

POSTGRADUATE PROGRAM IN ORAL MEDICINE - CERTIFICATE

Visit program website. (<https://dentistry.ucsf.edu/programs/post-grad/oral-medicine/>)

Degree Offered: Certificate

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Program Description

The Postgraduate Program in Oral Medicine is a full-time, 36-month residency, accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation, leading to a certificate in oral medicine and an MS degree in oral and craniofacial sciences. All residents are provided with a stipend that is based upon the PGY level of training.

The program is aimed at preparing dentists to diagnose and treat complex oral problems, manage oral conditions and diseases that occur in medically complex patients, recognize and manage oral manifestations of primary and acquired immunodeficiency, and manage oral diseases, salivary gland dysfunction, facial pain and chemosensory disorders. The program's main goal is to train residents for either a full-time or a part-time career in academic settings as an oral medicine specialist who can treat a diverse patient population, participate in interdisciplinary care and contribute to the knowledge base through research.

Admission Requirements

We accept two postgraduate students into the Oral Medicine program each year.

To be eligible for the program, you must meet the following requirements:

- Hold a DDS, DMD degree or equivalent by the start of the program
- Take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), if your native language is not English and you have not completed at least one year of college or university-level studies in the United States. Scores/ results must be within two years of the opening of the application cycle: Minimum TOEFL score accepted is 95 or higher on the internet-based test (iBT).

In addition, you must submit a statement of purpose that describes your interest in both oral medicine and oral and craniofacial sciences through your ADEA PASS application.

Learn more about Oral Medicine Program admissions (<https://dentistry.ucsf.edu/programs/post-grad/oral-medicine/admissions/>).

Learning Outcomes

Graduates will be expected to possess the didactic knowledge and clinical skill to diagnose and treat chronic, recurrent, and medically related disorders of the oral and maxillofacial region that constitute the practice of oral medicine. They will be expected to be proficient in the following areas:

- a. Physical and medical risk assessment in medically complex patients and making recommendations for impact and appropriate modifications of dental treatment
- b. Diagnosis and treatment of soft tissue lesions
- c. Performing biopsies of soft tissue intra-oral lesions
- d. Diagnosis and management of salivary gland dysfunction
- e. Understanding the pathophysiology and attainment of skills to diagnosis and manage chemosensory disorders
- f. Diagnosis and management of facial pain conditions
- g. Diagnosis and management of viral and fungal infections of the oral cavity
- h. Critical appraisal of research studies and to be competent in design/ execution of a clinical study

Additional Information

Program Faculty

- Find a program faculty list (<https://dentistry.ucsf.edu/programs/post-grad/oral-medicine/faculty/>) on the program website.

Degree Requirements

All required courses, oral medicine core rotations, off-service rotations, oral medicine core didactics, and research project

Core Courses

Students take ORAL MED 489 Clinical Oral Medicine throughout the length of their residency. This clinical course provides comprehensive experience in treating oral medicine conditions. Students learn to apply knowledge of history-taking and differential diagnosis, utilize various diagnostic techniques such as biopsy, cytology and certain clinical pathology laboratory tests; interpret results, prescribe treatment and follow up. Expectations shift as student advances.

Course	Title	Units
Year 1		
Summer		
ORAL MED 489	Clinical Oral Medicine	4.5-9
	Units	4.5-9
Fall		
ORAL MED 489	Clinical Oral Medicine	4.5-9
	Units	4.5-9
Winter		
ORAL MED 489	Clinical Oral Medicine	4.5-9
	Units	4.5-9
Spring		
ORAL MED 489	Clinical Oral Medicine	4.5-9
ORAL RAD 400	Advanced Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology	1
	Units	5.5-10
Year 2		
Summer		
ORAL MED 489	Clinical Oral Medicine	4.5-9
	Units	4.5-9
Fall		
ORAL MED 489	Clinical Oral Medicine	4.5-9
	Units	4.5-9
Winter		
ORAL MED 489	Clinical Oral Medicine	4.5-9
	Units	4.5-9

Spring

ORAL MED 489	Clinical Oral Medicine	4.5-9
Units		4.5-9

Year 3**Summer**

ORAL MED 489	Clinical Oral Medicine	4.5-9
Units		4.5-9

Fall

ORAL MED 489	Clinical Oral Medicine	4.5-9
Units		4.5-9

Winter

ORAL MED 489	Clinical Oral Medicine	4.5-9
Units		4.5-9

Spring

ORAL MED 489	Clinical Oral Medicine	4.5-9
Units		4.5-9

Total Units		55-109
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Non-course Core Requirements

- Introduction to the Principles and Practice of Clinical Research (offered by the NIH (<https://ocr.od.nih.gov/courses/ippcr.html>))
- Oral Medicine Seminar, Oral Medicine Journal Club, Oral Pathology Review Sessions
- Off-Service Rotations
- Clinical Pathological Conferences (Oral Pathology and Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery)
- Medical Grand Rounds
- Dermatology Grand Rounds
- Head and Neck Tumor Board Conference
- Completion of History and Physical Exam Course (VA)