

Department of Veterans Affairs



Dental General Practice Residency Program *

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*Accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation

General Information

The Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center at Dallas, Texas, is a tertiary care facility. It is a teaching hospital, providing full range of patient care services with the state of the art technology as well as education and research. Comprehensive health care is provided through primary care, secondary care, and tertiary care in medicine, surgery, mental health, and rehabilitation medicine. Innovative clinical services includes cardiac surgery, geriatric care, magnetic resonance imaging, woman veteran services, interventional chronic pain procedures, EP procedures, and care for post-traumatic stress disorders as well as Spinal Cord Injury Center.

Through strategic partnership with UT Southwestern Medical School and Baylor College of Dentistry, Dallas VAMC helped train more that 740 medical residents and eight dental residents.

Program Description

The General Practice Residency is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association. It is a one-year hospital based GPR Program in which the residents are exposed to additional training in clinical dentistry. The program presently has two residents. Residents spend a minimum of 60% of their time in the program treating the oral health needs of ambulatory patients. While in the dental clinic, the residents rotate through Oral Surgery, Periodontics, Endodontics, Prosthodontics as well as General Dentistry. Residents maintain an On Call schedule, attend conferences, seminars, grand rounds as is the custom of the Service the residents rotates through. The scheduled practice hours are 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM, but may be extended as necessary by the Service to which the resident is assigned. Off- services rotations include Anesthesia for three weeks, General Medicine for one week, and Pathology and Laboratory Medicine for one week. Additionally, the residents spend a two-week rotation in the Emergency Room and one-week rotation in ENT.

Weekly didactic seminars and formal lectures are conducted in conjunction with the postgraduate students at Baylor College of Dentistry. In-service seminars and lectures are held on a monthly basis. In addition, residents attend monthly Head and Neck Tumor Board with the ENT staff.

Requirements for completion of the GPR Program includes (1) at least five OR/same day surgery cases, (2) twenty five IV sedation cases, (3) the presentation of a topic agreed upon between the director and the resident, (4) four formal case presentations, and (5) attendance to all lecture and seminars.

Salary and Benefits

One-year residents are paid a stipend per annum, paid every two weeks, plus health insurance. Dental uniforms are furnished by the medical center. Residents are allowed days of annual leave for vacations, for board examinations, and for interviews. In addition, a total of five days of official leave may be approved to attend professional meetings.

Dental Service

The dental clinic was built in 2003 and consists of six dental operatories and three specialty suites. The oral and maxillofacial section consists of three specially designed operatories. In addition there are two operatories for the dental hygienists. There is an in-house dental laboratory and one of two Central Dental Laboratories (CDL) is located within the medical center premises. The dental staff includes eight full-time and two part-time dentists, thirteen dental assistants, two hygienists, three laboratory technicians, two receptionists, and one administrative assistant.

Application Requirements

1. All applicants must be U.S. citizens
2. All applicants must submit VA form 10-2850d, "Application for Health Care Professions Trainees" directly to the agency.
3. A letter of recommendation from the dean of the dental school is required.
4. Applicants must be a graduate from an ADA accredited dental school.
5. Have passed the National Board Examination (Part I).
6. Applicants must be proficient in the English language.
7. Applicants must be selected by the GPR Director and the Dental Residency Review Board for an interview, which the applicant must attend.
8. Meet licensure requirements necessary to be licensed to practice in a state or territory of the United States, or in the District of Columbia.

How to Apply

1. All applicants must complete an official application through the Postdoctoral Application Support Service:

PASS

www.adea.org/PASS/default.htm

2. Complete application form (VA Form 10-2850D)