INTERNATIONAL DENTIST PATHWAY (DDS)

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Degree Offered: Doctor of Dental Surgery

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Program Description
The University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) School of Dentistry provides a unique balance of clinical excellence, research opportunities and community service as part of one of the leading health science centers in the nation. Since its founding in 1881, the School of Dentistry has evolved from the lone outpost of dental education west of the Mississippi into an international leader in the education of oral health care practitioners and scholars, comprehensive dental care and breakthrough research. The school has a tradition of service, strong clinical programs that prepare dentists for the future and research activities at the vanguard of contemporary science.

We are looking for candidates who share the school's educational objectives and can master our curriculum. We look for evidence of past achievements, as well as outstanding personal qualities and interest in contributing to the advancement of knowledge and service to the dental profession and the community.

We seek graduates who will return to their communities with the clinical, intellectual and interpersonal skills expected of a health professional. In addition, our graduates should possess the enhanced sensitivities, broad understanding, open-minded attitudes and appreciation of cultural diversity that assure equitable distribution of high-quality dental health care to all members of our society. Further, we seek people who have the discipline to apply themselves, the desire to use their talents and abilities to the fullest, and the willingness to undertake leadership roles in academia, in their profession and in their communities.

This two-year International Dentist Pathway prepares dentists trained outside of the United States to earn a U.S. DDS degree. Each year, 20 students are fully integrated into the DDS curriculum and comprehensive clinical programs.

Curriculum
UCSF and the School of Dentistry attach importance to creating a culture and environment that promotes student engagement and offers all students an opportunity to be involved in its quality systems. The school is committed to working in partnership with its students in order to enhance all aspects of the student experience. Accordingly, our courses (as listed below) and curriculum are subject to continuous quality improvement and may change in response to feedback and learner needs.

We believe all UCSF dental graduates deserve mastery in procedural and clinical skills coupled with laser-focused critical thinking to prepare them for the next steps in their career, whether clinical practice, research, academia, public sector, or some combination. Students, faculty and staff work as a team to provide scientifically based patient-centered care. We are proud to develop clinicians who graduate as competent dentists, and as scientists.

Admission Requirements
The UCSF School of Dentistry takes a holistic approach to our admissions process. Our Admissions Committee considers all aspects of the application, including academic background and ability, motivation for a dental career, and the potential for future success in the program and dentistry indicated by past achievements and present commitments. To be considered for admission, you must present evidence that you have completed a dental degree from a foreign institution and have passed the National Board Dental Exams Parts 1 and 2 or the Integrated National Board Dental Exam.

Applications
UCSF School of Dentistry International Dentist Pathway applications are processed through the American Dental Education Association - Centralized Application for Advanced Placement for International Dentists (ADEA CAAPID). The application can be submitted starting March 4 and must be electronically submitted no later than 11:59 p.m. EST on June 15. We advise you to begin your ADEA CAAPID application early to allow yourself sufficient time to complete it by the deadline. Late applications will not be considered.

Supplemental Questions
The UCSF supplemental questions are in the UCSF school section of the ADEA CAAPID application.

Transcripts and Evaluations
Submit an official ECE or WES course-by-course evaluation of all international coursework and upload a copy of your international transcripts (dental school and all other college/university level course work) via the ADEA CAAPID application. If you cannot have an official ECE or WES evaluation sent to ADEA CAAPID and you have a copy, please scan and upload to the ADEA CAAPID application.

Please note: If selected for an interview, applicants will be required to submit an official transcript from all international institutions. These documents will be required prior to the interview date. Official transcripts
must be sent directly to UCSF from the issuing institution(s). Notarized copies are not acceptable. Submit official scores via ADEA CAAPID application.

**National Board Exams and TOEFL**

You must pass both Part 1 and Part 2 of the National Board Dental Examination or the Integrated National Board Dental Examination.

Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) scores within two years of the opening of the application cycle: Minimum TOEFL score is 95 or higher on the internet-based test (iBT). We are accepting the home based TOEFL exam scores.

**Letters of Recommendation**

Please submit three letters of recommendation via the ADEA CAAPID application: one from a clinician who has supervised your work, one from an academic from your home institution (required within 5 years from graduating; if unable to obtain, you can submit two professional letters of recommendation), and one of your choice. If your recommender is unable to obtain letterhead, we require them to upload the letter directly to ADEA CAAPID and it must include their electronic signature and all of their contact information.

**UCSF Fee**

To have your application processed, please submit the non-refundable UCSF application processing fee of $140 (USD) at our Online Payment System. Checks will not be accepted.

**Clinical Experience**

Preferred minimum experience of two years.

**The CASPer Test (Optional)**

CASPer is a computer-based assessment for sampling personal characteristics. CASPer is an online test that assesses for non-cognitive skills and interpersonal characteristics that we believe are important for successful students and graduates of our program, and it will complement the other information that we use for holistic applicant screening. Although this is optional, we encourage you to take this assessment.

All required application materials must be received by ADEA CAAPID on or before June 15, 11:59 p.m. EST.

**Helpful Links**

- UCSF School of Dentistry Admissions Policies (https://dentistry.ucsf.edu/programs/dds/admissions/admissions-policies/)
- UCSF School of Dentistry International Dentist Pathway Admissions Website (https://dentistry.ucsf.edu/programs/dds/admissions-policies/)

**Learning Outcomes**

The School of Dentistry has 12 competency statements that a student dental graduate must demonstrate. Two are UCSF campus wide statements and 10 are School of Dentistry (dental professional) specific. They are listed on the SOD Competency Standards page (https://wiki.library.ucsf.edu/display/SODEducation/Competency+Standards/) and SOD website (https://dentistry.ucsf.edu/students/education/competency-standards/).

These statements represent broad levels of academic and clinical achievement, measured by specific faculty evaluations and written and clinical examinations at various times during the academic program. These fundamental competencies prepare the graduate for lifelong learning and success with achieving licensure, and the safe practice of general dentistry.

As part of the program, students are required to challenge a number of individual, high-stakes competency examinations. Competency is a complex behavior or ability essential for the general dentist to begin independent and unsupervised dental practice. Competency includes knowledge, experience, critical thinking, problem-solving, professionalism, ethical values and procedural skills. These components of competency become an integrated whole during the delivery of patient care.

**Additional Information**

**Program Core Faculty**

- Find a program faculty list (https://dentistry.ucsf.edu/programs/dds/faculty/) on the program website.

**Degree Requirements**

The UCSF School of Dentistry pre-doctoral curriculum is four years (or the equivalent) in length and covers the broad range of science, art and technology in contemporary dental practice. We believe all UCSF dental graduates deserve mastery in procedural and clinical skills coupled with laser-focused critical thinking to prepare them for the next steps in their career, whether clinical practice, research, academia, public sector, or some combination. Students, faculty and staff work as a team to provide scientifically based patient-centered care. We are proud to develop clinicians who graduate as competent dentists, and as men and women of science.

UCSF School of Dentistry Competency Standards (https://wiki.library.ucsf.edu/display/SODEducation/Competency+Standards/)

The faculty will recommend the awarding of degrees in accordance with Academic Senate regulations for the Doctor of Dental Surgery. Candidates for the degree Doctor of Dental Surgery are required to:

a. Complete and pass all core courses in the dental curriculum with grades of P or H. With the approval of the faculty of the School of Dentistry, part of this work may be taken in some other school or college of the University or in another institution of equivalent standing.

b. Complete and pass all clinical requirements.

c. Satisfy required standards of professionalism of the School of Dentistry.

**Core Courses**

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### Non-course Core Requirements

#### Technical Standards

In order to successfully complete the DDS degree, participate in all necessary aspects of dental training, and meet licensing requirements, a student must possess a minimum of certain essential physical and cognitive and emotional abilities. The standards are:

- Observation
- Communication
- Motor function
- Behavioral and social attributes
- Ethical and Legal Standards

Find complete description of the technical standards requirement ([https://dentistry.ucsf.edu/programs/dds/admissions/technical-standards/](https://dentistry.ucsf.edu/programs/dds/admissions/technical-standards/)). All students will be asked to certify that they meet the minimum technical standards to pursue dental education.