

Prosthodontics Residency Program at New York

Program Director (*as of 9/1/2016*): Dr. Frank J. Tuminelli

The Veterans Administration Graduate Program is fully accredited by CODA. The program has a full complement of prosthodontic faculty that permits for patient treatment five days a week. The faculty has a diverse background in prosthodontic education and treatment experiences. Member of the faculty have also completed surgical training in implant placement in addition to their prosthodontic training. The clinical and didactic experience includes a broad base of multidisciplinary team involvement to maximize treatment plan options. There is a formal didactic agreement with New York University (NYU) School of Dentistry that provides a base in the formal prosthodontic education platform. This coupled with the onsite lectures given by visiting consultants from the greater New York area provides a unique spectrum of prosthodontic education from the clinical perspective from both those in clinical practice and educators in regional institutions. There are regular scheduled current and classic literature reviews for all residents on site at our campus.

The facility is state of the art with a fully functional laboratory that allows for most prosthodontic procedures to be completed. The evolution to the digital realm is being met with current plans and building of a digital laboratory. The integration of the digital learning experience will be part of the core curriculum in 2017-2018. CBCT scanning is on site and allows for full diagnostic imaging and planning. Being a Veterans Administration Program, treatment plans are not restricted by patient finances.

Surgical implant experience is fully developed in the clinical realm with the assistance of the surgical specialties that share the treatment suite. Thus the requirements as set forth by our CODA standards for implant placement are met and exceeded by training with surgically trained / experienced prosthodontists, periodontal and oral surgery staff. Four members of the prosthodontic faculty are board certified. All members of the surgical staff are board certified.

The other components of this integrated care delivery model include: 2 Periodontal residents, 2 Endodontic residents, 4 GPR's and one oral – maxillofacial resident. Each Program is led by a Board Certified Program Director and staff available for comprehensive treatment discussion and planning. The facility also has two full time hygienists.

The diverse population of our most deserving veterans provides a diverse and challenging patient population for our prosthodontic program and ensures the broad experience required for training ensuring sound clinical skills upon graduation. All residents are required to attend regional meetings and the ACP annual session, and must present posters at one or more of them for graduation. All residents must have a scholarly / research activity that is completed in order to graduate. It is a requirement that all residents successfully pass the written exam of the American Board of Prosthodontics (ABP) in order to receive a certificate. It is also a requirement that all residents entering after July 2016 must challenge the ABP in one of other parts of the exam chosen by the resident.

To apply, it is required to fill out the Department of Veterans Affairs application form ([VA form 10-2850d](#)). Send completed application to Dr. Frank Tuminelli at: Frank.Tuminelli@va.gov.