ADVANCED EDUCATION IN GENERAL DENTISTRY (AEGD)

Admission Requirements

Admission requirements and application deadline may be found on ADEA PASS.

One-Year and Optional Second-Year Program

The Advanced Education in General Dentistry (AEGD) Program is a one-year, broad-based clinical and didactic experience in comprehensive general dentistry. This program is based at the University Dental Center (UDC) in the University of Texas Professional Building at 6410 Fannin St. in Houston. The program currently accepts five to six residents per year. Each resident spends 12 months in the AEGD clinic, a modern well-equipped area with 11 operatories shared by the General Practice Residency program. Residents work directly with chairside assistants, a dental hygienist and secretaries/receptionists. The facilities and staff support all clinical, educational and research activities of the program.

Clinical and didactic instruction covers the range of dental disciplines, emphasizing practice management and care for dentally-complex patients. The program is considered a group practice where, in addition to continuing education, residents are expected to meet production goals and determine the best way to meet those goals. The resident may pursue special interests in dentistry, such as specific clinical disciplines and additional research during the year

The program also offers one position in the optional second-year program to a finishing first-year resident. The second-year program is unique from the first-year and includes advanced instruction in various dental disciplines.

In addition, the individual resident can identify major areas of interest, such as specific clinical disciplines, teaching or research. Upon satisfactory completion of the program, residents receive a certificate in general dentistry from the School of Dentistry.

Admission Considerations

Generally, applicants for advanced education programs are considered on the basis of the following criteria:

- Completed Application
- Clinical competency in dental disciplines
- Grade Point Average
- Class Standing
- Transcript/Pattern of Academic Achievement
- National Board Scores
- Experience and Training
- Recommendations on clinical abilities
- Personal interview (when requested by the dept)
- Attitude, willingness to learn, and interpersonal skills

Admission criteria are applied equally to all participants regardless of race, sex, color, national origin, or religion. The University and our program encourage minority student applications.

Kuwait and Saudi Arabia Scholarship Position

One to two resident per year may be recruited from candidates that obtain scholarship from the Kuwait or Saudi Arabia under signed official Agreement of Cooperation and Program Agreement between our University and Kuwait Ministry of Health and Saudi Arabia Ministry of Higher Education.

One year or 2-year residency is offered. Residents' second year residency is predicated on the performance and success in the first year. Residents may apply for admission to other UTHealth schools or programs, such as the Master's degree program (MPH) at UTHealth's School of Public Health (approximately 18-24 months program), subject to the available capacity of UTHealth and in accordance with standard admissions criteria for applications, policies, procedures and laws to which UTHealth and its academic programs are subject. Residents who successfully complete two years of the Advanced Education in General Dentistry program may apply to take the American Board of General Dentistry written and/or oral examinations, in accordance with requirements of the Board.

For more information, please contact Program Director, <u>Sudarat Kiat-amnuay</u>, DDS.

Admission from Non-ADA Accredited Schools

Graduates from non-ADA accredited schools may be required to complete this school's minimum sixmonth preceptorship in general dentistry to apply for the program. Questions on this may be directed to Program Director <u>Sudarat Kiat-amnuay</u>, DDS, or Continuing Education Coordinator <u>Yvette Haas</u>. Furthermore, completion of the preceptorship does not guarantee admission to the graduate general dentistry programs. Information on the preceptorship is available from the Office of Continuing Education.