

VA New York Harbor Healthcare System Periodontics Residency Program

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- I. **PURPOSE:** The purpose of the residency program is to develop clinically skilled periodontists who have a sound biological understanding of the field of periodontics and dental implantology. The program is designed to develop proficiency in the specialized field and to provide the educational background for continual development throughout a professional career. The program meets the requirements of eligibility for the American Board of Periodontics and is accredited by the Council of Dental Education of the American Dental Association. The program is three years (36 months) in length. The basic science education is integrated with the clinical training and is presented within the hospital environment. There is also a close working relationship with the periodontic residency program at the New York University College of Dentistry.
- II. **INITIAL ACTIVITIES:** Orientation: At the beginning of the residency year, a period of orientation will be provided so that each resident will attain a working knowledge of the functions and administration of the Medical Center and Dental Service. The following subjects are included in this period of instruction:
 - a. Tour of the medical center to visit other services and departments for general familiarization.
 - b. General policies of the medical center related to resident responsibilities.
 - c. Standard procedures in the medical center related to patient care, including the use of medical records for recording all clinical and laboratory findings, as well as the treatment rendered.
 - d. General policies and procedures of the Dental Service, such as patient eligibility for care.
 - e. Dental examination room procedures, records and policies.
- III. **EDUCATIONAL PROCEDURES**
 - a. The advanced educational program in Periodontics offers the opportunity for increasing diagnostic ability and the development of clinical judgment and surgical skills to practice the specialty to its fullest scope as defined by the American Dental Association. Lectures, literature review and treatment planning seminars reinforce the clinical course. Clinical practice comprises approximately 60-70% of the resident's time. The complete spectrums of surgical and nonsurgical techniques are presented.
 - b. **RESEARCH:** All residents must satisfy a research requirement in accordance with Requirements and Guidelines for Advanced Education Programs in Periodontics as established by CODA. The research may take the form of clinical or laboratory investigations, surveys, case presentations/reports with applicable literature review, or a critical analysis and synthesis of a selected topic in the scientific literature. This research activity will culminate in the form of an original document written in publishable format as a requirement for completion of the residency program. A certificate will not be issued without completion of this requirement.

- c. **FEES AND STIPEND:** The application can be located at <http://www.va.gov/vaforms/medical/pdf/vha-10-2850d-fill.pdf>. There is no fee to apply to VA Medical Center - New York. The Periodontic Residency Program is hospital-based and has no required tuition for clinical and didactic instruction given at the Veteran's Affairs Hospital. Residents are required to purchase some personal study materials. Stipends range from \$66,000 to 72,000 (PGY1-3) and may depend on the number of years of previous postgraduate training (GPR, AEGD, other specialty). The post-graduate academic core courses and literature reviews are given at the New York University College of Dentistry.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR A RESIDENCY IN PERIODONTICS

- I. Graduation from a United States or Canadian dental school which has been approved by the American Dental Association Council on Dental Education
- II. A valid, active dental license issued by any state in United States of America
- III. Completion of a one-year General Practice Residency or Advanced Education in General Dentistry program. Military experience/service may be considered as equivalency for applicant on an HPSP and HSCP scholarship and will have complete a 1-year credentialing tour by the start of the program.
- IV. Personal Interview upon invitation.
- V. United States citizens are given first consideration.

The following materials must be forwarded no earlier than June 1st and received no later than October 15.

- 1. Three letters of recommendations, each letter in a separate envelope, sealed and signed.**
- 2. Application for Health Profession Trainees (VA form 10-2850d) must be downloaded and completed.**
- 3. National Board Scores (forwarded directly from ADA).**
- 4. College/University (undergraduate) Transcripts (in sealed official college envelopes).**
- 5. Dental School Transcripts (in sealed official dental school envelope).**
- 6. Curriculum Vitae.**
- 7. Personal Statement.**
- 8. GPR mandatory.**

All completed application materials can be mailed to: VA New York Harbor Healthcare System, Department of Periodontics, ATTN: Dr. Trevor F. Simmonds, Dental Service-160, 423 East 23rd Street, 2nd Floor, New York, NY 10010.