

PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY

Admission Requirements

Admission requirements and application deadline may be found on [ADEA PASS](#).

Two-Year Program

The first year is concentrated on performing clinical dentistry at the UT School of Dentistry Pediatric Dentistry Clinic in the Houston Medical Center Building, 6655 Travis St., Suite 460. A didactic core curriculum is taught at UTSD. Outside rotations during the first year include pediatric medicine and general anesthesia, each of one month's duration. Each first-year resident is teamed with a second-year resident for emergency coverage and general anesthesia cases at Memorial Hermann Hospital, the university affiliate hospital.

During the second year, residents spend additional time on outside rotations in Hemophilia Clinic, Cleft Palate Clinic and at the School of Dentistry and Predoctoral Clinic. When the second-year resident is not on an outside rotation, he/she participates in the outpatient pediatric dentistry clinic located in the Houston Medical Center building.

Each resident also participates in seminars and literature review, and case presentations on advanced topics in pediatric dentistry, which includes instruction in practice management and a research project. Residents are prepared to pursue and achieve American Board of Pediatric Dentistry certification.

A master of science in dentistry degree may be earned within the two-year period. Upon satisfactory completion of the program, students receive a certificate in pediatric dentistry and an optional master of science in dentistry degree from UTSD.

Admission from Non-ADA Accredited Schools

Graduates from non-ADA accredited schools may apply for a one year preceptorship in pediatric dentistry. Questions on this may be directed to Program Director Bhavini Acharya, BDS, MPH (Bhavini.S.Acharya@uth.tmc.edu) or Continuing Education Coordinator Yvette Haas. Completion of the preceptorship does not guarantee admission to the graduate pediatric dentistry program, however provides both the department and the individual an opportunity to learn about each other. Information on the preceptorship is available from the Office of Continuing Education or 713-486-4028.

Goals & Objectives

- During the first year, residents focus on honing their clinical skills at the pediatric dentistry clinic located in the Houston Medical Center Building. This is a state-of-the art clinic which opened September 1994. A didactic core curriculum is taught at the University of Texas School of Dentistry. Outside rotations during the first year include pediatric medicine and general anesthesia; each is one (1) month in duration. Each first-year resident is teamed with a second-year resident for emergency coverage and general anesthesia cases at Memorial Hermann Hospital, the university affiliate hospital.

- During the second year, residents spend additional time on outside rotations in the Hemophilia Clinic, Cleft Palate Clinic and at the University of Texas School of Dentistry Predoctoral Clinic. When not on an outside rotations, the second year residents treats patients in the pediatric dentistry clinic located in the Houston Medical Center Building.
- Each resident also participates in Seminars and literature review, case presentations, advanced topics in pediatric dentistry, which includes instruction in practice management and completion of a research project. Residents are prepared to achieve diplomat status in the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry.
- Upon satisfactory completion of the program, residents receive a certificate in pediatric dentistry. There is also an option to complete the Master of Science in Dentistry degree within the two year period.