

Thank you for your interest in our advanced education programs. We offer six advanced education programs. All advanced education programs are accredited by the Commission of Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association and are board-eligible programs for the respective specialty boards except the Restorative Fellowship.

The programs in endodontics, orthodontics, and periodontics are master's degree programs (M.S.D.) with a certificate granted upon completion of the degree requirements. Foreign trained applicants are accepted into the programs offered by the departments of endodontics, orthodontics, and periodontics. Additionally, foreign trained dentists are eligible for the master's program in pediatric dentistry.

The residency program in advanced education in general dentistry is a certificate-only program.

The residency program in pediatric dentistry is a certificate program with an option to pursue a master's degree.

The residency program in oral and maxillofacial surgery is a joint program with the School of Medicine leading to the M.D. degree and certificate in oral and maxillofacial surgery. A certificate-only program in oral surgery may be available at the discretion of the department.

Applicants selected for residency programs in Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery or Pediatric Dentistry MUST be U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Applicants selected for residency programs in Advanced General Dentistry, Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, or Pediatric Dentistry, must be eligible for licensure or intern certificate issued by the State of Ohio, and must be a graduate of a dental school accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association.

For further information or an application package, please send your complete name and address and program of interest to:

Office of Graduate Studies
School of Dental Medicine
Case Western Reserve University
10900 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, OH 44106-4905 USA

Voice: 216-368-1168
Fax: 216-368-0145
Email: dentalgrad@case.edu

Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the Case School of Dental Medicine advanced education program in Periodontology. Enclosed is an informational packet about our Periodontics program.

This program is a thirty-six month, continuous course of study leading to the Master of Science in Dentistry degree. It is fully accredited by the Council on Dental Accreditation and meets all clinical and didactic requirements of the American Board of Periodontology.

The general goals of the program are to train expert clinicians in this specialty, and/or to prepare individuals for an academic (research/teaching) career in periodontics.

There are many applicants for this program. Factors which enter into applicant choice are: the applicant's grades, both dental and pre-dental; the applicant's standing in his/her dental school class; post-dental school clinical experience; awards received; reference letters and research experience (see the attached "Criteria for Selection of Graduate Students").

Please feel free to contact me if you have unanswered questions after reading the enclosed material. If Case School of Dental Medicine meets your needs, complete the enclosed application materials and return them to the Office of Graduate Studies.

Applications are considered on a rolling basis beginning July 1 (for the class entering the following July) through October 1. Applicants are encouraged to apply early.

Sincerely,

Nabil F. Bissada, D.D.S.,M.S.D.
Professor and Chairman, Department of Periodontics
Director, Advanced Specialty Education in Periodontology

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Enclosures

Application Guidelines

The number of positions available in the program is limited. Therefore, selection of trainees is highly competitive and the decision on an application is final. An application which is not approved may be reactivated, in writing, by the applicant for the following year.

- Completed applications from qualified individuals holding the D.D.S. or equivalent degree from fully accredited universities will be evaluated.
- The applicant should possess a good record of scholastic achievement that would give promise of successfully completing the course of study (e.g. "B" average or ranking in the upper third of his/her class).
- Applicants may be asked to appear for a personal interview, when time and/or distance do not exceed practical limits. This decision will be made after the completed application is reviewed by the program director.

The following information included in the application packet will be required from all applicants:

- Application form and application fee.
- Letters of recommendation using the enclosed forms. Example: from two periodontists, one dentist, and from one individual outside of the health professions.
- Certified official transcripts of all academic performance beyond the high school (or its equivalent) level. Transcripts should be mailed by the school registrar to the Case School of Dental Medicine Office of Graduate Studies.
- A curriculum vitae, completed according to the standard form enclosed with these guidelines.

Direct all correspondence (e.g., transcripts, letters of recommendation etc.) to:

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Criteria for Selection of Residents

Since the intensity of the program requires a considerable expenditure of time and effort by the resident, extra-curricular employment is discouraged. Consequently, the ability of the applicant to meet the financial obligations of the University is an important consideration for acceptance. All applicants are evaluated equally on the basis of their application. No discrimination is made regarding sex or racial background.

In addition to the following criteria, foreign students will be required to demonstrate proficiency in English communication based on performance on the TOEFL test.

- Class standing and grade point average (upper one-third of dental school graduating class, 3.0 overall GPA on a 4 point scale)
- At least three letters of recommendation (one from a periodontics instructor, others from the dean or other faculty of the student's dental school who have had contact with the student)
- Personal interview (The applicant will be evaluated for maturity, attitude, ability to communicate, and overall motivation for pursuing graduate training. It is the desire of the faculty to become more personally acquainted with the applicant at this time.)
- Postgraduate dental experience (general practice residencies, military and/or private practice, other postgraduate dental education, graduate education in the basic sciences)

Information on Advanced Specialty Training in Periodontology

This graduate program offers broad clinical experience in periodontics and research training in periodontology leading to the Master of Science in Dentistry degree. Completion of a Master's thesis is a requirement of the program. Limited teaching experience is offered to the graduate student so that his/her exposure to clinical, research, and teaching aspects of periodontics is complete.

All of the faculty of the Department of Periodontics involved in teaching graduate students in this program are board qualified periodontists. Additional instruction is scheduled within this program by outstanding faculty members of the School of Dental Medicine and the School of Medicine. The periodontists teaching in this program were graduated from a wide variety of training programs. Consequently, the graduate student is exposed to a cosmopolitan view of diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of periodontal diseases. Both clinical and basic sciences are taught with very favorable teacher-student ratios.

New classes of three graduate students begin in July each year. A brief initial review of basic aspects of periodontology introduces the new graduate student to the specialty training during the summer session. Extensive contact with practicing periodontists, sufficient exposure to hospital periodontal practice, and clinical training in dental implants are additional features of this program.

Courses for students interested in advanced training in periodontics include advanced periodontics seminars, periodontic literature review, periodontic conferences, clinical periodontology, implantology, periodontal prosthesis, conscious sedation, biological aspects of the stomatological system, correlative medical science, introduction to research methods, oral pathology, microbiology, behavioral considerations in oral health care, management of medical emergencies, head and neck anatomy, interdisciplinary research seminar and case presentations, epidemiology and biostatistics, pharmacology, and hospital rotation.

These courses are described in more detail in the University Bulletin.

It is recommended that applicants for this program have completed at least one year of relevant postdoctoral experience, e.g., hospital internship, research traineeship, private practice, military practice, etc.

At any time after completion of the application, the applicant may wish to arrange for a personal interview with the director of the program in graduate periodontology. Although this is not a requirement, it is highly desirable for the applicant and for the faculty considering his/her application.

CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF DENTAL MEDICINE

Advanced Education and Residency Programs
APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING APPLICATION:

Please print or type all information requested. Mark with N/A those questions that are not applicable. Attach additional sheets as necessary. The following must be received on or before the date stipulated by the Department in which you wish to enroll:

- ✓ The completed application
- ✓ Official transcripts of your undergraduate college and professional school records
- ✓ Three recommendations from basic science and clinical dentistry instructors or other individuals competent to evaluate your qualifications and abilities. (Please use the forms enclosed with this application.)
- ✓ A current curriculum vitae
- ✓ Official copy of National Dental Board Examination (NDBE) scores
- ✓ Photo (*optional at this time – if you are invited for an interview you must bring a 2 x 2 photo with you*)
- ✓ Non-refundable application fee of \$50.00
- ✓ **For International Applicants:** an official copy of Graduate Record Exam scores may be submitted in place of NDBE scores (GRE information can be obtained at www.gre.org); an official TOEFL score must be also be submitted (information on TOEFL can be obtained at www.toefl.org)

If you have questions regarding your application or need specific information you may telephone (216) 368-1168 or email dentalgrad@cwru.edu.

Mail completed application and application fee, and have recommendations, test scores, and transcripts sent to:

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CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF DENTAL MEDICINE

Advanced Education and Residency Programs
APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

I am applying for admission to the Department of _____ for enrollment in the program beginning in July 20____ .

Place of birth _____ Date of birth (*optional*)_____.

Social Security Number: _____ - _____ - _____ MATCH number _____

Name: _____
(*last or family*) (i*first*) (i*middle*)

Present mailing address (*street and number*) _____

(*city*) _____ (*state*) _____ (*zip or postal code*) _____

(*country if not US*) _____ This address is valid until _____.

Home phone number _____ Other phone number(s) _____

Email address _____

Are you available for a personal interview? yes no

Colleges or Universities attended:

Undergraduate	Major Field	Degree	Dates Attended	Grade Point Average (GPA)

Graduate or Professional Schools	Major Field	Degree (received or expected)	Dates Attended	Class Standing (rank and class size)	GPA

Do you feel that your GPA reflects reasonably accurately your true ability and potential?
 ___ yes ___ no If no, please explain: _____

National Dental Board Examination Scores (average): Part I _____ Part II _____

Are you interested in a possible career in academic dentistry?
 ___ yes ___ no ___ full-time ___ part-time ___ no

Describe the general condition of your health _____

If you are not a U.S. citizen

- Country of citizenship _____
- Indicate type of visa (*student, visitor, immigrant, other*) _____
- Have you taken TOEFL (*Test of English as a Foreign Language*)?
 ___ yes ___ no Score _____ Computer –based ___ Paper-based _____
- Please describe your anticipated financial support during your period of graduate study: _____

On (date) _____ I requested that transcripts of all my previous work be sent to you.

You might receive my transcripts under the name: _____
Name in full

Have you been accepted at another institution? ___ yes ___ no

On (date)_____ I requested these individuals to send letters of recommendation:

Name _____ *Address* _____

Name _____ *Address* _____

Name _____ *Address* _____

I have also applied for admission to the graduate program of the following institutions:

Previous Fellowships or Scholarships you have held

School _____ *Year* _____ *Amount* _____

School _____ *Year* _____ *Amount* _____

School _____ *Year* _____ *Amount* _____

Describe any teaching experience you have had: _____

Describe briefly any research experience you have had: _____

What organizational membership(s) do you hold? _____

Scholastic and professional awards, honors, distinctions, or prizes received: _____

Military service _____

Have you served an internship or residency? ____ yes ____ no If yes, indicate the place, time, type, and name of supervisor_____

I am licensed to practice dentistry in the following states_____

Private practice experience (location, type, full or part-time, dates)_____

Titles of articles and publications_____

In the space below please discuss your educational goals, reasons for undertaking graduate study, and your career objectives. (Add separate pages if more space is needed)

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT INFORMATION

A letter of "proof of support" must be submitted when a student is accepted into a program. There is no financial aid given to international students enrolled in the endodontics, orthodontics or periodontics programs. Applicants must establish that they have available financial resources sufficient to complete the program uninterrupted. All on-campus work-study employment for international students must be cleared by the individual program director and the University Office of International Students.

Applicants graduated from a non-English speaking dental school, and for whom English is not their first language, must take the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) with a minimum score of 550 (paper-based score) or 213 (computer-based score). An official or certified copy of your scores must be sent to our office at the following address:

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Case School of Dental Medicine
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Generally the TOEFL is administered five times during the year in September, December, February, April, and June. If you plan to take TOEFL and do not have information on a location for your country, you can visit the TOEFL web site at: <http://www.toefl.org>.

The TOEFL identification number for Case Western Reserve University is: 1105
The departmental code number is: 38

Please provide a copy of your CV including the following information. Or type the requested information on the enclosed form.

CURRICULUM VITAE

Name

Address (Professional)
City, State Zip (Country)
Phone Number

Home Address
City, State Zip (Country)
Phone Number

EDUCATION

Institution	Degree	Year	Major Subject
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EMPLOYMENT AND/OR ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Employer/Institution	Dates: Start/End
Position/Duties	

SCHOLARSHIPS, HONORS, AWARDS

MILITARY SERVICE

STATE DENTAL LICENSURE

State	Year Licensed	License number
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PROFESSIONAL AND SCIENTIFIC ORGANIZATIONS

Society	Initial year of membership	Office Held
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PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES (table clinics, etc)

Meeting or Event	Year	Topic
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PROFESSIONAL AND SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS

OFFICE OF GRADUATE STUDIES
SCHOOL OF DENTAL MEDICINE
CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
10900 EUCLID AVENUE
CLEVELAND, OHIO 44106-4905

EVALUATION OF APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO ADVANCED EDUCATION AND RESIDENCY PROGRAMS OF CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF DENTAL MEDICINE.

Applicant: Please fill in the information below and give to the appropriate person along with a stamped envelope addressed to the address above.

Mr./Ms./Dr. _____ is applying for admission to the Department of _____
(Year) _____ for the class entering in _____ (Specialty)

Authorization for Waiver:

I hereby do ____ do not ____ agree to waive my rights of access to this recommendation as provided in the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974.

Date

Signature of Applicant

Respondent: Your evaluation is important. Please fill out this evaluation form and return to us as soon as possible. If the applicant has waived their right to access, the contents of this evaluation will not be disclosed to the applicant.

Knowledge of the Applicant:

How long have you known the applicant? _____ years

How well do you know the applicant? Very well ____ Well ____ Casually ____

What is the nature of your contact? Teacher ____ Research Advisor ____ Faculty Advisor ____ Private Practice ____
Personal friend __ Other (specify) _____

If teacher: _____
Number of classes, subjects taught and rank in your class

Evaluation of the Applicant:

Please respond to the following using other students and former graduates as a base of reference. How do you rate the applicant in the following areas? (5 is the highest)

Academic dental knowledge	1	2	3	4	5
Clinical knowledge and skills	1	2	3	4	5
Confidence in knowledge and skill	1	2	3	4	5
Capacity for handling large work load	1	2	3	4	5

(over)

Potential for independent creative study	1	2	3	4	5
Originality and imagination	1	2	3	4	5
Promptness of work	1	2	3	4	5
Integrity, sincerity, and honesty	1	2	3	4	5
Dependability and responsibility	1	2	3	4	5
Persistence, drive and enthusiasm	1	2	3	4	5
Organization and common sense	1	2	3	4	5
Friendliness and personality	1	2	3	4	5
Emotional maturity and stability	1	2	3	4	5
Initiative and leadership	1	2	3	4	5
General health	1	2	3	4	5

Gifted individuals sometimes make mediocre scholastic records. Does your evaluation on this form coincide with the applicant's scholastic record in all subjects? Yes _____ No, why?

Would you accept the applicant for a similar program at your school should one exist and you were able to make the selection? Yes _____ No, why?

What is your understanding of the applicant's motivation in seeking admission to this program?

Indicate your overall endorsement of the applicant as a candidate for advanced studies

Highly recommend ____ Recommend ____ Recommend with reservations ____ Do not recommend _____

Please add any comments in this space provided (attach a separate sheet if you need more space) which will assist in providing a complete picture of the applicant's abilities and potential as a scholar. Please mention any deficiencies the applicant may have, as well as the assets.

Name of Respondent _____ Date _____

Position _____ Institution _____

Address _____

Phone number _____ Date _____ Signature _____