.

Although dental sciences are introduced during the first two years, the majority of instruction in dental subjects is provided in the third and fourth years. Instruction in dental subjects is supplemented by clinical experience under the supervision of dental faculty members. Subjects taught in this manner are diagnosis (including radiography), endodontics, fixed and removable prosthodontics, oral and maxillofacial surgery, orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics, pediatric dentistry, periodontics and restorative dentistry. Other topics covered within the dental curriculum are community health, patient management, practice management, professional ethics, jurisprudence and utilization of allied dental personnel.

**ADMISSION AS A FIRST-YEAR STUDENT:** More candidates apply for admission to U.S. dental education programs than can be accepted. There were approximately 9,433 applicants for 4,612 positions in the first-year class of 2004. State supported dental schools give preference to residents of the state. Several public and private dental schools have formal agreements with one or more states to admit a fixed number of their residents each year. Of the 4,612 first-year dental students enrolled in 2004, approximately 239 were foreign nationals. The educational system in the United States provides 12 years of primary and secondary schooling prior to college. Two to four years of college are required prior to admission to dental school. College courses required for admission to a dental education program can include biology, English, inorganic and organic chemistry and physics. ***For specific requirements for admission to a particular dental school, it is necessary to contact the dental education program directly.***

All U.S. dental education programs require applicants for admission to the *first-year class* to take the Dental Admission Test (DAT). The Dental Admission Testing Program, which is administered by the American Dental Association, measures general mathematical ability, science achievement in general biology, general chemistry and organic chemistry, and also measures ability to comprehend scientific information and perceptual ability. Dental Admission Tests are conducted in the English language. The DAT is offered at Prometric Test Centers operated by Sylvan only in the United States. The DAT is not administered in Canada or foreign countries.

A candidate's scores are reported to dental education programs of his/her choice. Scores reflect a candidate's performance in relation to other candidates who were examined. The American Dental Association does not set minimum scores for admission to the dental program and does not assist an individual to gain admission. Admissions decisions are the responsibility of the individual dental education program. Admissions decisions are typically made well in advance, so it is advisable to begin applying about one year prior to the desired enrollment date. Information about the Dental Admission Test (DAT) may be obtained from the Department of Testing Services, American Dental Association, 211 East Chicago Avenue, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Chicago, Illinois 60611. Phone: 1-800-232-2162 or go to <http://www.ada.org/prof/ed/testing/index.asp>.

**ADVANCED STANDING:** About half of the accredited U.S. dental education programs consider applications from graduates of foreign dental schools for admission to the second or third year of the basic dental degree program. This is known as advanced standing. A list of those programs can be found in Appendix B. Admission procedures for international dental graduates seeking advanced standing are different from procedures for admission to an entering class. Candidates are required to submit transcripts and to take the National Board Dental Examination Part I. For more complete information, contact the individual dental education program directly.

**FINANCIAL DATA:** In addition to living expenses, costs include tuition, laboratory fees and purchase of equipment. The following table provides high, low and average tuition and other educational expenses reported by U.S. dental schools for the 2004 school year. Neither the "high" set of data nor the "low" set all came from a single program.

**First-Year Non- Resident Tuition**

High     \$57,473  
Average \$31,047  
Low       \$5,500

**Other Educational Expenses**

<u>1<sup>st</sup> Yr</u>	<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Yr</u>	<u>3<sup>rd</sup> Yr</u>	<u>4<sup>th</sup> Yr</u>
\$19,528	\$21,489	\$20,600	\$15,721
\$ 8,372	\$7,850	\$5,347	\$4,197
\$ 1,909	\$2,667	\$1,031	\$693

Educational expenses other than tuition typically decrease as the student progresses through four years of school. Large expenses in the first two years are for the purchase of dental instruments used throughout the curriculum. The dental school or its parent university administers nearly all programs of financial aid to both graduate and undergraduate students. For information about financial aid, contact the dental school's Financial Aid Office. In general, funds are rarely available in the United States for citizens of other countries. Applicants should check with the Minister of Health or Education in their country to see if funds are available.

## ADVANCED EDUCATION

As the name suggests, advanced dental education programs are for individuals who already hold dental degrees. A common purpose of all advanced education programs is to extend the competence of the student. This may be either in general dentistry or in a special area of practice. **It should be noted that successful completion of an advanced dental education program might not satisfy the educational requirements for dental licensure if the initial dental degree was obtained from a non-accredited dental program. Please contact the state dental board where you wish to become licensed for specific information.**

**GRADUATE VS. POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMS:** Advanced dental education programs can be classified into graduate programs and postgraduate programs. Only universities conduct graduate programs. A graduate program leads to one of the following degrees: Master of Science (M.S.), Master of Science in Dentistry (M.S.D.) or Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.). In addition to the purpose of extending the competence of the student, a graduate program often has the objective of preparing the student for a career in teaching and/or research. Graduate programs may require an original research project and a thesis. Applicants for admission to a graduate program must meet requirements of the university's graduate school as well as specific program requirements.

A postgraduate program need not be sponsored by a university. Many are conducted in hospitals or other clinical settings. A degree is not awarded upon completion of a post-graduate program. Instead, successful completion of a postgraduate program is usually recognized with a certificate, although some university programs offer the option or requirement of concurrent enrollment in a graduate program leading to a degree. In that case, the candidate would receive both a certificate of completion and a graduate degree.

**ADVANCED EDUCATION PROGRAMS IN DENTAL SPECIALTIES:** Nine dental specialties are recognized in the United States. Educational programs for specialties are usually two years in duration. Programs in oral and maxillofacial surgery must be of at least four years in duration; oral and maxillofacial pathology must be at least three years in duration; prosthodontic programs must be a minimum of 33 months; and periodontics programs must be a minimum of 30 months of instruction. Dental Public Health offers either a 12-month or 24-month program.

The following table provides the number of dentists enrolled in advanced education programs in the dental specialties in 2003-2004.

**Dentists Enrolled In Advanced Education (Specialty) Programs In 2003/2004**

	<u>Total Enrollment</u>	<u>Internationally- Trained</u>
Dental Public Health	46	14
Endodontics	420	52
Oral & Maxillofacial Pathology	37	14
Oral & Maxillofacial Radiology	22	5
Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery	925	101
Orthodontics & Dentofacial Orthopedics	785	60
Pediatric Dentistry	543	65
Periodontics	497	53
Prosthodontics	416	59
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,691</b>	<b>423</b>

Appendix C (page 27) lists advanced dental education programs in dental specialty areas that may accept applications from international dental graduates.

**ADVANCED EDUCATION PROGRAMS IN GENERAL DENTISTRY:** There are two types of advanced education programs in general dentistry: the general practice residency (GPR) and the advanced education in general dentistry (AEGD) programs. The primary distinction relates to hospital experience. A general practice residency typically is conducted in a hospital setting and must include substantial experience in managing medically compromised patients. An advanced education in general dentistry program is typically conducted in a dental school, community health center or military facility and must provide experience with comprehensive patient care for all population groups. Both types of programs are of at least one-year duration: some programs are two years in duration.

Some advanced programs in general dentistry consider applications from internationally trained dentists (See Appendix C). Because of competition for admission, however, the number of internationally trained dentists admitted is relatively small. Of the total of 1,642 students enrolled in advanced programs in GPR and AEGD in the 2003-2004 school year, only about 5.5% were graduates of international dental schools.

**OTHER ADVANCED PROGRAMS:** Individuals pursuing an advanced education program in oral and maxillofacial surgery may have the option of working toward an M. D. degree in addition to a certificate or other type of degree (for example, M.S., Ph.D.). Additionally, focused clinical fellowship training programs are available in areas including, but not limited to, esthetic oral and maxillofacial surgery, oral and maxillofacial oncology, pediatric oral and maxillofacial surgery, maxillofacial trauma and craniofacial surgery. For information on availability of these types of programs contact the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation at 1-312-440-2714.

Some dental schools provide advanced general dentistry education programs in disciplines other than ADA-recognized specialties. Among these disciplines are anatomy, anesthesiology, biochemistry, dental materials, immunology, implantology, microbiology, operative dentistry, oral biology, oral medicine, pharmacology and physiology.

**ADMISSIONS INFORMATION AND FINANCIAL DATA:** Advanced dental education programs typically enroll new students July through September. Students to be enrolled are selected approximately six months prior to enrollment. It is advisable to begin applying for advanced education programs about one year in advance of the desired enrollment date.

**APPLICATION SERVICES:** The American Dental Education Association (ADEA) offers the *Postdoctoral Application Support Service (PASS)*. PASS is available to all individuals applying to postdoctoral dental education programs participating in the application service. Currently 480 of the 727 U.S. postdoctoral dental education programs participate in PASS. The following disciplines are among the participating programs: Advanced Education in General Dentistry, General Practice Residency, Anesthesiology, Endodontics, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Orthodontics, Pediatric Dentistry, Periodontics and Prosthodontics.

The PASS simplifies the application process by providing a standardized format, relieving applicants of the need to complete multiple applications. Dental programs benefit by receiving uniform information on all applicants. For more information contact ADEA at 1-800-353-2237, Fax: 1-202-289-8123 or **CSRPASS@ADEA.ORG**. The ADEA website address is **www.adea.org**.

*The National Matching Services, Inc (NMS)* is a service offered to postgraduate program applicants, which places applicants into first year residency training positions in dentistry in the United States. Disciplines currently participating in the NMS include Advanced Education in General Dentistry, General Practice Residency, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Orthodontics and Pediatric Dentistry. The NMS program provides an opportunity for applicants and programs to evaluate each other fully, after which, both the program and applicant submit rank order lists to the Match Service indicating their preferences. Using the rank order lists, the matching service places applicants in appropriate programs. For more information, visit the NMS website at **http://www.natmatch.com/dentres/index.htm**, or contact the NMS Toronto office at 1-416-977-3431.

**STIPENDS:** Most hospital programs and many dental school programs taught in affiliated hospitals provide students with stipends that range from \$12,250 to \$54,100 per year; some may waive tuition depending on the size of the stipend. In such a program, the student has a resident appointment to the hospital staff and responsibility for patient care under supervision. Competition for this type of position is intense. The American Dental Association does not assist prospective students in obtaining admission to advanced dental education programs. Admissions decisions remain the responsibility of the individual institution and program. Information about financial support for advanced education programs must be requested from the individual program.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR EMPLOYMENT

The basic requirement for a foreign national to obtain employment in the U.S. is a visa that permits the individual to work in this country. Information about the visas may be obtained from the United States embassy or a U.S. consulate in the foreign country. Summary information about visas is provided on page four of this document.

Few employment opportunities exist in the United States for a dentist who does not hold a state dental license. Types of positions for which dental licensure may not be required are described in the following paragraphs.

**FACULTY POSITIONS:** Dentists employed by dental schools for teaching or research assignments are sometimes not required to hold a state dental license. Instead, states may issue a faculty permit. Requirements vary from state to state. An advanced dental degree with an excellent academic record and research experience are usually required for such positions. For information about specific positions, it is necessary to contact the individual dental schools.

An international dental graduate who qualifies for a faculty or research position might wish to explore the possibility of a Fulbright Commission. Sponsored by the United States Department of State, Fulbright for Non-U.S. Students provides opportunities for students from abroad for degree, non-degree and specialized study in the United States. For more information, contact the Fulbright Program in your country. If there is no Fulbright program in your country, contact the American Embassy.

Fulbright website: <http://www.iie.org/TemplateFulbright.cfm?section=Fulbright1>

**ALLIED DENTAL PERSONNEL POSITIONS:** Some international dental graduates seek employment as allied dental personnel until they succeed in attaining dental licensure. Three categories of allied dental personnel are recognized in the United States: the dental assistant, the dental laboratory technician and the dental hygienist.

A *dental assistant* supports a dentist directly in patient care. A dental assistant works under the supervision of a dentist and duties may include performing such chair side functions as instrument exchange, exposing and processing radiographs, sterilizing instruments, preparing tray set-ups, maintaining patient records and performing business office procedures. Although formal education in dental assisting is available, neither formal education nor licensure is required by law for employment in most states. Some states register dental assistants to perform intraoral functions specified in the dental practice act. Employment opportunities may be found in classified sections of professional publications and local newspapers. Persons seeking employment may also place advertisements in such publications.

A *dental laboratory technician* works with dentists by following the specifications described in authorizations from the dentist to create a variety of dental prostheses including complete dentures, fixed bridges, removable partial dentures, crowns, inlays and corrective appliances. Although formal education in dental laboratory technology is available, neither formal education nor licensure are typically required for employment. Most dental laboratory technicians are employed in commercial laboratories or operate their own laboratories, but dentists and various government agencies might also employ dental laboratory technicians. Opportunities can be sought through advertisements as described for dental assisting or by contacting commercial laboratories in the area.

To work as a *dental hygienist* an individual must be licensed by the appropriate state board of dentistry. The usual dental hygiene educational requirement for licensure is graduation from a dental hygiene education program that is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation. Such a program is conducted at the post-secondary level and is a minimum of two academic years in length. The National Board Dental Hygiene Examination and a clinical examination are also required. A dental hygienist assumes delegated responsibilities for patient care under the direction and supervision of a dentist. The scope of a hygienist's work is dependent upon the jurisdiction's dental practice act, but typically includes collecting diagnostic data; performing an oral inspection and an oral prophylaxis; and providing fluoride treatments, dental sealants and oral hygiene instructions. Generally, states do not have provisions for dental hygiene licensure for international dentists. Florida, however, grants eligibility status for the Florida clinical dental hygiene examination to international dentists who wish to obtain a dental hygiene license. See Appendix D for contact information for the Florida Board of Dentistry.

## AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION

The American Dental Association (ADA) is the professional association of dentists committed to the public's oral health, ethics, science and professional advancement; leading a unified profession through initiatives in advocacy, education, research and the development of standards. Although membership is voluntary, over 71% of U.S. dentists and 87% of dental students belong to the ADA. There are provisions for internationally trained dentists to become members as well.

ADA members receive a wide variety of membership benefits--both tangible and intangible. Tangible benefits include the *Journal of the American Dental Association*, access to the members only content on the ADA website ADA.org, personal and professional financial services, competitive group insurance and retirement programs, the ADA Annual Session (the largest continuing education/dental exposition in the country), reduced rates on ADA catalog products and library services. A key intangible benefit is the ADA's advocacy efforts at the state and federal levels. All dentists, dental professionals and the public benefit from these efforts. Increased funding for research, dental care for underserved populations and public health initiatives such as water fluoridation and community education are examples of members' intangible benefits.

The American Dental Association is structured as a three-tiered system called the tripartite. While retaining their independence as dental associations, the national (ADA), state (constituent) and component (local) organizations work together for members. With few exceptions, ADA members hold membership at all three levels (e.g., affiliate members, dentists employed by the Federal Dental Services, graduate students).

Several membership categories may be available to an international dentist. All membership categories described below entitle an individual to receive *The Journal of the American Dental Association* and to attend scientific sessions sponsored by the American Dental Association at a special member rate.

*Active Member.* This category of membership is available to an international dentist who has achieved licensure to practice in the U.S. To join the ADA as an active member an individual must first join the state and local dental societies serving his or her geographic area. Licensed dentists who are employed full-time by the federal dental services may join the ADA directly. Dues of state and local societies vary, but ADA 2006 dues are \$435 per year plus a mandatory assessment of \$30 for a total due of \$465. (The ADA 2000 House of Delegates approved an assessment for six years, 2001-2006, to fund renovation of the Association-occupied floors in the Chicago Headquarters Building).

*Affiliate Member.* An internationally trained dentist who has not achieved licensure in the U.S. may be eligible for affiliate membership if he/she is practicing outside the U.S. The 2006 annual dues for the affiliate member are \$75 in most countries and \$12 for dentists in the least developed countries, as defined by the Federation Dentaire Internationale (FDI).

*Graduate Student Member.* If an internationally trained dentist is enrolled in an accredited advanced dental education program at least one year duration in the U.S., the dentist may apply directly to the ADA to become a graduate student member. The annual dues for graduate students are \$30.

Applications can be found on the ADA website at <http://www.ada.org/ada/join/join.asp>, or contact the ADA Department of Membership, 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611-2678. Phone: 1-312-440-2607.

## APPENDIX A: STATE LICENSURE INFORMATION FOR INTERNATIONAL DENTISTS

This chart reflects the educational requirements that applicants for state dental licensure must meet. Due to numerous variations in licensure requirements from state-to-state, interested persons should contact the individual state dental boards for the most accurate information about requirements for graduates of foreign dental schools.

Nearly all states generally require that graduates of non-accredited dental education programs obtain a DDS or DMD degree from dental education program accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation ( ADA CDA), Commission on Dental Accreditation of Canada (CDAC), or state dental board-approved education program. **California** and **Minnesota** dental boards have the authority to allow dentists who have graduated from non-accredited programs to practice in their states (see Other State Requirements below). The states with **asterisks (\*)** may require something other than completion of a four-year dental program in order to obtain the degree; for example, a two-year supplemental program. Some states, as noted below, have adopted state specific variations in their laws.

A few dental schools (see "Other Educational Opportunities," pg 20) offer programs that grant certificates of completion rather than a dental degree for non-accredited program graduates who wish to become licensed in the United States. The ADA CDA is in the process of establishing a process to accredit the programs offered by these universities.

Under a reciprocal agreement between the ADA CDC and the CDAC, each Commission recognizes the accreditation of educational programs accredited by the other agency. As a result, applicants who have graduated from Canadian predoctoral dental education programs accredited by the CDAC **may** be eligible to meet the licensure requirements of a particular U.S. licensing jurisdiction without having to complete any additional educational requirements. Once again, however, the applicant should understand that the final decision on eligibility is determined by each state. For example, Georgia does not recognize the reciprocal agreement between the ADA CDA and the CDAC.

<b>ALABAMA*</b>	<b>MAINE*</b>	<b>OREGON*</b>
<b>ALASKA</b>	<b>MARYLAND</b>	<b>PENNSYLVANIA*</b>
<b>ARIZONA*</b>	<b>MASSACHUSETTS</b>	<b>PUERTO RICO</b>
<b>ARKANSAS</b>	<b>MICHIGAN*</b>	<b>RHODE ISLAND</b>
<b>CALIFORNIA*</b>	<b>MINNESOTA</b>	<b>SOUTH CAROLINA</b>
<b>COLORADO*</b>	<b>MISSISSIPPI*</b>	<b>SOUTH DAKOTA*</b>
<b>CONNECTICUT*</b>	<b>MISSOURI*</b>	<b>TENNESSEE</b>
<b>DELAWARE</b>	<b>MONTANA</b>	<b>TEXAS*</b>
<b>FLORIDA*</b>	<b>NEBRASKA</b>	<b>UTAH*</b>
<b>GEORGIA*</b>	<b>NEVADA</b>	<b>VERMONT*</b>
<b>HAWAII*</b>	<b>NEW HAMPSHIRE*</b>	<b>VIRGIN ISLANDS</b>
<b>IDAHO</b>	<b>NEW JERSEY</b>	<b>VIRGINIA</b>
<b>ILLINOIS*</b>	<b>NEW MEXICO</b>	<b>WASHINGTON*</b>
<b>INDIANA</b>	<b>NEW YORK*</b>	<b>WEST VIRGINIA</b>
<b>IOWA*</b>	<b>NORTH CAROLINA</b>	<b>WISCONSIN*</b>
<b>KANSAS</b>	<b>NORTH DAKOTA*</b>	<b>WYOMING</b>
<b>KENTUCKY</b>	<b>OHIO*</b>	<b>DISTRICT of</b>
<b>LOUISIANA*</b>	<b>OKLAHOMA</b>	<b>COLUMBIA*</b>

### OTHER STATE SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS:

**California** - the Dental Board has authority to approve international dental schools. Graduates of approved schools may apply directly for a dental license. Currently, the University De LaSalle in Leon, Guanajuato, Mexico, has been approved by the Board.

**Connecticut** – In lieu of the practical examination, an applicant for licensure may submit evidence of having successfully completed not less than one year of graduate dental training as a resident dentist in a program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation, provided at the end of such year of graduate dental training, the supervising dentist provides documentation satisfactory to the Department of Public Health attesting to the resident dentist's competency in all areas tested on the practical examination.

**Delaware** -applicants for licensure must complete a general practice residency and a clinical licensing examination for initial licensure.

**Kansas**—although graduation from an accredited school is required, the regulations also provide for licensure of a graduate of a non-approved school if a “two-year refresher” course is completed. To our knowledge, the Kansas board has not approved any of these courses. The board will decide requests for licensure and two-year program approval on a case-by-case basis.

**Kentucky** – at the time of this printing, Kentucky had legislation pending that could affect licensure for international dentists. Please contact the Kentucky Board of Dentistry for further information (See Appendix D for contact information).

**Louisiana** – the board will license foreign dentists by credentials after they have been licensed and practicing in another state for some period of time.

**Minnesota** - the dental board has authority to allow foreign-trained dentists to take the clinical licensure examination if the Board determines the training is equivalent to that provided by an ADA CDA or CDAC accredited dental education program.

**Missouri** – foreign-trained dentists must complete additional training in an ADA CDA accredited program that results in a D.D.S. or D.M.D. degree.

#### **STATES THAT WILL ACCEPT COMPLETION OF AN ACCREDITED ADA-RECOGNIZED ADVANCED EDUCATION PROGRAM IN LIEU OF A PREDOCTORAL PROGRAM:**

**Georgia** will allow graduates of non-accredited dental programs, who have completed a two-year advanced education program in general dentistry or a dental specialty and have obtained certification by the program's dean that the candidate has achieved the level of competency expected of a graduate receiving a DDS or DMD degree, to obtain a teacher's license. This is a restricted license.

**Illinois** – applicants must complete a minimum of two academic years of general dental clinical training at a dental college or school in the U.S. or Canada. An accredited advanced education program of no less than two years may be substituted for the two years of general dental clinical training.

**Louisiana** will allow dentists who have graduated from a non-accredited dental education program, but completed an accredited advanced education program in the U.S. or Canada, to be licensed. These individuals are required to limit their practice in the field in which they obtained the advanced education (specialty) training. If the applicant completed a general practice residency or advanced education in general dentistry, he/she must practice general dentistry.

**Maryland** will allow graduates of non-accredited dental schools to obtain a general dental license upon successful completion of at least a two-year pediatric residency program at a dental school or hospital authorized by any state and recognized by the Maryland Dental Board.

**Mississippi** allows general dentistry or specialty residency training at an accredited program to qualify graduates of non-accredited dental education programs to participate in the annual dental licensure exam.

**Oregon** allows graduates of non-accredited dental education programs, who have completed an ADA-CDA accredited specialty program and passed the WREB clinical examination, to qualify to sit for the Oregon specialty exam.

**Tennessee** law gives the dental board discretion to issue a limited license for the practice of dentistry in American Dental Association accredited institutions or dental education programs or in federally-designated health professional shortage areas, to a graduate of an non-accredited general dentistry program who successfully completed an accredited advanced education (ADA-recognized specialty) program accredited by the ADA CDA.

**Texas** grants eligibility to take the required clinical examination to graduates of foreign dental schools who have completed a two-year ADA CDA recognized specialty.

**Virginia** requires a diploma or certificate from an ADA-accredited predoctoral dental education program, or at least a 12 month post-doctoral advanced general dentistry program or a post doctoral education program in a dental specialty.

**Washington** provides that graduates of non-accredited dental programs may establish eligibility in theory and practice upon successful completion of at least two additional predoctoral or postdoctoral academic years in a program accredited by the ADA CDA.

## APPENDIX B: EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR INTERNATIONAL DENTISTS

### Accredited Programs that May Accept International Dental Graduates with Advanced Standing

Please note this information is subject to change. Contact the school directly for the most accurate information.

See Appendix D for information on how to contact the individual dental schools.

#### CALIFORNIA

University of California LA  
School of Dentistry  
Office of Student Affairs  
10833 Le Conte Avenue  
CHS-Room AO-111  
Los Angeles, CA 90095-1668

UCSF School of Dentistry  
IDP/Office of Admissions  
513 Parnassus Ave., Rm. S-619  
San Francisco, CA 94143-0430

University of Southern California  
School of Dentistry,  
925 W. 34<sup>th</sup> Street, Rm. 201  
Los Angeles, CA 90089-0641

University of the Pacific  
Arthur A. Dugoni School of  
Dentistry  
2155 Webster Street  
San Francisco, CA 94115

Loma Linda University  
School of Dentistry  
Loma Linda, CA 92350

#### COLORADO

The University of Colorado  
School of Dentistry  
4200 E. Ninth Avenue, Box C-284  
Denver, CO 80262

#### CONNECTICUT

School of Dental Medicine  
University of Connecticut  
263 Farmington Avenue  
Farmington, CT 06030-3905

#### FLORIDA

University of Florida  
College of Dentistry  
Box 100445, JHMHC  
Gainesville, FL 32610-0445

Nova Southeastern University  
Health Professions Division  
Office of Admissions  
College of Dental Medicine  
3200 S. University Drive  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33328

#### INDIANA

Indiana University  
School of Dentistry  
1121 W. Michigan Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46202-5186

#### MARYLAND

University of Maryland  
Baltimore College of Dental  
Surgery, Dental School  
666 W. Baltimore Street  
Baltimore, MD 21201

#### MASSACHUSETTS

Boston University  
Goldman School of Dental  
Medicine  
100 East Newton St., Rm 305  
Boston, MA 02118

Tufts University  
School of Dental Medicine  
Office of Admissions and Student  
Affairs  
One Kneeland Street  
Boston, MA 02111

#### MICHIGAN

University of Detroit Mercy  
School of Dentistry, Box 38  
8200 W. Outer Drive  
P.O. Box 19900  
Detroit, MI 48219-3580

#### MISSOURI

University of Missouri-Kansas City  
School of Dentistry  
650 E. 25<sup>th</sup> Street  
Kansas City, MO 64108-2784

#### NEBRASKA

Creighton University  
School of Dentistry  
2500 California Plaza  
Omaha, NE 68178

University of Nebraska Medical  
Center  
College of Dentistry  
40<sup>th</sup> & Holdrege Streets  
Box 830740  
Lincoln, NE 68583-0740

#### NEW YORK

State University of New York  
at Buffalo  
School of Dental Medicine  
3435 Main Street  
325 Squire Hall  
Buffalo, NY 14214

State University of New York at  
Stony Brook  
School of Dental Medicine  
Office of Admissions  
Rockland Hall, Room 115  
Stony Brook, NY 11794-8709

Columbia University  
School of Dental & Oral Surgery  
Attn: Advanced Standing Program  
P&S3-450  
630 West 168th Street  
New York, NY 10032

New York University  
College of Dentistry  
345 East 24th St.  
New York, NY 10010

#### **OHIO**

Case Western Reserve University  
School of Dental Medicine  
Office of Admissions  
10900 Euclid Ave.  
Cleveland, OH 44106-4905

#### **PENNSYLVANIA**

University of Pennsylvania  
School of Dental Medicine  
4001 W. Spruce Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19104-6003

University of Pittsburgh  
School of Dental Medicine  
3501 Terrace Street  
Pittsburgh, PA 15261-4420

Temple University School of  
Dentistry  
Office of Admissions and Student  
Affairs  
3223 N. Broad Street, Room 341  
Philadelphia, PA 19140

#### **PUERTO RICO**

University of Puerto Rico  
School of Dentistry  
P.O. Box 365067  
San Juan, PR 00936-5067

#### **TENNESSEE**

University of Tennessee  
Health Science Center  
College of Dentistry  
875 Union Avenue  
Memphis, TN 38163

#### **TEXAS**

Baylor College of Dentistry  
A Component of the Texas A&M  
University System  
Health Science Center  
3302 Gaston Avenue  
Dallas, TX 75246

University of Texas Health Science  
Center at Houston-Dental Branch  
6516 M.D. Anderson Blvd.  
Houston, TX 77030-3402  
*(Only if space is available. Texas  
residents receive preference)*

University of Texas Health Science  
Center at San Antonio  
Dental School  
7703 Floyd Curl Drive  
San Antonio, TX 7829-3900

#### **VIRGINIA**

Virginia Commonwealth University  
School of Dentistry  
P.O. Box 980566  
Richmond, VA 23298-0566

#### **WISCONSIN**

Marquette University  
School of Dentistry  
Office of Admissions  
P.O. Box 1881  
Milwaukee, WI 53201-1881  
*(Space availability subject to  
attrition in second year class)*

## Other Educational Opportunities

Some U.S. dental schools have special programs designed to meet the needs of internationally trained dentists. Each program deserves individual attention. *NOTE: If a dental degree is not granted at completion of the program, the graduate may or may not qualify for licensure in all states.*

**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 most of the United States. 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. Those applicants who demonstrate the potential for success in the PPID will be invited to participate in a personal interview, didactic testing 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  
Website: [www.dent.ucla.edu/ppid](http://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  
Email: [gmacklin@dent.ucla.edu](mailto: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 School of Dentistry. Selection is competitive with 24 internationally trained dentists admitted yearly. The program begins in June each year and applications are available on the 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, passage of National Board Dental Examinations Part 1 with an overall average of at least 83 and a minimum score of 75 or above on each exam section, Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) examination with a minimum score of 575 (paper test) or 230 (computer test) and three letters of recommendation (dean, faculty members). No exceptions are made on minimum requirements. For additional information and an IDP application see the UCSF website at [http://dentistry.ucsf.edu/ad\\_idp.htm](http://dentistry.ucsf.edu/ad_idp.htm) or please contact:

UCSF School of Dentistry  
 IDP/Office of Admissions  
 513 Parnassus Avenue, Rm. S-619  
 San Francisco, CA 94143-0430  
 Phone: 1-415/476-2737  
 Fax: 1-415/476-4226  
[richardsonb@dentistry.ucsf.edu](mailto:richardsonb@dentistry.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 ADPID has a 36-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 250 (computer) or 600 (paper), original dental school transcripts (in original language with English translation when needed), two letters of recommendation, and a brief clinical resume. Also, evaluated course-by-course transcripts from either Educational Credentials Evaluators, Inc. (ECE) 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. 34<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 201  
 Los Angeles, CA 90089-0641  
 Phone: 1-213-740-2851  
 FAX: 1-213-740-8109  
[uscadm@usc.edu](mailto:uscadm@usc.edu)  
[http://www.usc.edu/hsc/dental/admissions/dds\\_admissions.htm#ds-isp](http://www.usc.edu/hsc/dental/admissions/dds_admissions.htm#ds-isp)

**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 (21 calendar months). Two classes are accepted each year. Ten students enter in March, and ten students enter in September. 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), 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 \$12,800 per quarter. For additional information contact:

International Dentist Program  
 Loma Linda University  
 School of Dentistry  
 Loma Linda, CA 92350  
 E-mail: [mdp@llu.edu](mailto:mdp@llu.edu)  
 Phone: 1-909-558-4669

**UNIVERSITY OF THE PACIFIC, ARTHUR A. DUGONI SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY:** The International Dental Studies program admits 16 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, each of the four sections of the National Board Dental Examinations Part I must be successfully passed (an overall minimum average of 80 is required), passage of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) exam score of 237 (computer-based), an ECE or WES course-by-course transcript evaluation, a minimum of a 2.0 "C" average 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  
 Phone: 1-415-929-6428 or 1-415-929-6688  
 Fax: 1-415-749-3334  
[IDS@Pacific.edu](mailto:IDS@Pacific.edu)

**UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO:** International Student Program (ISP). Effective January 2005, the University of Colorado (CU) School of Dentistry will offer qualified graduates of international dental programs the opportunity to earn the Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) degree at the University of Colorado School of Dentistry in a 24-month program. Graduates of this two-year accelerated DDS program may take any state or regional board, and thus will be eligible for licensure and practice within the United States. The program will consist of didactic courses supported by some on-line resources, preclinical simulated courses provided within the School of Dentistry and clinical courses involving direct patient care in the School's clinics and community-based urban and rural public health clinics. The class size of this new program will be 10 students. The admissions requirements for the CU ISP include the following: 1) dental degree from a dental program outside of the United States (DDS, DMD, BDS or comparable degree); 2) official transcripts (translated and notarized); 3) National Dental Board Examination Part 1 – results must demonstrate that all parts were passed with a minimum overall average of 80 or above; 4) Test of English As A Foreign Language (TOEFL) – a minimum score of 237 on the computer-based version or 580 on the paper-based version must be provided and notarized, or the school may administer an English proficiency examination; 5) letters of recommendation; and 6) successful completion of psychomotor skills tests. For additional information, please contact:

The University of Colorado School of Dentistry  
 Office of Admissions and Student Affairs  
 4200 E. Ninth Avenue, Box C 284  
 Denver, CO 80262  
 1-303-315-7259  
[www.uchsc.edu/sod](http://www.uchsc.edu/sod)

**UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA:** The University of Florida College of Dentistry offers a two-year program for dental graduates from foreign countries that awards a certificate upon completion. Applications are available beginning in the summer with an application deadline date of November 1. A class of 12 students is admitted once yearly in June. Selection is competitive. Minimum admission requirements are a dental degree from a foreign country, successful completion of the National Board Dental Examinations Part I and Part II within five years, TOEFL examination with a minimum of 550 (paper-based) or 213 (computer-based), two (2) letters of recommendation, a 300-500 word statement of your clinical experience and personal activities, and a technical examination. Applicants must be U.S. citizens, permanent residents (green card - I-551 or I-551C), hold an I-130 Petition for Alien Relative (NOT eligible for financial aid) or I-94 with certain designations: "Refugee," "Asylum Granted," "Indefinite Parole," "Humanitarian Parole," or "Cuban-Haitian Entrant."

Preference in admission to this program is given to residents of the state of Florida. For additional information and an application, see the website [www.dental.ufl.edu/Admissions/FTD/](http://www.dental.ufl.edu/Admissions/FTD/) or contact:

Dr. Venita Sposetti  
University of Florida, College of Dentistry  
P.O. Box 100445  
Gainesville, Florida 32610-0445  
1-352-392-4866

**UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO:** The International Dentist Program (IDP) 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 24 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 non-immigrant status will not be considered. The total cost for this two-year program is \$138,000. 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 on the UIC College of Dentistry website at <http://dentistry.uic.edu>.

**TUFTS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF DENTAL MEDICINE:** The Dental International Student Program (DIS) at Tufts University School of 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. The program begins in mid April and the application deadline is September 15. In addition to completing the application form, individuals must submit a personal statement discussing their motivation, experiences and accomplishments; a \$75 application fee; an updated curriculum vitae; translated and notarized copies of the dental school diploma and transcripts; an official academic credentials evaluation; two letters of recommendation; official score on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL); and a National Board Dental Examination (NBDE) Parts I and II score report. Preference is given to individuals who score a 90 or above on Part I, 85 or above on Part II and 250 or above on the TOEFL examination. For more information please contact:

Melissa Bradbury  
Tufts University School of Dental Medicine  
Office of Admissions  
1 Kneeland Street  
Boston, MA 02111  
1-617-636-3747  
[denadmissions@tufts.edu](mailto:denadmissions@tufts.edu) or [www.tufts.edu/dental](http://www.tufts.edu/dental)

**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 (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.

Admission requirements include: 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) or 230 (computer test) are required, (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 are required, (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 are required, and (7) certification of dental degree is required.

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  
 Email: [internationaldent@umich.edu](mailto:internationaldent@umich.edu)  
 Website: [www.dent.umich.edu/prospective/international.html](http://www.dent.umich.edu/prospective/international.html)

**UNIVERSITY OF MEDICINE AND DENTISTRY NEW JERSEY:** The University of Medicine and Dentistry New Jersey offers a program for international dentists. The program, titled the New Jersey Dental School Specialty Trained DMD Program, is intended for exceptional individuals who have a NJDS Specialty Certificate, a foreign DMD degree or its equivalent and have been identified by a NJDS Specialty Program Director as a candidate who would be interested in pursuing a U.S. DMD degree and a career in dental education and research. Inquiries about the program can be made to Dr. Jeffrey Linfante, at [linfante@umdnj.edu](mailto:linfante@umdnj.edu) or 973-972-1614.

**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 boards part 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:

Dr. Hans Malmström  
 Post-Doctoral International Dental Program  
 University of Rochester Eastman Dental Center  
 625 Elmwood Avenue  
 Rochester, NY 14620

**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, which meets the basic educational requirements for licensure. 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: [nlj1@nyu.edu](mailto:nlj1@nyu.edu) or visit the website at: <http://www.nyu.edu/dental/bulletin/>

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](mailto:dental.international@nyu.edu) or visit the website at <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.*

**TEMPLE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY:** 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 from September 1, 2005 to January 31, 2006. 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 Examination 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:

Temple University School of Dentistry  
 Office of Admissions and Student Affairs  
 3223 North Broad Street, Room 341  
 Philadelphia, PA 19140  
**terry.griffin@temple.edu**

**UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER AT SAN ANTONIO:** International Dentist Education Program (IDEP). Effective April 2007, the UTHSCSA School of Dentistry will allow qualified graduates of foreign dental programs to earn the Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) degree in a new 24-month program. Completion of this 2-year accelerated educational program will allow graduates to take state or regional dental board examinations and be eligible for licensure and practice within the United States. The IDEP is a full-time, daily program and will consist of a 2-month didactic and preclinical laboratory review course followed by matriculation through the 3rd and 4th years of the undergraduate dental program with classroom lectures and direct patient care in the group practices and departmental clinical courses and rotations. The class size of this new program 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 and transcripts ; passing scores on all sections of the National Board Dental Examination Part I with an overall average of 80 or above (within past 5 years); exam score of 237 (computer-based) on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL); two (2) letters of recommendation; and completion of personal statements about applicant's clinical experience, personal activities, and future professional goals. Selected applicants will be invited for a 2-day interview process that will consist of an orientation to the dental school, interviews with faculty and students, a written essay, and dental skills psychomotor assessments. The class of 10 students admitted to the IDEP will be selected from those individuals who present for the interview process. For additional information, please contact: International Dentist Education Program UTHSCSA School of Dentistry 7703 Floyd Curl Drive San Antonio, TX 78229 Email: IDEP@uthscsa.edu bohenkamp@uthscsa.edu, or visit the website at: <http://dental.uthscsa.edu/admissions/idep.html>

**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. Some foreign graduates have participated in such courses to help prepare for licensure examination. The Council on Dental Education and Licensure prepares a listing of continuing education courses and their locations. The list is available in the members-only section of the ADA website ([www.ada.org](http://www.ada.org)).

**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 an 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 are not recognized in United States licensing jurisdictions as meeting the educational qualification for licensure.**

Three Canadian dental schools offer **Qualifying Programs** to graduates of non-accredited dental schools.

Dalhousie University  
 Faculty of Dentistry  
 5981 University Avenue  
 Halifax, Nova Scotia B3H-3J5

University of Toronto  
 Faculty of Dentistry  
 124 Edward Street  
 Toronto, Ontario M5G-1G6

University of Western Ontario  
 Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry  
 1151 Richmond Street, Room 1003  
 Dental Sciences Building  
 London, Ontario N6A 5C1

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 graduates of non-accredited dental schools.

University of British Columbia  
Faculty of Dentistry  
350-2194 Health Sciences Mall  
Vancouver, BC V6T-1Z3

University of Alberta  
Fac. of Med. and Oral Health Sciences  
Room 3036 Dent/Pharma Bldg  
Edmonton, Alberta T6G-2N8

University of Manitoba  
Faculty of Dentistry  
780 Bannatyne Ave. Rm D113  
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3E-0W2

The University of Manitoba calls its advanced standing program the International Dentist Degree Program (IDDP).

For more information about dental education and licensure in Canada, contact the

Canadian Dental Association  
1815 Alta Vista Drive  
Ottawa, Ontario  
Canada K1G 3Y6  
Phone: 1-613-523-1770  
FAX: 1-613-523-7489  
[www.cda-adc.ca/](http://www.cda-adc.ca/)

## APPENDIX C: ADVANCED EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR INTERNATIONAL DENTISTS

**DPH**-Dental Public Health  
**ENDO**-Endodontics  
**OMP**-Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology  
**OMR**-Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology  
**OMS**-Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery  
**ORTHO**-Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics  
**PED DENT**-Pediatric Dentistry  
**PERIO**-Periodontics  
**PROS**-Prosthodontics  
**CBMX-PROS**-Combined/maxillofacial prosthetics  
**MX PROS**-Maxillofacial prosthetics  
**GPR**-General practice residency  
**AEGD**-Advanced Education in General Dentistry

**In the past, the following programs have considered admitting graduates of international dental schools. Please note this information is subject to change. Contact the school directly for the most accurate information**

### ALABAMA

School of Dentistry  
 University of Alabama  
 1919 Seventh Ave., S.  
 Birmingham, AL 35294  
 (ORTHO, PED DENT, PERIO, PROS,  
 MX PROS)

### CALIFORNIA

University Medical Center  
 445 South Cedar Avenue  
 Fresno, CA 93702  
 (OMS)

Loma Linda University  
 School of Dentistry  
 Loma Linda, CA 92350  
 (ENDO, ORTHO, PED DENT, PERIO,  
 PROS)

Los Angeles County/USC Medical  
 Center  
 1200 N. State Street  
 Room 1P51  
 Los Angeles, CA 90033  
 (GPR)

ML King Jr./Drew Medical Center  
 12021 South Wilmington Avenue  
 Los Angeles, CA 90059  
 (OMS, GPR)

University of California, L.A.  
 School of Dentistry  
 10833 LeConte Ave.  
 Los Angeles, CA 90024  
 (ENDO, OMS, ORTHO, PED DENT,  
 PERIO, PROS, GPR, ORTHO/PED  
 DENT)

University of California, San  
 Francisco  
 School of Dentistry  
 513 Parnassus Avenue  
 S-630  
 San Francisco, CA 94143  
 (DPH, ENDO, ORTHO, PROS)

University of the Pacific  
 Arthur A. Dugoni School of  
 Dentistry  
 2155 Webster Street  
 San Francisco, CA 94115  
 (ORTHO, AEGD)

University of Southern California  
 School of Dentistry  
 925 W. 34th Street  
 University Park, MC-0641  
 Los Angeles, CA 90089-0641  
 (ENDO, ORTHO, PED DENT, PERIO,  
 PROS)

### CONNECTICUT

School of Dental Medicine  
 University of Connecticut  
 263 Farmington Avenue  
 Farmington, CT 06032  
 (ENDO, OMR, ORTHO, PED DENT,  
 PERIO, PROS, AEGD)

St. Mary's Hospital  
 59 Franklin Street  
 Waterbury, CT 06702  
 (GPR)

### DELAWARE

Christiana Care Health System  
 501 West 14th Street  
 Box 1668  
 Wilmington, DE 19899  
 (OMS)

### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Howard University  
 College of Dentistry  
 600 W. Street, NW  
 Washington, DC 20059  
 (ORTHO, PED DENT, GPR, AEGD)

Children's National Medical Center  
 111 Michigan Ave., NW  
 Washington, DC 20010  
 (ORTHO, PED DENT)

Washington Hospital Center  
110 Irving Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20010  
(OMS)

## FLORIDA

Jacksonville University  
2800 University Boulevard North  
Jacksonville, FL 32211  
(ORTHO)

Nova Southeastern University  
College of Dental Medicine  
3200 S. University Drive  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33328  
(ENDO, PED DENT, PERIO, PROS,  
AEGD)

Nova Southeastern at Dade  
County Research Clinic  
750 Northwest 20<sup>th</sup> Street  
Miami, FL 33127  
(AEGD)

University of Florida  
College of Dentistry  
J. Hillis Miller Health Ctr.  
Gainesville, FL 32610-0445  
(ENDO, OMP, ORTHO, PED DENT,  
PERIO, PROS, AEGD)

University of Miami  
Jackson Memorial Hospital  
1611 NW 12th Avenue  
Miami, FL 33136  
(OMS, GPR)

University of Florida, St.  
Petersburg  
960 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue North  
St. Petersburg, FL 33705  
(AEGD)

## GEORGIA

Emory Graduate University  
1462 Clifton Road, NE  
Atlanta, GA 30322  
(OMS)

## ILLINOIS

Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical  
Center  
811 West Wellington Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60657  
(GPR)

Southern Illinois University  
School of Dental Medicine  
2800 College Avenue  
Bldg. 273/2300  
Alton, IL 62002  
(AEGD)

University of Chicago-Zoller Dental  
Clinic  
5841 S. Maryland Ave.  
MC2108  
Chicago, IL 60637  
(MX PROS)

University of Illinois  
Chicago/Michael Reese  
College of Dentistry  
801 South Paulina St.  
Chicago, IL 60612  
(ENDO, OMS, ORTHO, PROS)

## INDIANA

Indiana University School of  
Dentistry  
1121 W. Michigan St.  
Indianapolis, IN 46202  
(ENDO, OMS, ORTHO, PERIO, PROS,  
MX PROS)

Veterans Affairs Medical Center  
1481 West Tenth Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46202  
(ENDO)

## IOWA

University of Iowa  
College of Dentistry  
Dental Building  
Iowa City, IA 52242  
(DPH, ENDO, OMP, OMR, ORTHO,  
PERIO, PROS)

## KENTUCKY

University of Kentucky  
College of Dentistry  
800 Rose Street  
Lexington, KY 40536  
(ORTHO)

University of Louisville  
School of Dentistry  
Health Science Center  
501 S. Preston Street  
Louisville, KY, 40292  
(ENDO, PERIO)

## LOUISIANA

Louisiana State University  
School of Dentistry  
Medical Center  
1100 Florida Avenue  
New Orleans, LA 70119  
(ENDO, ORTHO, PED DENT, PROS,  
MX PROS)

Medical Center of Louisiana  
1532 Tulane Avenue  
New Orleans, LA 70112-2860  
(GPR)

## MARYLAND

National Institute of Dental  
Research  
Room 537  
Westwood Building  
Bethesda, MD 20892  
(DPH)

University of Maryland  
School of Dentistry  
666 West Baltimore St.  
Baltimore, 21201  
(ENDO, OMP, OMS, ORTHO, PED DENT,  
PERIO, PROS, AEGD)

## MASSACHUSETTS

Berkshire Medical Center  
725 North Street  
Pittsfield, MA 01201  
(GPR)

Boston University  
School of Graduate Dentistry  
100 East Newton St.  
Boston, MA 02118  
(DPH, ENDO, OMP, OMS, ORTHO, PED  
DENT, PERIO, PROS, AEGD)

Children's Hospital - Harvard  
University  
300 Longwood - Hummewell  
Boston, MA 02115  
(PED DENT)

Harvard School of Dental Medicine  
188 Longwood Avenue  
Boston, MA 02115  
(DPH, ENDO, OMP, ORTHO, PERIO,  
PROS, AEGD)

Tufts University  
School of Dental Medicine  
One Kneeland Street  
Boston, MA 02111  
(ENDO, OMS, ORTHO, PED DENT,  
PERIO, PROS, GPR)

#### **MICHIGAN**

University of Detroit Mercy  
School of Dentistry  
8200 W. Outer Drive #98  
P.O. Box 19900  
Detroit, MI 48219-0900  
(ENDO, ORTHO)

University of Michigan  
School of Dentistry  
1234 Dental Building  
Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1078  
(ENDO, ORTHO, PED DENT, PERIO,  
PROS, AEGD)

School of Public Health  
University of Michigan  
Ann Arbor, MI 48109-2029  
(DPH)

#### **MINNESOTA**

University of Minnesota  
School of Dentistry  
515 Delaware Street, SE  
Minneapolis, MN 55455  
(ENDO, ORTHO, PERIO, PROS, AEGD)

Mayo Graduate School of  
Medicine  
200 1st Street, SW  
Rochester, NY 55905  
(PERIO)

#### **MISSISSIPPI**

Blair Batson Children's Hospital/  
University of Mississippi  
2500 North State Street  
Jackson, MS 39216-4505  
(PED DENT)

University of Mississippi  
School of Dentistry  
2500 North State Street  
Jackson, MS 39216  
(GPR, AEGD)

#### **MISSOURI**

St. Louis University  
Medical Center  
3556 Caroline Street  
St. Louis, MO 63104  
(ENDO, ORTHO, PERIO)

University of Missouri  
School of Dentistry  
650 East 25th Street  
Kansas City, MO 64108  
(ORTHO, OMR)

#### **NEBRASKA**

University of Nebraska Medical  
Center  
College of Dentistry  
40th & Holdrege Streets  
Lincoln, NE 68583-0740  
(ENDO, ORTHO)

#### **NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Veterans Affairs Medical  
Center/Manchester  
718 Smyth Road (160)  
Manchester, NH 03104  
(GPR)

#### **NEW JERSEY**

University of New Jersey  
School of Dentistry  
110 Bergen Street  
Newark, NJ 07103-2425  
(ENDO, ORTHO, PERIO, PROS)

#### **NEW YORK**

Columbia University  
School of Dental & Oral Surgery  
630 West 168th Street  
New York, NY 10032  
(ENDO, ORTHO, PROS, MX PROS)

Flushing Hospital Medical Center  
45<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Parsons Blvd.  
Flushing, NY 11355  
(GPR)

New York Presbyterian Hospital  
Columbia Presbyterian  
622 West 168<sup>th</sup> Street  
New York, NY 10032  
(OMP, GPR)

New York State Dept. of Health  
Empire State Plaza  
Albany, NY 12237  
(DPH)

New York University  
College of Dentistry  
421 First Avenue  
New York, NY 10010  
(ENDO, ORTHO, PERIO, PROS)

State University of New York  
School of Dentistry  
3435 Main Street  
Buffalo, NY 14214  
(ENDO, ORTHO, PERIO, PROS, AEGD)

State University of New York  
School of Dentistry  
Rockland Hall  
Stony Brook, NY 11794-8700  
(PERIO)

University of Rochester  
Eastman Dental Center  
625 Elmwood Avenue  
Rochester, NY 14620  
(ORTHO, PERIO, PROS, AEGD)

**NORTH CAROLINA**

Oral Health, North Carolina  
Division of Public Health  
5505 Six Forks Road, 1910 MSC  
Raleigh, NC 27699-1910  
(DPH)

University of North Carolina  
School of Dentistry  
CB #7450  
Brauer Hall  
Chapel Hill, NC 27599-7450  
(ENDO, OMP, OMR, OMS, ORTHO, PED  
DENT, PERIO, PROS)

**OHIO**

Case School of Dental Medicine  
10900 Euclid Avenue  
Cleveland, OH 44106-4905  
(ENDO, ORTHO, PERIO)

Forum Health/Western Reserve  
Care  
345 Oak Hill Avenue  
Youngstown, OH 44501  
(GPR)

Miami Valley Hospital  
1 Wyoming Street  
Dayton, OH 45409  
(GPR)

The Ohio State University  
College of Dentistry  
305 W. 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Columbus, OH 43210  
(OMP, ORTHO, PERIO, PROS)

**OKLAHOMA**

St. Anthony Hospital  
1000 North Lee Street  
Box 205  
Oklahoma City, OK 73101  
(GPR)

University of Oklahoma  
Health Science Center  
P.O. Box 26901  
Oklahoma City, OK 73190  
(ORTHO, PERIO)

**OREGON**

Oregon Health and Science  
University  
School of Dentistry  
611 S.W. Dentistry  
Portland, OR 97201-3097  
(ORTHO)

**PENNSYLVANIA**

Albert Einstein Medical Center  
5501 Old York Road  
Philadelphia, PA 19141-3098  
(ENDO)

Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh  
3705 Fifth Avenue at Desota  
Street  
Pittsburgh, PA 15213  
(PED DENT)

St. Christopher's hospital –  
Children  
Eric Avenue at Front Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19134-1095  
(PED DENT)

Thomas Jefferson University  
Hospital  
1130 Edison Bldg, 130 S. 9<sup>th</sup>  
Philadelphia, PA 19107  
(OMS)

Temple University  
School of Dentistry  
3223 N. Broad Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19140  
(ENDO, ORTHO, PERIO)

Temple University Hospital  
3401 N. Broad Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19140  
(OMS)

University of Pennsylvania  
School of Dental Medicine  
4001 West Spruce Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19104-6003  
(ENDO, ORTHO, PERIO, ORTHO/PERIO)

**PUERTO RICO**

School of Dentistry  
University of Puerto Rico  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor Academic Affairs Office  
San Juan, PR 00936-5067  
(OMS, ORTHO, PED DENT, PROS, GPR)

**TENNESSEE**

University of Tennessee  
College of Dentistry  
875 Union Avenue  
Memphis, TN 38163  
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Vanderbilt University Medical  
Center  
1623 Vanderbilt Clinic  
Nashville, TN 37232-5225  
(ORTHO)

**TEXAS**

Baylor College of Dentistry  
Texas A&M University System  
3302 Gaston Avenue  
Dallas, TX 75246  
(DPH, ENDO, OMP, ORTHO, PED DENT,  
PERIO, PROS)

University of Texas  
Dental School at San Antonio  
7703 Floyd Curl Drive  
San Antonio, TX 78284-7914  
(DPH, ENDO, OMR, ORTHO, PED DENT,  
PERIO, PROS)

University of Texas Health Science  
Center  
Dental Branch  
P.O. Box 20068  
Houston, TX 77225  
(ENDO, OMS, ORTHO, PERIO, PROS)

University of Texas  
MD Anderson Cancer Center  
Dept. of Head and Neck Surgery  
1515 Holcombe Blvd., Unit 441  
Houston, TX 77030  
(MX PROS)

**VERMONT**

Fletcher Allen Health Care  
One South Prospect Street  
Burlington, VT 05401  
(GPR)

**VIRGINIA**

University of Virginia Health  
System  
Department of Dentistry  
PO Box 800740  
Charlottesville, VA 22908  
(GPR)

**WASHINGTON**

University of Washington  
School of Dentistry  
Health Sciences Building  
SC-62  
Seattle, WA 98195  
(ENDO, PED DENT, PERIO, PROS)

University of Washington Hospital  
Hospital Dentistry – Box 357456  
Seattle, WA 98195-7456  
(GPR)

**WEST VIRGINIA**

West Virginia University School of  
Dentistry  
P.O. Box 9402  
Health Science Center, N  
Morgantown, WV 25401  
(ORTHO, PROS)

**WISCONSIN**

Marquette University  
School of Dentistry  
Office of Admissions  
P.O. Box 1881  
Milwaukee, WI 53201-1881  
(ENDO, ORTHO, PROS, AEGD)

**NOTE:** The vast majority of states require either graduation from or at least two years of study at an accredited predoctoral dental education program to enable graduates of dental schools in other countries to satisfy the educational requirements for licensure (see Appendix A). A few states, however, will accept as an alternative, completion of an advanced education program (specialty, GPR, AEGD). Although this is not a comprehensive review of state dental practice acts or rules, the states listed below may accept advanced education as meeting the two- year additional education requirement for dentists educated outside the United States and Canada. This information is compiled as it becomes known. Please contact the individual state board of dentistry to verify the requirements in the state where licensure is sought. It should also be noted, that if licensure is obtained in a state after completing an advanced education program and the licensee later chooses to move to another state that does not recognize advanced education, he/she may find that they do not qualify for licensure because the state's educational requirement has not been met. See Appendix A for a more detailed explanation for the following states.

**Georgia****Illinois****Louisiana****Maryland** (pediatric dentistry only)**Mississippi****Oregon****Tennessee****Texas****Washington**

## APPENDIX D: U.S. AND CANADIAN DENTAL SCHOOLS AND U.S. STATE DENTAL BOARDS AND REGIONAL TESTING AGENCIES

Dental Schools	Phone	Website
<b>Alabama</b> , University of, Birmingham	205-934-4720	<a href="http://www.dental.uab.edu">www.dental.uab.edu</a>
<b>Arizona</b> , A.T. Still University, Mesa	480/219-6000	<a href="http://www.ashs.edu/dental">www.ashs.edu/dental</a>
<b>Baylor University</b> , Dallas, TX	214-828-8100	<a href="http://www.tambcd.edu">www.tambcd.edu</a>
<b>Boston University</b> , MA	617-638-4700	<a href="http://dentalschool.bu.edu">http://dentalschool.bu.edu</a>
<b>California, Los Angeles</b> , University of	310-206-6063	<a href="http://www.dent.ucla.edu">www.dent.ucla.edu</a>
<b>California, San Francisco</b> , University of	415-476-1323	<a href="http://www.ucsf.edu">www.ucsf.edu</a>
<b>Case Western Reserve University</b> , Cleveland, OH	216-368-3200	<a href="http://www.cwru.edu/dental/casewebsite/index.html">www.cwru.edu/dental/casewebsite/index.html</a>
<b>Colorado</b> , University of, Denver	303-724-7100	<a href="http://www.uchsc.edu/sod">www.uchsc.edu/sod</a>
<b>Columbia University</b> , New York, NY	212-305-4511	<a href="http://cpmcnet.columbia.edu/dept/dental">http://cpmcnet.columbia.edu/dept/dental</a>
<b>Connecticut</b> , University of, Farmington	860-679-2808	<a href="http://sdm.uchc.edu">http://sdm.uchc.edu</a>
<b>Creighton University</b> , Omaha, NE	402-280-5060	<a href="http://cudental.creighton.edu">http://cudental.creighton.edu</a>
<b>Detroit-Mercy</b> , University of, MI	313-494-6620	<a href="http://www.udmercy.edu/dental">www.udmercy.edu/dental</a>
<b>Florida</b> , University of, Gainesville	352-273-5780	<a href="http://www.dental.ufl.edu">www.dental.ufl.edu</a>
<b>Georgia</b> , Medical College of, Augusta	706-721-2117	<a href="http://www.mcg.edu/SOD">www.mcg.edu/SOD</a>
<b>Harvard University</b> , Boston, MA	617-432-1405	<a href="http://www.hsdm.med.harvard.edu">www.hsdm.med.harvard.edu</a>
<b>Howard University</b> , Washington, DC	202-806-0440	<a href="http://www.howard.edu">www.howard.edu</a>
<b>Illinois at Chicago</b> , University of	312-996-1040	<a href="http://dentistry.uic.edu/">http://dentistry.uic.edu/</a>
<b>Indiana University</b> , Indianapolis	317-274-7461	<a href="http://www.iusd.iupui.edu">www.iusd.iupui.edu</a>
<b>Iowa</b> , University of, Iowa City	319-335-7144	<a href="http://www.dentistry.uiowa.edu">www.dentistry.uiowa.edu</a>
<b>Kentucky</b> , University of, Lexington	859-323-5786	<a href="http://www.mc.uky.edu/Dentistry">www.mc.uky.edu/Dentistry</a>
<b>Loma Linda University</b> , CA	909-558-4222	<a href="http://www.llu.edu/llu/dentistry">www.llu.edu/llu/dentistry</a>
<b>Louisiana University</b> , New Orleans	504-619-8500	<a href="http://www.lsusd.lsumc.edu">www.lsusd.lsumc.edu</a>
<b>Louisville</b> , University of, KY	502-852-1304	<a href="http://www.dental.louisville.edu/dental">www.dental.louisville.edu/dental</a>
<b>Marquette University</b> , Milwaukee, WI	414-288-7485	<a href="http://www.dental.mu.edu">www.dental.mu.edu</a>
<b>Maryland</b> , University, Baltimore	410-706-7460	<a href="http://www.dental.umaryland.edu">www.dental.umaryland.edu</a>
<b>Meharry Medical College</b> , Nashville, TN	615-327-6207	<a href="http://www.dentistry.mmc.edu">www.dentistry.mmc.edu</a>
<b>Michigan</b> , University of, Ann Arbor	734-763-6933	<a href="http://www.dent.umich.edu">www.dent.umich.edu</a>
<b>Minnesota</b> , University of, Minneapolis	612-624-2424	<a href="http://www.dentistry.umn.edu/">www.dentistry.umn.edu/</a>
<b>Mississippi</b> , University of, Jackson	601-984-6000	<a href="http://dentistry.umc.edu">http://dentistry.umc.edu</a>
<b>Missouri-Kansas City</b> , University of	816-235-2100	<a href="http://www.umkc.edu/dentistry">www.umkc.edu/dentistry</a>
<b>Nebraska Medical Center</b> , University of, Lincoln	402-472-1301	<a href="http://www.unmc.edu/dentistry">www.unmc.edu/dentistry</a>
<b>Nevada</b> , University of—Las Vegas, NV	702-774-2500	<a href="http://www.unlv.edu/dentalschool/">www.unlv.edu/dentalschool/</a>
<b>New Jersey</b> , University of Medicine and Dentistry of, Newark	973-972-4633	<a href="http://www.umdj.edu">www.umdj.edu</a>
<b>New York University</b> , New York, NY	212-998-9800	<a href="http://www.nyu.edu/Dental">www.nyu.edu/Dental</a>
<b>New York at Buffalo</b> , State University of	716-829-2836	<a href="http://www.sdm.buffalo.edu">www.sdm.buffalo.edu</a>
<b>New York at Stony Brook</b> , State University of	631-632-6895	<a href="http://www.hsc.stonybrook.edu/dental">www.hsc.stonybrook.edu/dental</a>
<b>Nova Southeastern University</b> , Fort Lauderdale	954-262-7311	<a href="http://dental.nova.edu">http://dental.nova.edu</a>
<b>North Carolina at Chapel Hill</b> , University of	919-966-2731	<a href="http://www.dent.unc.edu">www.dent.unc.edu</a>
<b>Ohio State University</b> , Columbus	614-292-2401	<a href="http://www.dent.ohio-state.edu">www.dent.ohio-state.edu</a>
<b>Oklahoma</b> , University of, Oklahoma City	405-271-6326	<a href="http://dentistry.ouhsc.edu">http://dentistry.ouhsc.edu</a>
<b>Oregon Health Sciences University</b> , Portland	503-494-8801	<a href="http://www.ohsu.edu/sod/">www.ohsu.edu/sod/</a>
<b>Pacific Arthur A. Dugoni School Dentistry</b> , University of, SF	415-929-6425	<a href="http://www.dental.pacific.edu">www.dental.pacific.edu</a>

<b>Dental Schools (cont)</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Website</b>
<b>Pennsylvania</b> , University of, Philadelphia	215-898-8961	www.dental.upenn.edu
<b>Pittsburgh</b> , University of, PA	412-648-8880	www.dental.pitt.edu
<b>Puerto Rico</b> , University of, San Juan	787-758-2525	www.rcm.upr.edu/Academics.html
<b>South Carolina</b> , Medical University of, Charleston	843-792-3811	www.gradstudies.musc.edu/dentistry/dental.html
<b>Southern California</b> , University of, Los Angeles	213-740-3124	www.usc.edu/hsc/dental
<b>Southern Illinois</b> University, Alton	618-474-7000	www.siu.edu/sdm/
<b>Temple</b> University, Philadelphia, PA	215-707-2803	www.temple.edu/dentistry
<b>Tennessee</b> , University of, Memphis	901-448-6200	www.utmem.edu/dentistry
<b>Texas Health Science Center at Houston</b> , University of	713-500-4021	www.db.uth.tmc.edu
<b>Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio</b> , University of	210-567-3160	www.dental.uthscsa.edu
<b>Tufts</b> University, Boston, MA	617-636-6636	www.tufts.edu/dental
<b>Virginia Commonwealth</b> University, Richmond	804-828-2077	www.dentistry.vcu.edu
<b>Washington</b> , University of, Seattle	206-543-5982	www.dental.washington.edu
<b>West Virginia</b> University, Morgantown	304-293-2062	www.hsc.wvu.edu/sod

<b>Canadian Dental Schools</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Website</b>
<b>Alberta</b> , University of, Edmonton	780-492-3117	www.dent.ualberta.ca
<b>British Columbia</b> , University of, Vancouver	604-822-5773	www.dentistry.ubc.ca
<b>Dalhousie</b> University, Halifax, Nova Scotia	902-494-2824	www.dentistry.dal.ca
<b>Laval</b> Université, Quebec	418-656-2247	www.ulaval.ca/fmd/
<b>Manitoba</b> , University of, Winnipeg	204-789-3631	www.umanitoba.ca/dentistry/
<b>McGill</b> University, Montreal, Quebec	514-398-7227	www.mcgill.ca/dentistry/
<b>Montréal</b> , Université de, Quebec	514-343-6076	www.medent.umontreal.ca/
<b>Saskatchewan</b> , University of, Saskatoon	306-966-5119	www.usask.ca/dentistry
<b>Toronto</b> , University of, Ontario	416-979-4901x4373	www.utoronto.ca/dentistry
<b>Western Ontario</b> , University of, London	519-661-3330	www.fmd.uwo.ca/dentistry

<b>State Dental Boards</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Website</b>
<b>Alabama</b>	205/985-7267	www.dentalboard.org
<b>Alaska</b>	907/465-2542	www.commerce.state.ak.us/occ/pden.htm
<b>Arizona</b>	602/242-1492, ext. 23	www.azdentalboard.org
<b>Arkansas</b>	501/682-2085	www.asbde.org
<b>California</b>	916/263-2300	www.dbc.ca.gov
<b>Colorado</b>	303/894-7715	www.dora.state.co.us/dental
<b>Connecticut</b>	860/509-7590	www.dph.state.ct.us
<b>Delaware</b>	302/744-4533	www.professionallicensing.state.de.us/
<b>District of Columbia</b>	202/724-8745	www.dchealth.dc.gov/
<b>Florida</b>	850/245-4474	www.doh.state.fl.us/mqa/dentistry/
<b>Georgia</b>	478/207-2440	www.sos.state.ga.us/plb/dentistry
<b>Hawaii</b>	808/586-2711	www.hawaii.gov/dcca/areas/pvl
<b>Idaho</b>	208/334-2369	http://www.idaho.gov/isbd
<b>Illinois</b>	217/782-8556	www.idfpr.com
<b>Indiana</b>	317/234-2057	www.state.in.us/hpb/isbde
<b>Iowa</b>	515/281-5157	www.state.ia.us/dentalboard/
<b>Kansas</b>	785/296-6400	www.accesskansas.org/kdb
<b>Kentucky</b>	502/429-7280	http://dentistry.ky.gov/

<b>State Dental Boards (cont)</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Website</b>
Louisiana	504/568-8574	www.lsbdo.org
Maine	207/287-3333	http://www.mainedental.org
Maryland	410/402-8511	www.dhms.state.md.us/dental/
Massachusetts	617/973-0971	www.mass.gov/dpl/boards/dn
Michigan	517/335-0918	www.michigan.gov/healthlicense
Minnesota	612/617-2257	www.dentalboard.state.mn.us
Mississippi	601/944-9622	www.msbd.state.ms.us
Missouri	573/751-0042	www.pr.mo.gov/dental.asp
Montana	406/841-2390	http://mt.gov/dli/bsd/
Nebraska	402/471-2118	www.hhs.state.ne.us/
Nevada	702/486-7044	www.nvdentalboard.org
New Hampshire	603/271-4561	www.state.nh.us/dental
New Jersey	973/504-6405	www.state.nj.us/lps/ca/medical.htm
New Mexico	505/476-4680	www.rld.state.nm.us/b&c/Dental/index.htm
New York	518/474-3817, ext. 550	www.op.nysed.gov/proflist.htm
North Carolina	919/678-8223, ext. 102	www.ncdentalboard.org
North Dakota	701/258-8600	www.nddentalboard.org
Ohio	614/644-7674	www.dental.ohio.gov/
Oklahoma	405/524-9037	www.dentist.state.ok.us
Oregon	503/229-5520	www.oregon.gov/dentistry
Pennsylvania	717/783-7162	www.dos.state.pa.us/dent
Puerto Rico	787/725-5233 or 8161	- none given -
Rhode Island	401/222-2828	www.health.state.ri.us/
South Carolina	803/896-4599	www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/Dentistry
South Dakota	605/224-1282	www.state.sd.us/dcr/dentistry
Tennessee	800-778-4123, ext. 25073	www.tennessee.gov/health/
Texas	512/463-6400	www.tsbde.state.tx.us
Utah	801/530-6619	www.dopl.utah.gov/
Vermont	802/828-2390	www.vtprofessionals.org
Virginia	804/662-9906	www.dhp.state.va.us
Virgin Islands	340/774-0117	- none given -
Washington	360/236-4822	www.doh.wa.gov
West Virginia	304/252-8266	www.wvdentalboard.org/
Wisconsin	608/266-2112	www.drl.state.wi.us
Wyoming	307/777-6529	http://plboards.state.wy.us/dental

<b>Regional Testing Agencies</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Website</b>
Central Regional Dental Testing Service (CRDTS)	785/273-0380	www.crdts.org
Northeast Regional Board of Dental Examiners (NERB)	301/563-3300	www.nerb.org
Southern Regional Testing Agency (SRTA)	757/318-9082	www.sрта.org
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