UCSF/ Lutheran Medical Center Advanced Education in General Dentistry Program

Program Overview

UCSF has collaborated with Lutheran Medical Center (LMC) in offering an AEGD program. This one-year program, option for two, will begin July 2011.

Brochure - click here (PDF). [1]

A unique program in concept and design, the Advanced Education in General Dentistry Program Lutheran Medical Center/UCSF places residents in community health center sites (UCSF, Eureka, Pittsburg, East Palo Alto) for comprehensive general dentistry training. Residents will gain practice experience in a large, group practice environment providing oral health care to their patients of diverse, age, race, religious, ethnic and economic heritages, while working alongside a team of general and specialist dentists, hygienists and assistants, physicians, and other health care professionals. Residents also have the opportunity to participate in sedation dentistry rotations; public and community health related activities and additional supplemental, advanced clinical experiences developed by the health center training sites.

The AEGD program is fully accredited by the ADA for one year, with an optional accredited second year. Upon successful completion of the program, residents can qualify for dental licensure using the postgraduate program pathway in those states that provide for this licensure option. Graduates of this program become confident practitioners with bright futures in private practice, community/public health, specialty training or academic dentistry.

Program Length and Number of Positions

One year (12 months) with an optional second year (additional 12 months). We accept 8 residents every year: 3 at UCSF, 2 in Eureka (Burre Open Door Community Health Center), 1 in Pittsburg (La Clinical Dela Raza) and 2 in East Palo Alto (Ravenswood Family Health Center)

Application

Program deadline for receipt of applications is November 15.

The program participates in PASS. Candidates, regardless of whether or not they use the PASS service, should check the website www.adea.org [2] and click on ?Dental Postgraduate Pathways? and search the Lutheran Medical Center AEGD Programs for a list of documents that are required in the application.

There is no limit as to the number of regions to which candidates may apply. Candidates do not apply to individual health center training sites. These assignments are generally
completed after the Match process and in consideration of the needs of both the candidate and the health center training sites.

U.S. and Canadian dental school graduates: No other supplemental materials will be required during the application process.

All candidates: Applicants must either be U.S. citizens, green card holders or eligible for the OPT or the TN-1 visa.

The AEGD Program participates in the MATCH process. All applicants must register for a MATCH identification number.

Curriculum

Clinical Curriculum: encompasses 75% of the resident’s total experience. Residents will provide comprehensive oral health care to patients towards case completion and have the opportunity to perform a variety of standard and advanced clinical procedures in all areas of dentistry as described in the program’s competency and proficiency statements (see attached). Residents will be assigned to one health center site for the entire year of training in order to promote continuity of care for the patients, and continuity of experience for the resident. Occasionally, clinical experience enhancements will be offered by rotation to other affiliated health center sites with a region. Traditionally, this program does not have on-call or extra-clinical and/or medical rotation requirements however; these experiences may be developed for the resident at the discretion of the health center training site. Some health center training sites have traditional hours of operation, for example, Monday through Friday, however many others may have late evening sessions and weekend sessions. The resident’s training schedule will be developed at the discretion of the health center training sites in collaboration with the resident and program administration.

Advanced Clinical training includes: IV sedation training, CAD/CAM training, Use of Lasers in clinical setting, cosmetic dentistry and Implant dentistry to name a few.

Didactic Curriculum: encompasses 25% of the resident’s experiences. Residents receive didactic instruction through a number of venues that include, but are not limited to: formal lectures delivered using video teleconferencing technology, asynchronous web-based forums and lectures, and small, group interactive sessions. Please review section on core curriculum for more details.

Program Stipend and Tuition

1st year program:

US & Canadian dental school graduates: $40,000/year annual gross salary. Benefits include 20 vacation days and 4 continuing education days, malpractice, medical and dental health benefits.

2nd year program:

US & Canadian dental school graduates: $45,000/year annual gross salary. Benefits include
Benefits include 20 vacation days and 4 continuing education days, malpractice, medical and dental health benefits and $1000 credit towards continuing education pursuits outside of the program’s curriculum.

Facilities

All health center training sites have the fundamental required and necessary experiences, equipment, materials, resources and staff supports in order to provide the residents with advanced general dentistry clinical training. Sites will vary in size, location, patient demographics, etc. Please refer to the section that describes the regions and individual health center sites for more information regarding the training facilities and resources available.

Admission Requirements

1st year program:

1. Graduation from an approved US or Canadian dental school.
2. Passed part 1 and part 2 of the National Dental Board Examination.
3. Eligible for a temporary license or limited permit in those states that require these documents for practice within the scope of the AEGD program.
4. Satisfy immigration requirements (if not a US citizen or green card holder).

2nd year program:

Same as the 1st year requirements, including: evidence of completion of a first year AEGD or GPR program.

Program Strengths

1. Comprehensive general dentistry training and preparation for future practice endeavors.
2. Group practice training environments provide personalized mentoring and guidance to the residents from health center training site team.
3. Training in a technologically advanced didactic and clinical environment.
4. Opportunity to promote the missions of UCSF, Lutheran Medical Center and of the health center training sites to treat the underserved populations and communities in need of access to quality oral health care.
5. Opportunities in academia
6. Preparation for advanced specialty programs pursuits.
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Competency and Proficiency Statement

Please visit http://www.lmcdental.lmcmc.com/aegd

Program Years 1 and 2 Overview
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