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Center for Advanced Dental Education
Graduate Program in Periodontics

TO: Applicants to the Graduate Program in Periodontics
FROM: Office of Graduate Admission
SUBJECT: Program Requirements

Thank you for your interest in our Graduate Program in Periodontics. We are very proud of our programs and the quality of education you are able to receive through Saint Louis University.

The deadline for applying to the Graduate Program in Periodontics is August 1, 2016.

As you go through the admissions process, we would like to remind you of items that need to be submitted electronically to complete your admissions file:

- **Online Application & Fee**
- **Three (3) letters of recommendation** - One letter must be from the Dean of your dental school, along with the Dean's Form (attached).
- **National Boards, Parts I & II** – Scores must be sent directly from the testing site. Foreign-trained applicants are exempt from this requirement.
- **Foreign student applicants** are required to provide most of the items requested in the normal application process and must also submit scores from the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) examination and evidence of adequate financial resources.
- **Transcripts from dental school and previous educational experiences should be sent directly to the Office of Graduate Admission.** If you attended Saint Louis University or Parks College, it is your responsibility to request transcripts from the Registrar's Office at (314) 977-2269.
- **Biographical goals statement.** The biographical goals statement provides the admissions committee with insight into what precipitated the applicant's interest in this academic program. Specifically, what academic, professional and/or personal experiences influenced the decision to apply at this time. It should also explain what the applicant expects to receive from the program and how that will affect the applicant's plans in the future. The summary or overview should be one page, double-spaced with the applicant's name, degree program, and proposed date of entry into the program on the first page.
- **Photo** (2 x 2 or 3 x 5)
- **Curriculum Vitae/Resume**

The Center for Advanced Dental Education at Saint Louis University offers a three-year program in the specialty of Periodontics that leads to a certificate in Periodontology and a Master of Science in Dentistry degree. The program is offered in close affiliation with Southern Illinois University School of Dental Medicine.

The program consists of clinical and didactic training on the graduate level in the specialty of Periodontics. The program is thirty-six months in duration and starts on or about July 1 of each year. The program is fully accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association. Following completion of the program, graduates are educationally qualified for certification by the American Board of Periodontology.

Three residents are admitted to the program each year. The didactic and clinical portions of the program are conducted at two universities, Saint Louis University Center for Advanced Dental Education and Southern Illinois University School of Dental Medicine. The clinical portion of the curriculum encompasses all aspects of periodontal treatment including, but not limited to, non-surgical therapy, hard and soft tissue resective and regenerative surgery, implant surgery, ridge augmentation procedures, occlusal therapy, conscious sedation, periodontal plastic surgery and maintenance therapy. Teaching experience in the undergraduate curriculum is also required by the graduate students.

The Center for Advanced Dental Education (CADE) at Saint Louis University offers advanced dental education in the areas of Endodontics, Periodontics and Orthodontics. CADE is part of the Saint Louis University Medical Center campus in St. Louis, Missouri. The clinic at Southern Illinois University School of Dental Medicine sees patients treated by undergraduate dental students and graduate periodontal residents in Alton, Illinois. These facilities are approximately a 30-40 minute drive from each other. Both clinical facilities enable the periodontal residents to see different patient populations and insure well-rounded exposure to all periodontal treatment modalities.

The periodontics section is composed of five full-time and five part-time faculty. Five are certified as diplomates of the American Board of Periodontology. All of the faculty have private practice experience. This group of individuals brings extensive teaching experience and a commitment to advanced graduate education. In addition, many faculty from other departments at both Universities participate in both core curriculum and discipline-specific courses.

Admission to the program implies certain expectations and obligations on the part of the student as well as the faculty. The faculty and administration pledge to provide the student with appropriate opportunities and facilities for learning. In order to be awarded a Master's degree, the resident must complete the required University program requirements and be in compliance with Saint Louis University and Southern Illinois University School of Dental Medicine policies and procedures. It is the obligation of the faculty to attest to the student's competency prior to the awarding of any degree. Special requirements may be made in addition to, or in place of, the standard requirements.

Scientific inquiry and research are required for all students. The research must be of sufficient quality to fulfill the requirements for a Master of Science degree. All residents are required to carry out an original research project and submit an approved thesis. Opportunities for both basic and/or clinical research are available. Upon completion of the research, a successful thesis defense is required.

The application must contain the following: transcript of undergraduate and dental school academic records, National Board of Dental Examiners test scores, three letters of recommendation (including one from the dental school dean), a CV, a small (2x2 or 3x5) photograph, and a one-page, combined autobiographic sketch and career goals statement. Applicants may be invited for on-site interviews. Applications should be submitted well before August 1, 2015 for consideration for admission to begin the program the following July.

Current tuition (2016) is \$34,180 and is subject to increase each year. Purchase of a clinical camera is required, and a personal computer is recommended. Necessary books and materials may cost an additional \$1000. Successful applicants must make an initial, non-refundable, \$1000 advance partial tuition payment at the time of acceptance to hold a place in the class.

The Student Financial Aid Department at Saint Louis University is committed to removing the financial barriers to education for students. Forms for financial aid assistance may be secured through the University and other sources. Information is available at the Student Financial Services Office at 314-977-2350.

An application fee is due when completing the online application. The fee is non-refundable and does not apply toward tuition. The current application fee is \$55.00.

Online applications are available at www.slu.edu/x31995.xml and packets are available on the CADE website (<http://www.slu.edu/cade/dental-education/degree-programs/periodontics>) or can be requested from:

Office of Graduate Admission
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DuBourg Hall, Room 150
One Grand Blvd.
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(Note: This form is to be completed by the Dean of the dental school from which the applicant has graduated or anticipates graduation.)

(Family Name) (First/Given) (Middle Initial) (Social Security Number)

(Applicant should print the information above before giving this form to the Dental School Dean)

Dean's Evaluation:

I evaluate this applicant as follows:

a) Intellectual ability _____

b) Character and personality _____

c) Relative academic standing in the class at the end of the:	<u>Number in Class</u>	<u>Standing</u>
First Year	_____	_____
Second Year	_____	_____
Third Year	_____	_____
Fourth Year	_____	_____

d) Cumulative grade point average to date: _____ on a _____ point basis.

e) Scores on the National Board Examination: Part I _____ Part II _____

Date Printed Name Signature

Attach a separate page if additional information is to be provided. This form can be sent with your Dean's letter, uploaded to the online application or mailed directly to the Office of Graduate Admission at Saint Louis University at the following address:

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One Grand Blvd.
St. Louis, Missouri 63103