

# Dental General Practice Residency Program

## About the Program

The Dental Service at the Oklahoma City VA Healthcare System offers full-time positions in a General Practice Residency. The GPR program began in 2000. The program emphasis will be on general dentistry and will be hospital-based, affording residents with valuable experience treating medically compromised patients.

The program will cover all aspects of general practice, including restorative dentistry, oral surgery, periodontics, fixed and removable prosthodontics, oral diagnosis, treatment planning, endodontics and exposure to pedodontics. Both aspects of implant dentistry—surgery and restoration—will be covered. Residents are expected to rotate on call with a paging system.

## Mission and Purpose

Our purpose is to provide the opportunity for graduate dentists to enhance the skills and knowledge gained in their pre-doctoral training. The general practice residency objective is to enable the residents to improve in clinic skill, judgement, and speed while becoming better prepared for the practice of dentistry.

This hospital-based training program will broaden the residents' knowledge of oral and systemic diseases. It will provide the opportunity to work with other health professionals in the hospital setting and broaden clinical exposure to medically compromised patients. The residency will enable its graduates to serve their communities by providing them with the knowledge and skills to meet the needs of their patients.

## Curriculum

The core of the program is based on improving the new graduates' clinic skills and judgment and building on basic principles learned in dental school. The

curriculum includes both didactic and clinic rotations. The didactic seminars will cover topics in medical and dental emergencies, pharmacology, medicine, periodontics, endodontics, prosthodontics, anesthesiology, sedation, and operative dentistry.

Residents get operating room experience through the oral surgery rotation and occasionally with patients needing dental care under general anesthesia.

During their time at the OKCVAHCS, residents will gain an extensive experience in all aspects of general dentistry. The concept of total patient care, prevention, and the use of expanded duties of auxiliary personnel are some of the basic philosophies practiced.

### **About the Dental Clinic**

The dental clinic is a fully equipped 21-operatory facility with new A-dec dental chairs. Patients are all eligible veterans ranging in age from mid-twenties to late eighties. The well-qualified staff includes staff dentists, dental assistants, laboratory technicians, administrative support personnel, and an Administrative Officer. All assistants have formal training in four-handed dentistry, coronal polishing, and dental radiology. They are all well qualified in performing various laboratory procedures in addition to chair side assisting. The full-time dental technicians can fabricate fixed and removable prostheses.

### **Why a VA Residency?**

Be a part of treating the unique patient population at the Oklahoma City VA Health Care System. The OKCVAHCS is a 192-bed tertiary care hospital located in the heart of Oklahoma City. It is affiliated with the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center. Through its affiliation it educates and trains more than 1,000 healthcare professionals in 21 different disciplines. It has over 65,000 active patients and serves an eligible Veteran population of 150,000 Veterans.

## **Application Requirements**

Applicant must be a graduate of an accredited dental school through the American Dental Association. Since this is a federal position, all U.S. citizens will be given priority. The OKC VAHCS GPR participates in the [ADEA PASS/MATCH](#) process.

## **Contact Information**

For more information regarding the residency program, please contact the program director.

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