

# ADVANCED STANDING PROGRAM FOR INTERNATIONAL DENTISTS

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University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry, through its Advanced Standing Program, offers qualified graduates of international dental programs the opportunity to earn the Doctor of Dental Surgery (D.D.S.) degree in 2 ½ years. A cohort of 14 students is accepted each year. Eligibility for this program is restricted to permanent residents and naturalized citizens.

In-residence training for the next entering class begins on January 6, 2023 and extends through anticipated graduation in May 2025. The curriculum opens with pre-clinical instruction delivered in a semester-long Multidisciplinary Review and Skills Development Course to ensure students attain an appropriate level of knowledge and technical proficiency in each of the dental disciplines. ASP students then join the junior class to complete years three and four of the traditional D.D.S. curriculum comprised of classroom lectures, pre-clinical technique courses and direct patient care.

Successful completion of the initial semester-long multidisciplinary course and years three and four of the traditional D.D.S. curriculum qualifies graduates to take state or regional board examinations and apply for dental licensure within the United States.

## Need to prepare for the bench test exam?

The college is offering a Bench Test Preparatory Course for international dentists who want to explore the concepts and procedures required by most U.S. dental schools as part of their admissions process. To learn more, click here: Bench Test Preparatory Course (<https://dentistry.ouhsc.edu/Prospective-Students/Programs-Offered/ASPID/Bench-Test-Prep-Course-for-International-Dentists/>)

## Cost

It is the student's responsibility to ensure they are enrolled in the prescribed courses and to pay tuition and fees at the time designated by the Bursar's Office. Details regarding tuition/fee charges and collection are available from the Bursar's Office.

## Application Process

### Part I: Application

The items listed below are required by CAAPID for a completed application. In order to be considered by the University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry, your application must be received by CAAPID no later than August 31, 2023 11:59 PM CST.

In addition, the OU Supplemental Application must be submitted directly to the College of Dentistry. Both your CAAPID application and your OU Supplemental Application must be received by the College of Dentistry in order to be considered for admission.

1. The following items are submitted to CAAPID according to their instructions:

- ADEA CAAPID Dental School Application ([https://adea.org/dental\\_education\\_pathways/CAAPID/Pages/ADEAPASSApplicants.aspx](https://adea.org/dental_education_pathways/CAAPID/Pages/ADEAPASSApplicants.aspx)) - Please complete each section of the application and submit the required supporting documentation. Designate our program to receive your application.
  - Official Evaluated Transcript(s) - Official transcripts for each college and university/dental school attended showing all coursework attempted and completed. Transcripts from all institutions outside the United States and Canada must be evaluated by Educational Credential Evaluators (ECE).
  - Letters of Evaluation - A minimum of two official school certified or original letters of evaluation. Letters must be written in English or translated into English. Letters from deans and/or faculty members from the applicant's former dental school are preferred. Please provide telephone and address contact information for each reference.
  - National Board Scores - Part I is required (Part II is optional) or INBDE scores.
  - TOEFL Scores - Acceptable TOEFL (<http://www.ets.org/>) scores are required of all applicants from countries where English is the second language. This requirement pertains to any person born outside the United States and includes Permanent Residents of the U.S. (green card holders) and Naturalized U.S. Citizens.
2. The following item is provided to the University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry:
    - On-line Application Supplement and Fee (<https://apps.ouhsc.edu/admissions/>)

The minimum test scores for applicants to the Advanced Standing Program are as follows:

Paper Based TOEFL: 587  
Computer Based TOEFL: 240  
Internet Based TOEFL: 94  
Home-based TOEFL: 94

Please note: Applications **do not** require the submission of original documents (i.e. TOEFL scored, NBDE reports, 2x2 photo, proof of residency, transcripts, evaluations) to OU College of Dentistry.

Applicants are responsible for monitoring the status of their applications and making sure required forms and credentials are submitted by August 31, 2022. The requirements to apply to the OU Advanced Standing Program are listed in the ADEA CAAPIC Directory.

## Part II: Interview and Skills Testing

Applicants with the strongest credentials and deemed to have the highest potential for success in the OU Advanced Standing Program are invited to participate in the interview and skills-testing phase of the selection process. Interviews and skills testing are jointly conducted over a two-day period (October 7 & 8, 2022). The schedule includes an orientation and tour of the dental school, personal interviews with faculty, and exercises both in diagnosis-treatment planning and in restorative dental procedures on a mannequin-mounted typodont. The participation fee is \$1,100 and is non-refundable. This fee is not applicable toward tuition or other fees in the event the applicant is accepted. An invitation to participate does not guarantee or imply acceptance.

## PART III: Acceptance Notification Phase

Offers of admission will possibly be made by mid-October 2022. Upon receiving an official notice of acceptance, applicants selected for the

Advanced Standing Program are required to confirm their decision to attend by responding to the email and submitting a minimum one-half down payment of \$6,750 toward the initial semester-long Multidisciplinary Review and Skills Development Course by October 31, 2022. The remaining balance/full payment for the initial Multidisciplinary Review and Skills Development Course is due by no later than December 2, 2022. The tuition deposit and all payments made toward the Multidisciplinary Review and Skills Development Course are non-refundable. The fee for this course is not applicable toward purchase of required equipment and supplies or the annual tuition and fees listed below. Should an individual accepted for the program decline, fail to confirm, or cancel admission prior to the start date, an alternate will immediately be offered his/her position in the program.

## **PART IV: Transition and Progression Through the Program**

Students entering the Advanced Standing Program must fulfill the requirements of the initial 16-week Multidisciplinary Review and Skills Development Course and any additional remediation considered necessary by the faculty to ensure a level of knowledge and ability expected of students entering the junior year in the D.D.S. program. Official enrollment in the third-year dental school curriculum, payment of tuition and fees, and purchase of the OU College of Dentistry compliant laptop computer and educational software takes place in June 2023. Accepted Advanced Standing Program students must meet and maintain all educational, financial, and immigration commitments to allow for their admission, registration, and uninterrupted enrollment at the OU College of Dentistry.

### **Timeline**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
Aug. 31, 2023	Application Deadline
Oct. 6-7, 2023	Interview/Skills Assessment
October 18, 2023	Admission Offers
January 5, 2024	Classes Begin–Multidisciplinary Review & Skills Development
June 1, 2024	Summer Session/Start of AY 2023-2024 (merge with D.D.S. Junior Class)
May 2026	Graduation