

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Student Learning Outcomes

Students graduating from this program will:

- Apply the fundamental principles of the biomedical and behavioral sciences as they relate to the promotion and provision of oral health care
- Apply legal, ethical and regulatory principles to the provision of oral health care, including practice management
- Apply interpersonal and communication skills to empathetically and effectively care for diverse patient populations and function in the health care environment
- Apply critical thinking and problem solving skills to provide evidence-based patient-centered care
- Evaluate various models of oral health management and care delivery
- Participate in improving the oral health of individuals, families, and groups in the community through oral health promotion, education and interaction with other health professions
- Manage medical emergencies and complications that may occur during dental treatment
- Recognize and manage pain, anxiety, prescribing practices and substance abuse disorders, trauma, hemorrhage, and infection of the orofacial complex by selection, administration, or prescription of pharmacological or non-pharmacologic agents in the treatment of dental patients.
- Demonstrate competence in providing oral health care within the scope of general dentistry for children, adolescents, adults, and special needs patients. This includes: Perform a complete dental examination to arrive at a diagnosis, risk assessment and prognosis of the patient's oral condition/s. Develop, present, and implement an integrated treatment plan, including the risks and benefits of various options, to address a patient's oral health needs. Prevent, identify, and manage dental caries. Prevent, identify, and manage periodontal conditions. Prevent, identify, and manage pulpal and periradicular conditions. Identify and manage patients with oral surgical needs. Identify malocclusions and the need for space management. Manage restorative procedures for defective teeth or to restore function in patients with partial or complete edentulism. Recognize and manage patients with oral mucosal, temporomandibular, and osseous disorders and oral manifestations of systemic diseases. Evaluate the outcomes of treatment, including recall strategies, and prognosis.
- Demonstrate the ability to self-assess competency and plan for lifelong learning

Program Requirements

The school offers a four-year curriculum leading to the doctor of dental surgery (D.D.S.) degree. This curriculum is designed to prepare graduates in dentistry to deliver patient care with a scientific basis and a caring manner. As such, it provides a sound background in the biomedical, behavioral and clinical sciences with an emphasis on comprehensive oral health care. Exposure to clinical dentistry in the first semester of the first year is a hallmark of this curriculum.

The first year of dental school focuses on instruction in the biomedical sciences that provide a foundation for clinical studies. The first-year student also studies introductory courses in oral diagnosis, preventive periodontics and dental restorative techniques in a pre-clinical setting. Early clinical exposure is further emphasized through clinic-based courses in both the first and the second semesters. Acquisition of basic diagnostic skills and background knowledge is a goal of the first year of the curriculum.

Biomedical science courses extend into the second year; however, the major thrust of the second year is devoted to pre-clinical technique coursework of increasing complexity. In the preclinical laboratory courses, students continue learning the fundamental procedures of dentistry: operative dentistry, prosthodontics (fixed and removable), and endodontics. Clinically, students are introduced to the basic essential skills needed in preventive periodontics. Classroom lecture sessions are also conducted in each of these areas of dentistry along with didactic courses in periodontics, oral diagnosis, oral radiology, and oral surgery.

The primary emphasis of the third year of the curriculum is the clinical practice of dentistry. The general clinic is organized into subunits called teams. Each team includes an established set of faculty and staff. Patients are assigned to students for comprehensive care, from diagnosis and treatment planning through procedures necessary for successful case completion. While the emphasis of the third and fourth years of the dental curriculum is gaining clinical experience, students also attend advanced classes in periodontics, prosthodontics, oral surgery, orthodontics, pediatric dentistry, operative dentistry and oral diagnosis/oral medicine.

The fourth year involves extensive clinical practice. There are a few seminar sessions and formal courses (e.g., practice management), but the student's major responsibility is to perfect diagnostic, patient-management and technical-treatment skills and demonstrate competence in all the skills required by the faculty of the School of Dentistry.

An outline of the four-year curriculum is given below.

Code	Title	Credits
Year I		
BMS 9300	Human Gross Anatomy I	5
BMS 9301	Human Gross Anatomy II	5

BMS 9308	Histology	2.5
DENT 6305	Operative Dentistry I Lecture	1
DENT 6305L	Operative Dentistry I Laboratory	2
DENT 6306	Transitions: Charting Your Professional Future I	0.5
DENT 6307	Transitions: Charting Your Professional Future II	0.5
DENT 6310C	Patient Care I	3
DENT 6313	Applied Biochemistry	4
DENT 6314C	Patient Care II	2
DENT 6316	Dental Morphology	3
DENT 6317	Fundamentals of Occlusion and Fixed Prosthodontics	3
DENT 6319	Ethics and Professionalism	1
DENT 6328	Clinical Decision Making in Dentistry	1
DENT 6350	Introduction To The Histopathology Of Oral Tissues	2
DENT 6416	Complete Removable Prosthodontics	1
DENT 6416L	Complete Removable Prosthodontics I Laboratory	2
DENT 6436	Orthodontics: Growth And Development	1
LS-MCRB 4180	Microbiology	4
LS-PHYS 401	Physiology Lecture	5

Total Credits		48.5
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Code	Title	Credits
Year II		
DENT 6315C	Patient Care III	3
DENT 6352	Patient Care IV	1
DENT 6402	Transitions: Charting Your Professional Future III	0.5
DENT 6403	Transitions: Charting Your Professional Future IV	0.5
DENT 6410	Operative Dentistry II Lecture	1
DENT 6410L	Operative Dentistry II Laboratory	2
DENT 6412	Introduction to Oral Surgery & Pain Management I	1
DENT 6414	Pathology I Lecture	4
DENT 6415	Pathology II	2
DENT 6417	Removable Partial Prosthodontics	1
DENT 6417L	Removable Partial Prosthodontics Laboratory	2
DENT 6420	Periodontics I	2
DENT 6422	Fixed Prosthodontics I Lecture	1
DENT 6422L	Fixed Prosthodontics I Laboratory	2
DENT 6423	Fixed Prosthodontics II Lecture	1
DENT 6423L	Fixed Prosthodontics II Laboratory	2
DENT 6424	Dental Management of the Medically Complex Patient	2
DENT 6426	Oral Radiology Lecture	2
DENT 6431	Pediatric Dentistry I Lecture	1
DENT 6435	Endodontics I Lecture	1
DENT 6440	Introduction to Oral Surgery & Pain Management II	1
DENT 6442	Endodontics II Lecture	1
DENT 6442L	Endodontics Laboratory	2
DENT 6526	Orthodontics I	1
DENT 6526L	Orthodontics I Laboratory	2
DENT 6527	Pharmacology and Therapeutics I	2
DENT 6537	Oral Oncology	0.5
DENT 6501C	Intro to Comprehensive Patient Care	8
DENT 6556	Radiographic Interpretation	1
DENT 6566	Bridge Course	2

DENT 6568	Treatment Planning I	1
DENT 6569	Treatment Planning II	1
DENT 6595	Introduction To Implant Dentistry	1
Total Credits		55.5

Code	Title	Credits
Year III		
DENT 6312	Dental Behavioral Science	1
DENT 6411	Advanced Restorative Dentistry I	1
DENT 6502	Grand Rounds I	0.5
DENT 6503	Clinical Decision Making II	0.5
DENT 6509C	Comprehensive Patient Care I	8
DENT 6510C	Comprehensive Patient Care II	4
DENT 6515	Periodontics II	1
DENT 6518	Transitions: Charting Your Professional Future V	1
DENT 6520	Transitions: Charting Your Professional Future VI	1
DENT 6521	Oral Surgery III	1
DENT 6521C	Periodontics Clinical I	1
DENT 6522	Oral Surgery IV	1
DENT 6524	Principles of Oral Medicine and Diagnosis	1
DENT 6531C	Oral Diagnosis Clinical I	1
DENT 6534	Advanced Restorative Dentistry II	1
DENT 6538	Orthodontics II	1
DENT 6542C	Operative Dentistry Clinical I	1
DENT 6551CR	Oral Surgery Clinical	1
DENT 6559	Diagnosis and Management of Orofacial Pain	1
DENT 6564	Pharmacology and Therapeutics II	2
DENT 6569	Treatment Planning II	1
DENT 6591C	Professional Development I	1
DENT 6592C	Professional Development II	1
DENT 6593C	Professional Development III	1
DENT 6602	Grand Rounds II	1
DENT 6606C	Pediatric Dentistry Clinical I	1
DENT 6609C	Comprehensive Patient Care III	8
DENT 6613	Periodontal Treatment Planning	1
DENT 6617	Pediatric Dentistry Seminar	0.5
DENT 6633	Introduction To Dental Public Health	1
DENT 6634	Community-Based Dental Education (CODE) I	1
DENT 6636C	Oral Radiology Clinical	1
DENT 6650	Applied Ethics	0.5
DENT 6656C	Orthodontic Clinical I	1
Total Credits		50

Code	Title	Credits
Year IV		
DENT 6514	Pathology III Lecture	1
DENT 6562C	Removable Prosthodontics Clinical II	1
DENT 6600	Review Of Clinical Dentistry	1
DENT 6601C	Endodontics Clinical	2
DENT 6603	Grand Rounds III	1
DENT 6604	Grand Rounds IV	1
DENT 6607C	Pediatric Dentistry Clinical II	1
DENT 6608C	Pediatric Dentistry Clinical III	1

DENT 6610C	Comprehensive Patient Care IV	5
DENT 6611C	Fixed Prosthodontics Clinical I	1
DENT 6614	Dentistry For The Special Patient	2
DENT 6614C	Comprehensive Patient Care V	10
DENT 6615	Transitions: Charting Your Professional Future VII	1
DENT 6621C	Periodontics Clinical II	1
DENT 6625	Oral Surgery Clinical II	1
DENT 6635	Community-Based Dental Education	3
DENT 6626C	Clinical Treatment Planning	1
DENT 6642C	Operative Dentistry Clinical II	1
DENT 6691C	Professional Development IV	1
DENT 6692C	Professional Development V	1

Total Credits		37
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Total Credits: 190

Graduation Requirements

1. Satisfactory completion of all program requirements (program competencies and course requirements).
2. A cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or higher for the student's period as a dental student.
3. Students must challenge the Integrated National Board Dental Examination prior to graduation.
4. Demonstrate the ability to meet the standards of professional conduct.