## **PROSTHODONTICS**

## Admission Requirements

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

## Three-Year Program

The first year is primarily devoted to didactic and clinical prosthodontics. The core didactic curriculum is emphasized to assist the resident in performing the clinical treatments required.

During the second year, emphasis is on clinical treatment. Time is increased in the clinic, with minimal time spent in didactic effort. Residents complete a clinical rotation at The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center and a teaching rotation at UT School of Dentistry. Research opportunities are available at the Bering Omega Clinic.

The third year is devoted to clinical treatment, specialty lectures and studies, and completing the master's degree requirements. A master of science degree may be earned in oral biomaterials from the UT Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences or in prosthodontics from the UT School of Dentistry.

Non-U.S. graduates must complete a one-year preceptorship in prosthodontics to apply for the residency. Information on the preceptorship is available from the Office of Continuing Education.

## **Goals & Objectives**

- The UTSD Graduate Prosthodontic Program is currently accredited by the American Dental Association (ADA) and will continue to meet or exceed all ADA standards and competency requirements for Advanced Dental Education in Prosthodontics.
- Program improvements are based on outcome assessment of all phases of resident training, including academic, clinical, research and presentations. Outcomes are measured by:
  - 1. Written examinations in all phases of prosthodontics (all residents must pass all examinations).
  - 2. Clinical proficiency examinations in complete denture therapy, tooth preparation and occlusion (all residents must pass all clinical proficiency examinations).
  - 3. The American College of Prosthodontists' current Mock Board Examination (all residents must answer at least 50% of the questions correctly).
  - 4. Faculty grading of all resident presentations.
  - 5. Each faculty member evaluates each resident after the fall and spring semesters.
  - Residents are evaluated by attending faculty during their rotations at UT MD Anderson Cancer Center
  - 7. Faculty will evaluate resident participation in all literature review sessions.
- Priority is placed on recruiting candidates who have graduated from ADA-accredited dental schools.
- All program applicants must provide the following with their application package: TOEFL, GRE and
  National Board Scores. Graduates from non-ADA accredited schools must also complete this schools'
  one-year preceptorship in prosthodontics to apply for the program. Completion of the preceptorship
  does not guarantee admission to the Graduate Prosthodontic Program.
- All residents participate in undergraduate student teaching (in prosthodontics and occlusion).
- All residents meet all research deadlines.
- All residents review the Glossary of Prosthodontic Terms and improve their use of terminology.
- All residents are encouraged to challenge the American Board of Prosthodontics.
- A state-of-the-art clinic and resident laboratory will be built specifically for the Graduate Prosthodontic Program as part of the new School of Dentistry Building now being planned.