

International Dentists Programs Information current as of July 2007

Some U.S. dental schools have special programs designed to meet the needs of internationally trained dentists. Each program deserves individual attention. *NOTE: If a dental degree is not granted at completion of the program, the graduate may or may not qualify for licensure in all states.*

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES: *Professional Program for International Dentists:* UCLA offers the Professional Program for International Dentists (PPID) for qualified international dental graduates. PPID is an intensive two-year program that begins in late June each year and continues for 24 consecutive months. Up to 12 students are admitted each year. The Program commences with a pre-clinical review course that includes didactic review and clinical preparatory instruction. After successful completion of the pre-clinical review course, PPID students will find themselves fully integrated into the UCLA School of Dentistry's comprehensive care philosophy. As with the traditional four-year program, those students who demonstrate accelerated proficiency will have additional training opportunities. Individuals who successfully complete the program requirements will be awarded a Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) from the UCLA School of Dentistry and thus are eligible to take the dental licensing examinations throughout most of the United States. Admission requirements include: completion of the written PPID application; evidence of a dental degree or equivalent from a foreign country; passage of the National Dental Board Examination Part 1; Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) examination with a minimum score of 560 (paper-based) or 220 (computer-based); and three letters of recommendation. In addition, the following documents must be submitted to International Education Research Foundation, Inc (IERF) or Educational Credentials Evaluators Inc. (ECE) for an IERF Detail Report or a course-by-course report: 1) original certified, course by course college (post graduate) transcripts, 2) original certified professional educational transcripts, 3) official copy of diploma and/or degree from the applicant's dental school, and 4) official copy of the applicant's dental license or its equivalent. Those applicants who demonstrate the potential for success in the PPID will be invited to participate in a personal interview, didactic testing and a pre-clinical skills assessment. For additional information contact:

Professional Program for International Dentists
Office of Student Affairs
UCLA School of Dentistry
10833 Le Conte Avenue
A0-111 Center for the Health Sciences
Los Angeles, CA 90095-1668
Phone: 1-310 825-6218
Website: www.dent.ucla.edu/ppid

Continuing Education: For individuals who choose not to enroll in an advanced standing program for internationally trained dentists such as the Professional Program for International Dentists (PPID), UCLA offers continuing education courses to prepare for the California State Board Restorative Technique Part III (currently available only to persons who have passed the National Board of Dental Examinations Part I and Part II prior to 12/31/03) and California State Board Clinical Part IV examinations. International dentists can prepare for the Part III examination with several review courses, which involve lectures and laboratory exercises. Dentists (foreign and U.S.-trained) who want to become licensed to practice in California can prepare for the California State Board Clinical Part IV Examination with a nine-day review course. The review course for the Part III examination and Clinical Part IV examination are offered several times per year prior to the test dates. For additional information about these continuing education courses, please contact:

UCLA School of Dentistry
Office of Continuing Education
Box 951668, Room A0-121 CHS
Los Angeles, CA 90095-1668
Phone: 1-310-794-4387
Fax: 1-310-825-2536
Email: gmacklin@dent.ucla.edu

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN FRANCISCO: The UCSF International Dentist Program (IDP) is a two-year (eight-quarter) program administered by the UCSF School of Dentistry. The program may extend beyond two years depending on the student's ability to meet all graduation requirements. The program admits 24 foreign-trained dentists admitted yearly. The program begins in June each year and applications are available on the UCSF website. Successful graduates are conferred a Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) degree. Minimum requirements for admission consideration are evidence of a dental degree or equivalent from a foreign country, Educational Credentials Evaluators (ECE) English translation of dental school transcript, passage of National Board Dental Examinations Part 1 with an overall average of at least 83%, Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) examination with a minimum score of 587 (paper-based test) or 240 (computer-based test) or 95 (internet-based test); and three letters of recommendation (dean of dental school, faculty member, and candidate choice). No exceptions are made on minimum requirements. For additional information log on to the UCSF website at http://dentistry.ucsf.edu/ad_idp.htm or please contact:

UCSF School of Dentistry
IDP Office of Admissions
707 Parnassus Avenue, Rm. #D-4010
San Francisco, CA 94143-0430
Phone: 1-415-476-2737
Fax: 1-415-476-3448
Jean.Young@ucsf.edu

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA: The USC's Advanced Standing Program for International Dentists (ASPID) is a two-year program (six trimesters) leading to the Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) degree. The USC's ASPID has a 40-year history of success in California. An entering class of 32 students is admitted once a year, with classes beginning in April. The incoming cohort completes an intensive pre-clinical summer trimester before being fully integrated into the DDS class.

Minimum requirements for admission include: completed dental degree from a foreign college or university, National Dental Board Exam Part I with a minimum score of 75 (higher scores are advantageous), Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) with minimum score of 100 (internet), 250 (computer) or 600 (paper), original dental school transcripts (in original language with English translation when needed), documentary proof of license to practice from a Ministry of Health or proper governing body, two letters of recommendation and a brief clinical resume. Also, evaluated course-by-course transcripts from either Educational Credentials Evaluators, Inc. (ECE), World Education Services (WES), or International Education Research Foundation Inc. (IERF) must be sent directly to the admissions office. For additional information please contact:

USC School of Dentistry
Office of Admissions & Student Affairs
925 W. 34th Street, Room 201
Los Angeles, CA 90089-0641
Phone: 1-213-740-2851
FAX: 1-213-740-8109
uscadm@usc.edu http://www.usc.edu/hsc/dental/admissions/dds_admissions.htm#dds

LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY: The International Dentist Program at Loma Linda University is designed to enable qualified dentists educated outside the United States to earn a Doctor of Dental Surgery (D.D.S.) degree in the United States. The program length is two academic years (24 calendar months), but may be extended, when necessary, to meet the needs of the student. Twenty students are accepted each year and begin the program in March. Pre-requisite requirements are a dental degree from a recognized foreign dental school, successful completion of the National Board Dental Examinations Part I (minimum score 81) and Part II (minimum score 79), TOEFL examination (minimum 550 written or 213 by computer, minimum 20 in each area on the internet based testing), and evaluation of dental school transcripts or marks sheets (with English translation) by one of the following agencies: Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc.; International Educational Research Foundation; or Academic Credentials Evaluators International.

In addition, for application purposes, the following documents are required: three (3) letters of recommendation

(preferably dental school faculty), certified copies (with English translation) of dental school diploma and dental school transcripts, documentation of visa or immigration status, financial statement, a dexterity test and personal interview by invitation. Cost of the program is approximately \$16,720 per quarter. For additional information contact:

International Dentist Program
Loma Linda University
School of Dentistry
Loma Linda, CA 92350
E-mail: mdp@llu.edu
Phone: 1-909-558-4621

UNIVERSITY OF THE PACIFIC, ARTHUR A. DUGONI SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY: The International Dental Studies program admits 16 international dentists per year and is a two-year program that culminates in a Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) degree. In some cases the program may be extended to meet an individual's educational needs. Application requirements are a dental degree from a foreign country, each of the four sections of the National Board Dental Examinations Part I must be successfully passed (an overall minimum average of 80 is required), passage of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) exam score of 237 (computer-based), an ECE or WES course-by-course transcript evaluation, a minimum of a 2.0 "C" average and two (2) letters of recommendation. For additional information, contact:

International Dental Studies Program
University of the Pacific
Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry
2155 Webster Street
San Francisco, CA 94115
Phone: 1-415-929-6428 or 1-415-929-6688
IDS@Pacific.edu

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO: International Student Program (ISP). In January 2005, the University of Colorado (CU) School of Dentistry initiated a program to offer qualified graduates of international dental programs the opportunity to earn the Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) degree at the University of Colorado School of Dentistry in a 24-month program. Graduates of this two-year accelerated DDS program may take any state or regional board, and thus will be eligible for licensure and practice within the United States (pending individual state laws). The program consists of didactic courses supported by some on-line resources, preclinical simulated courses provided within the School of Dentistry and clinical courses involving direct patient care in the School's clinics and community-based urban and rural public health clinics. The class size of this program is 20 students. The admissions requirements for the CU ISP include the following: 1) dental degree from a dental program outside of the United States (DDS, DMD, BDS or comparable degree); 2) official transcripts (translated and notarized); 3) National Dental Board Examination Part 1 – results must demonstrate that all parts were passed with a minimum overall average of 80 or above; 4) Test of English As A Foreign Language (TOEFL) – a minimum score of 237 on the computer-based version or 580 on the paper-based version must be provided and notarized, or the school may administer an English proficiency examination; 5) letters of recommendation; and 6) successful completion of psychomotor skills tests. For additional information, please contact:

The University of Colorado School of Dentistry
Office of Admissions and Student Affairs
13065 E. 17th Place, F831
P.O. Box 6508
Denver, CO 80045
www.uchsc.edu/sod

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA: The University of Florida College of Dentistry offers a two-year program for dental graduates from foreign countries that award a certificate upon completion. Applications are available beginning in the summer with an application deadline date of November 1. A class of 12 students is admitted once yearly in June. Selection is competitive. Minimum admission requirements are a dental degree from a foreign

country, successful completion of the National Board Dental Examinations Part I and Part II within five years, TOEFL examination with a minimum of 213 (computer-based) or 80 (internet-based), two (2) letters of recommendation, a 300-500 word statement of your clinical experience and personal activities, and a technical examination. Applicants must be U.S. citizens, permanent residents (green card - I-551 or I-551C), hold an I-130 Petition for Alien Relative (NOT eligible for financial aid) or I-94 with certain designations: "Refugee," "Asylum Granted," "Indefinite Parole," "Humanitarian Parole," or "Cuban-Haitian Entrant." Preference in admission to this program is given to residents of the state of Florida. For additional information and an application, see the website www.dental.ufl.edu/Admissions/FTD/ or contact:

Dr. Venita Sposetti
University of Florida, College of Dentistry
P.O. Box 100445
Gainesville, Florida 32610-0445
1-352-273-5955

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO: The International Dentist Program (IDP) is a two-year Program administered by the College of Dentistry that awards a Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) degree. Participants will attend selected predoctoral and supplemental courses to satisfy educational requirements for licensure in the state of Illinois. The first two semesters focus on pre-clinical instruction, didactic instruction and departmental rotations. After evaluation, participants begin patient care. Applications are available on July 1 and are accepted through November 1 of that application year. A class of 24 students is admitted once yearly in May. Selection is competitive and a personal interview is required for competitive candidates. To be considered for admission, you must earn a score of 75 or better for Part 1 of the National Board Dental Examination and a minimum TOEFL score of 550 or greater on the paper test or 213 or greater on the computer version. Eligibility is limited to permanent residents and U.S. citizens. Applicants in the U.S. with non-immigrant status will not be considered. The total cost for this two-year program is \$138,000. This amount includes tuition, leased instruments, and basic supplies. In addition, you will be responsible for the cost of self-study supplies, books and personal expenses, as well as for a \$500 refundable deposit on leased instruments. All program tuition and fees are subject to change. Applications and further information are available on the UIC College of Dentistry website at <http://dentistry.uic.edu>.

TUFTS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF DENTAL MEDICINE: The Dental International Student Program (DIS) at Tufts University School of Medicine comprises five semesters (two years and three months) of coursework and clinical experience, including innovative courses in implantology and geriatric dentistry. Upon completion of the program students receive a DMD degree and are eligible for licensure to practice dentistry in the United States. The program begins in mid April and the application deadline is September 15. In addition to completing the application form, individuals must submit a personal statement discussing their motivation, experiences and accomplishments; a \$75 application fee; an updated curriculum vitae; translated and notarized copies of the dental school diploma and transcripts; an official academic credentials evaluation; two letters of recommendation; official score on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL); and a National Board Dental Examination (NBDE) Parts I and II score report. Preference is given to individuals who score a 90 or above on Part I, 85 or above on Part II and 250 or above on the TOEFL examination. For more information please contact:

Melissa Bradbury
Tufts University School of Dental Medicine
Office of Admissions
1 Kneeland Street
Boston, MA 02111
1-617-636-3747
denadmissions@tufts.edu or www.tufts.edu/dental

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN: The Internationally Trained Dentist Program (ITDP) offers an opportunity for qualified dentists who are graduates of foreign dental schools to obtain a Doctor of Dental Surgery (D.D.S.) degree in two calendar years. The program of study includes didactic, laboratory, and comprehensive patient care experiences. Graduates of the program will have acquired the requisite knowledge and skills to engage in contemporary dental practice in the United States. Graduates of the ITDP will be eligible to take most state and

regional dental licensing examinations offered in the United States (a few states still require US citizenship for dental licensure).

The ITDP is an accelerated course of study that requires full-time, daily attendance for a minimum of two years (six fourteen week terms). The ITDP program begins May 1 of each year with an intensive one term didactic and preclinical course. Following successful completion of this course, ITDP students will join the third year dental class for the fall and winter terms (terms two and three). During the fourth term, ITDP students will take additional didactic and clinical courses as well as complete required clinical rotations, some of which will take place in other clinical sites within Michigan in addition to the University of Michigan School of Dentistry. ITDP students will join the fourth year dental class for the remaining fall and winter terms (terms five and six). The achievement of passing evaluations in all coursework will result in the granting of the D.D.S. degree.

Admission requirements include: Prospective students should apply directly to the Internationally Trained Dentist Program. In addition to the application form, the following requirements must also be met before an application is considered to be complete: (1) documentary proof of proficiency in the English language; minimum (TOEFL) examination scores of 575 (paper test), 230 (computer test) or 89 (internet-based test) are required, (2) successful completion of the National Board Part I examination, average score 84 or above, no section score below 75, (3) three letters of recommendation are required, (4) two essays must be submitted; one should describe the applicant's dental experience and the second should discuss the applicant's future professional goals, (5) documentary proof of license to practice from a Ministry of Health or appropriate governing body, (6) complete official documents (transcripts) of all college and university course work, including dental education in the original language accompanied by a certified English translation when necessary are required, and (7) certification of dental degree is required.

The Admissions Committee for the ITDP will review complete applications and qualified applicants will be invited for a personal interview. The personal interview is mandatory for acceptance into the program and applicants must be able to secure the appropriate visa for travel to the University of Michigan. The personal interview consists of oral interviews, a written examination, and technical exercises. Additional information on the personal interviews will be provided to invited applicants well in advance of the interview.

Program Contact Information

Internationally Trained Dentist Program
University of Michigan School of Dentistry
1011 N. University
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48109-1078
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Email: internationaldent@umich.edu
Website: www.dent.umich.edu/prospective/international.html

UNIVERSITY OF MEDICINE AND DENTISTRY NEW JERSEY-NEW JERSEY DENTAL SCHOOL: The International Dentist Program at the New Jersey Dental School is developed for exceptional individuals who have completed the equivalent of a DMD or DDS program in a non-US or Canadian accredited dental school. It is intended for individuals who would be interested in pursuing a dental career in the U.S. or who would be interested in returning to their country with additional skills acquired in a U.S. accredited DMD program.

The International Dentist Program will be approximately twenty-four months in length beginning approximately June 1st and concluding twenty-four months later. The first three months of the program will consist of a special curriculum with students participating in pre-clinical laboratory exercises together with appropriate didactic summary courses. Since candidates will have taken and passed Parts I and II of the National Boards it is anticipated that most, if not all, first and second year courses will be waived and the special summer program will help prepare students to become regular students of the Junior Academic Year beginning at the end of August.

The criteria for admissions includes: documentation of a license to practice dentistry in his/her country, (if available) a completed application with a non-refundable application fee of \$125, copies of diplomas and all official transcripts from post-secondary schools attended. (Transcripts in languages other than English must be translated and evaluated

by a foreign academic credentialing service) National Board Part I and II scores (obtained within the past five years), and a TOEFL examination score in situations where English is not the applicant's native language. In addition three letters of recommendation are requested, preferably from the faculty of the dental school attended.

Applications should be submitted to the New Jersey Dental School's Office of Admissions. Applications will be accepted throughout the year and will be reviewed and accepted upon by the New Jersey Dental School's Admissions Committee. All candidates will be informed in writing of the action taken on their applications.

Inquiries about the program can be made to Dr. Jeffrey Linfante, at linfante@umdnj.edu or 973-972-1614.

UMDNJ-New Jersey Dental School

International Dentist Program

Office of Admissions-Room B830

110 Bergen Street, PO Box 1709

Newark, NJ 07101-1709

Phone: 973-972-5362

<http://dentalschool.umdnj.edu/>

UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER EASTMAN DENTAL CENTER: The University of Rochester offers the Post-Doctoral International Dental Program (PIDP) for qualified international dental graduates. *This program is designed to satisfy part of the clinical requirement for licensure in the State of New York and is recognized as such by the New York Department of Education.* PIDP is an intensive two-year program that begins June 1 and December 1 each year and continues for 25 consecutive months. Up to 12 students are admitted each year. The Program commences with a pre-clinical review course that includes didactic review and clinical preparatory instruction. After successful completion of the pre-clinical review course, PIDP students will find themselves fully integrated into the University of Rochester comprehensive care philosophy. The Program's mission is to focus on the education of international dentists with an interest in academic careers in teaching and research. Those students who demonstrate strong scientific ability have the opportunity to seek enrollment in the Master of Public Health, Master of Dental Science or PhD Programs. Individuals who successfully complete the program requirements will be awarded a certificate of completion. Admission requirements include: Completion of the written PIDP application; evidence of a dental degree or equivalent from a foreign country; Test of English as a Foreign Language {TOEFL} examination with a minimum score of 560 {paper-based} or 220 {computer -based}; and three letters of recommendation. Completion of National Board Dental Examinations Parts 1 and 2 are encouraged. In addition, the following documents must be submitted to the International Education Research Foundation, Inc. {IERF} or Educational Credentials Evaluators, Inc. {ECE} for an IERF Detail Report or an ECE Subject Analysis Report: 1} Original certified college {post-graduate} transcripts; 2} Original certified professional educational transcripts; 3} Official copy of diploma and/or degree from the applicants' dental school; and 4} Official copy of the applicants' dental license or its equivalent. Those applicants who demonstrate the potential for success in the PIDP will be invited to participate in a personal interview. For additional information contact:

Dr. Hans Malmström

Post-Doctoral International Dental Program

University of Rochester Eastman Dental Center

625 Elmwood Avenue

Rochester, NY 14620

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY ADVANCED PLACEMENT (DDS) AND CONTINUING EDUCATION

ADVANCED STUDY PROGRAMS FOR INTERNATIONAL DENTISTS: The *Advanced Placement D.D.S. Program* is offered to internationally trained dentists who seek to practice dentistry in the United States. The program emphasizes patient-centered care in order to produce health-care professionals who possess the knowledge and skills to diagnose, manage, and prevent diseases, abnormalities, and other conditions affecting the oral and surrounding tissues. An integrated curriculum prepares students to apply knowledge in patient-care situations beginning in their first year of study and for the duration of the program.

The program is a three-year, full-time program. Beginning in the month of July preceding the first academic year of the program, a five-week-intensive "orientation" program is presented, at the conclusion of which students are fully integrated into the second year class of the four-year DDS program. The program is fully accredited by the

Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association. Successful completion culminates in the awarding of a D.D.S. degree, which meets the basic educational requirements for licensure. Applicants must be graduates of international dental schools who have satisfactorily completed an academic program of study of no less than four years, culminating in a degree, diploma, or certificate in dentistry recognized by the appropriate civil authorities of the country in which the dental school is located. Applicants must take the TOEFL and must pass Part I of the National Board Dental Examination. For additional information, please -email the Office of Admissions at: [nj1@nyu.edu](mailto:njl1@nyu.edu) or visit the website at: <http://www.nyu.edu/dental/bulletin/>

The *Advanced Study Programs for International Dentists** at New York University College of Dentistry are full time continuing education programs for graduates of international dental schools. One-year-programs in Endodontics, Esthetic Dentistry, General Dentistry, Orthodontics, Pediatric Dentistry, Periodontics and Prosthodontics are offered, as well as two-year-programs in Implant Dentistry and Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. The Advanced Study Programs attract internationally trained professionals from over 55 countries who choose to study at New York University College of Dentistry (NYUCD) located in New York City. The focus of the program is patient care and the NYUCD experience affords our program participants the opportunity to treat the largest and most diverse patient population of any dental school in the United States. The technologically advanced clinical facilities and renowned research and clinical faculty enable the participants to achieve their career goals in dentistry. For more information, please send an e-mail to dental.international@nyu.edu or visit the website at <http://www.nyu.edu/dental/academicprograms/international/flash/index.html>.

**Please note that the Continuing Education Advanced Study Programs for International Dentists at New York University are designated as full-time continuing educational courses; completion does not qualify participants for licensure or certification in the United States and does not guarantee certification in their home countries.*

TEMPLE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY: The Advanced Standing Program for Foreign Trained Dentists is a two-year program designed to enable qualified individuals to earn a Doctor of Dental Medicine (DMD) degree in the United States. Applications are processed from September 1, 2005 to January 31, 2006. The admission process is highly selective. Application requirements are application fee, letter of intent, completed application, official copies of transcripts and certificates, Part I and Part II National Dental Board Examination Scores, Credential Evaluation Report from the Educational Credential Evaluators, TOEFL exam – if English is not the native language – within a minimum of 580 (paper based) or 237 (computer based), two (2) letters of recommendation written within one year, and a completed Dental Experience Summary Form. For additional information contact:

Temple University School of Dentistry
Office of Admissions and Student Affairs
3223 North Broad Street, Room 341
Philadelphia, PA 19140
terry.griffin@temple.edu

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER AT SAN ANTONIO: The UTHSCSA School of Dentistry International Dentist Education Program (IDEP) allows qualified graduates of foreign dental programs to earn the Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) degree in a 24-month program. Completion of this two-year educational program will allow graduates to take state or regional dental clinical examination and be eligible for licensure and practice within the United States (pending individual state laws). The IDEP is a full-time, daily program and will consist of a six-week didactic and preclinical laboratory review course followed by matriculation through the 3rd and 4th years of the undergraduate dental program with classroom lectures and direct patient care in the group practices and departmental clinical courses and rotations. The class size of this new program will be 10 students. The application requirements for the IDEP are a dental degree from a foreign country; officially translated and notarized dental school diploma and transcripts ; passing scores on all sections of the National Board Dental Examination Part I with an overall average of 80 or above (within past 5 years); exam score of 237 (computer-based) on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL); three (3) letters of recommendation; and completion of personal statements about applicant's clinical experience, personal activities, and future professional goals. Selected applicants will be invited for a 2-day interview process that will consist of an orientation to the dental school, interviews with faculty and students, a written essay, and dental skills psychomotor assessments. The class of 10 students admitted to the IDEP will be selected from those individuals who present for the interview process.

For additional information, please contact:

International Dentist Education Program
UTHSCSA School of Dentistry
7703 Floyd Curl Drive
San Antonio, TX 78229
Email: IDEP@uthscsa.edu or bohnenkamp@uthscsa.edu
Website: <http://dental.uthscsa.edu/admissions/idep.html>

CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES: These courses are designed to help dentists keep abreast of advances in dental and medical sciences. Continuing education courses are of short duration (usually less than one week) and do not lead to a degree. Mostly, these courses address a single topic. Some foreign graduates have participated in such courses to help prepare for licensure examination. The Council on Dental Education and Licensure prepares a listing of continuing education courses and their locations. The list is available on ADA website at www.ada.org/prof/ed/ce/courselisting/index.asp.

MEXICAN INTERNATIONAL DENTIST PROGRAM: UNIVERSIDAD DE LA SALLE BAJIO; LEON, GUANAJUATO, MEXICO: The California Board of Dental Examiners granted authorization to the Universidad de La Salle to start a two-year international dental training program for foreign trained dentists that awards a Doctor of Dental Surgery (D.D.S.) degree. In 2006, the University De La Salle Bajío's School of Dentistry began offering the International Dental Program, designed for foreign trained dentists that are striving towards obtaining a dental license that **allows them to practice in California, U.S.**

The University De La Salle has built a program with academic and clinic facilities specifically designed for its International Dental Program. The program consists of four (4) academic semesters with both classroom and clinical requirements, beginning in January of each year. This is a bilingual program in which the lecture is held in English and the clinical process is conducted in Spanish for most every patient.

The basic admission requirements include candidate's identity documents, an evaluation of dental school transcripts by Educational Credential Evaluators Inc. (ECE), three (3) letters of recommendation, certified copies in English translation of candidate's Dental School Diploma, financial statements, passing of the TOEFL exam and an admission test as well as a personal interview with members of an admission committee. For additional information please visit the LaSalle International Dental Program website at: <http://www.LASALLEids.com> or contact:

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CANADIAN QUALIFYING AND ADVANCED STANDING PROGRAMS: The **Qualifying Program** is a special university program held over two academic years for graduates of non-accredited dental programs leading to a Certificate of Qualification in Dentistry. Its purpose is to prepare students to take the examinations of the National Dental Examining Board of Canada (NDEB). Admission requirements include graduation from a non-accredited university dental program of a minimum of four years, Citizen or Permanent Resident of Canada on or before the application deadline, completion of the Eligibility Examination (EE) administered by the Association of Canadian Faculties of Dentistry (ACFD) and demonstrated competency in English. Upon successful completion of a CDAC-accredited Qualifying Program and the NDEB examinations, the candidate will be eligible for licensure/registration in all provinces of Canada.

NOTE: Currently, the Qualifying Programs are not recognized in United States licensing jurisdictions as meeting the educational qualification for licensure.

Three Canadian dental schools offer **Qualifying Programs** to graduates of non-accredited dental schools.

Dalhousie University
Faculty of Dentistry
5981 University Avenue
Halifax, Nova Scotia
B3H-3J5

University of Toronto
Faculty of Dentistry
124 Edward Street
Toronto, Ontario M5G-1G6

University of Western Ontario
Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry
1151 Richmond Street, Room 1003
Dental Sciences Building
London, Ontario N6A 5C1

Graduates of non-accredited dental programs may also apply for **advanced standing** within an accredited D.D.S. or D.M.D. program in Canada. Graduates receive a D.M.D or D.D.S. degree upon completion of these programs, and upon successful completion of the appropriate licensing examinations, are eligible for licensure/registration in the U.S. and Canada. Three Canadian dental schools offer **advanced standing** to graduates of non-accredited dental schools.

University of British Columbia
Faculty of Dentistry
350-2194 Health Sciences Mall
Vancouver, BC V6T 1Z3

University of Alberta
Faculty of Medicine and Oral Health Sciences
Room 3036 Dent/Pharma Bldg
Edmonton, Alberta T6G-2N8

University of Manitoba
Faculty of Dentistry
780 Bannatyne Ave. Rm D113
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3E-0W2

The University of Manitoba calls its advanced standing program the International Dentist Degree Program (IDDP).

For more information about dental education and licensure in Canada, contact:

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Ottawa, Ontario
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