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**CENTER FOR  
ADVANCED DENTAL  
EDUCATION**

*Graduate Program in  
Periodontics*

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**TO:** Applicants to the Graduate Program in Periodontics  
**FROM:** Center for Advanced Dental Education  
**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.

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The deadline for applying to the Graduate Program  
in Periodontics is August 1, 2020.

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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 through ADEA Postdoctoral Application Support Service (ADEA PASS).**
- **Three (3) letters of recommendation** - Two Professional Evaluation Forms (PEF) are required, along with one Institution Evaluation Form (also called the dean's letter).
- **National Boards, Parts I & II** -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.** 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 and degree program.

- **Postdoctoral Dental Matching Program match number.** All applicants must obtain a match code number from National Matching Services.
- **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, Orthodontics and Pediatric Dentistry. 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 (this requirement is waived for foreign-trained students), three letters of recommendation (including one from the dental school dean), a CV, a match number, 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, 2020 for consideration for admission to begin the program the following July.

Current tuition (2019-20) is \$38,560 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.