

INTERNATIONAL DENTIST EDUCATION PROGRAM (IDEP)

The School of Dentistry offers qualified graduates of foreign dental programs the opportunity to earn a Doctor of Dental Surgery (D.D.S.) degree. Completion of this advanced standing educational program will allow graduates to take state or regional dental board examinations and be eligible for licensure and practice in the United States.

Students in the International Dentist Education Program (IDEP) are given advanced standing in the School of Dentistry.

The total credit hours required to award the degree is 175 credit hours. Students will transfer in 92.5 credit hours from their Foreign Dental School training, and complete 82.5 credit hours to meet degree requirements.

The IDEP program requires a full-time, daily Introduction Course (IDEP 5001) which consists of an innovative curriculum designed for the contemporary practice of dentistry.

The course is a hybrid course that consists of both online and hands-on learning experiences.

(1) **Online Distance Learning:** Includes didactic training with readings, videos, Powerpoints, Interactive Electronic Softchalk modules, projects, clinical scenarios, discussion groups, and assessments.

(2) **Hands-on Local Instruction:** includes didactic, preclinical, and clinical training consisting of small group conference discussion, preclinical laboratory projects, clinic simulation exercises, clinical patient care, and assessments.

The goal of the course is to assess student's current dental skills, knowledge, and values and ensure students attain a high level of proficiency in each of the dental disciplines.

The IDEP 5001 Course is followed by full integration into the traditional dental school program in the summer of the DS2 year of the undergraduate dental program.

Admissions Requirements

The application requirements for the IDEP are a dental degree from a foreign country; official, school-certified copies of transcripts with school seal directly from your dental school; official course-by-course dental school transcript evaluation (ECE) with a minimum GPA of 2.5; INBDE or a National Board Dental Examination Part 1 and Part 2 overall score of pass (within the past 5 years); minimum Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) examination score of 92 (Internet-based or Home Edition iBT, accepted but NOT the My Best Scores); three letters of evaluation surveys; and completion of personal learning and experience survey about the applicant's clinical experience, dental-related activities, and professional goals.

- Information about admission and application requirements is detailed on the School of Dentistry website (<https://www.uthscsa.edu/academics/dental/programs/international-dentist-program/>).
- Additional information about the IDEP can be obtained by contacting the IDEP office through e-mail at: IDEP@uthscsa.edu.

- *National Board Exams taken after January 1, 2012, will have scores reported as pass/fail. A passing score will be required for those applicants whose scores are reported as pass/fail.

Sample Plan of Study Sophomore Year

IDEP Intro (IDEP 5001, 24 SCH)

Junior Year- Group A

Third Year	Units	
	Semester I	Semester II
DIAG 7036 Radiographic Interpretation ¹	1	
DIAG 7052 Geriatrics ¹	1.5	
DIAG 7055 Oral Medicine ¹	2.0	
EMSP 7001 Basic Cardiac Life Support	0	
ENDO 7041 Junior Endodontics Lecture	1	
GEND 7026 Practice Administration ¹	2.5	
ORTH 7073 Junior Orthodontic Lectures And Case Analysis ¹	1.0	
PERI 7059 Implantology ¹	1.0	
PERI 7081 Periodontics	1.5	
PROS 7018 Fixed Prosthodontics ¹	1.0	
PROS 7091 Removable Partial Denture Prosthodontics Lecture ¹	0.5	
PROS 7095 Complete Dentures Lecture ¹	1.0	
RESO 7010 Operative Dentistry Lecture	1.5	
COMD 7031 Professional Ethics		0.5
DIAG 7036 Radiographic Interpretation ¹		1
DIAG 7052 Geriatrics ¹		1.5
DIAG 7055 Oral Medicine ¹		2.5
GEND 7026 Practice Administration ¹		2.5
ORTH 7073 Junior Orthodontic Lectures And Case Analysis ¹		1
PERI 7059 Implantology		1
PHAR 7009 Pharmacotherapeutics		1.5
PROS 7018 Fixed Prosthodontics		1
PROS 7091 Removable Partial Denture Prosthodontics Lecture		0.5
PROS 7095 Complete Dentures Lecture		1
Total Units in Sequence:		18

Junior Year- Group B

Third Year	Units	
	Semester I	Semester II
COMD 7050 Preventive Dentistry Clinic ¹	1.5	
ENDO 7043 Endodontics Clinic ¹	1.0	
GEND 7001 General Dentistry Clinic ¹	4.0	
INTD 7020 Clinical Patient Management ¹	5.0	
OSUR 7051 Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery ¹	4.0	
PEDO 7091 Pediatric Dentistry Clinic ¹	2.0	
PROS 7019 Fixed Prosthodontics Clinic ¹	4.5	

PROS 7092 Removable Partial Dentures Clinic ¹	1.5
PROS 7099 Complete Dentures Clinic ¹	2.5
RESO 7011 Operative Dentistry Clinic ¹	4.5
COMD 7050 Preventive Dentistry Clinic ¹	1.5
ENDO 7043 Endodontics Clinic ¹	1
GEND 7001 General Dentistry Clinic ¹	4
INTD 7020 Clinical Patient Management ¹	5
OSUR 7051 Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery ¹	4
PEDO 7091 Pediatric Dentistry Clinic ¹	2
PROS 7019 Fixed Prosthodontics Clinic ¹	4.5
PROS 7092 Removable Partial Dentures Clinic ¹	1.5
PROS 7099 Complete Dentures Clinic ¹	2.5
RESO 7011 Operative Dentistry Clinic ¹	4.5
Total Units in Sequence:	30.5

¹ A single grade at the end of the year is given for courses that extend through both semesters.

Junior Clinic Rotations

All junior dental students enhance their clinical experiences by participating in several School of Dentistry and off-campus required clinical rotations including the following. These are subject to change based on community availability.

- Oral Surgery
- Dental Emergency
- Geriatrics
- Pediatric Dentistry
- Periodontics

Senior Year- Group A

	Units	
	Semester I	Semester II
COMD 8014 Oral Health Care System	1	
COMD 8032 Jurisprudence	0.5	
GEND 8026 Practice Administration ¹	1.5	
GEND 8078 General Dentistry Seminar ¹	2	
PERI 8015 Periodontics	0.5	
PROS 8001 Dental Implantology	0.5	
GEND 8026 Practice Administration ¹		1.5
GEND 8078 General Dentistry Seminar ¹		2
RESO 8051 Senior Esthetic Dentistry		0.5
Total Units in Sequence:		6.5

Senior Year- Group B

	Units	
	Semester I	Semester II
GEND 8077 General Dentistry Clinic ¹	26.5	
GEND 8077 General Dentistry Clinic ¹		27
Total Units in Sequence:		27

¹ A single grade at the end of the year is given for courses that extend through both semesters.

Senior Clinical Rotations

All senior dental students enhance their clinical experiences by participating in several School of Dentistry and off-campus required clinical rotations including the following. These are subject to change based on community availability:

- Dental Emergency
- Dental Hygiene
- Oral Medicine
- Oral Surgery
- Pediatric Dentistry
- Primary Dental Care - South Texas Rotation
- Primary Dental Care – SACDC at Haven for Hope

Dental Selectives¹

The School of Dentistry has a selective program that allows students to enrich their education through courses of their choosing.

Satisfactory completion of selectives will be recorded on the transcript as CR. No credit hours will accrue, and the computation of the GPA will be unaffected. When a student has been officially enrolled in a selective course, the selective becomes a mandatory part of the student's curriculum and must be completed unless proper procedures for withdrawal are followed. Failure to withdraw properly or unsuccessful completion of the selective will be recorded on the transcript as an F grade. This will be treated by the Academic Performance Committee as any other failing grade in any required course.

Selective courses are offered primarily in the summer, but many are year-round as selectives by arrangement. Courses are offered to all level of students. Rising DS2 and DS3 students are required to complete a minimum of one selective. Rising DS4 students are required to complete a two-week continuous clinical selective, a six-week research selective, or another approved plan. The two-week selective may be one of the following:

- South Texas Rotation
- General Practice Dental Emergency Care (DECC)
- Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
- Pediatric Dentistry Summer Selective

Current selectives are listed below; however, offerings may vary each year. An updated list is sent to students twice a year to allow them to plan ahead. The list with course descriptions, teacher, location, etc. can be found online at <http://dental.uthscsa.edu/selectives/index.php> (<http://dental.uthscsa.edu/selectives/>).

¹ Subject to change.