

MASTER OF SCIENCE-GRADUATE ORTHODONTICS

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The Graduate Orthodontic Program is a thirty-month, graduate level curriculum, upon the successful completion of which, the student receives a Master of Science degree in Orthodontics and a certificate to practice orthodontics. The program was established in 1981 to meet the needs of education, patient care, and research in the field of orthodontics, and today, prepares qualified dentists to manage the full range of dentofacial discrepancies that fall within the responsibility of the orthodontist. Students will learn a variety of treatment methods under the supervision of experienced and outstanding faculty and will complete a master's thesis. The program starts July 1st and finishes December 31st.

The program is housed on the fourth floor of the college and in clinic and each graduate student is assigned an exclusive clinic chair that he or she works at. Adjacent to the clinic is the graduate student offices, each shared by two students.

Become a Student (<https://dentistry.ouhsc.edu/Academic-Programs/New-Orthodontics/Program-Structure/>)

The entire program is a minimum of 70 credit hours of clinical and didactic courses. Each week of the curriculum includes approximately three and a half days of patient treatment in the clinic. Each resident will start approximately 50 new cases from patients who are carefully selected from a large pool of patients seeking orthodontic treatment in the department. This way, each resident has the opportunity to treat a variety of orthodontic problems and cover a wide range of treatment methods.

Tuition

Because the orthodontics specialty program is a master's degree granting program, tuition is charged at the rates for the OUHSC Graduate School rather than the dental school tuition rates. Graduate school rates per credit hour are lower than that of the OU Dental School. The most current fees and tuition rates per semester hour can be obtained from Financial Services (<https://financialservices.ouhsc.edu/Departments/Bursars-Office/Tuition-Fees/>).

International Students pay the same tuition as a non-resident student. As for fees, the only difference is the International Student Maintenance fee of \$50 per term.

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.

Graduate Orthodontics Application Process

The OU Graduate Orthodontics program participates in the National Matching Service (<https://natmatch.com/dentres/>). Interested applicants must register with the Match. The deadline for submission of all

application materials to the OU Orthodontics Department is September 1st of the year prior to matriculation. From over 125 applicants, approximately 30 applicants are invited to interview in late October or early November. Four positions are filled through the match.

For applicants from U.S. Accredited schools, the application consists of two separate parts:

Step 1: Send to OUHSC

The first part of the application contains materials submitted to the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center. All materials for this process are submitted to the OUHSC Admissions and Records office (<https://admissions.ouhsc.edu/>). This process requires an online application (<https://apps.ouhsc.edu/admissions/>) to the Graduate College Graduate Dentistry – Orthodontics – MS program, which includes a \$75 application fee that is payable online.

1. Please submit all official transcripts of all college coursework electronically (preferred) to: admissions@ouhsc.edu.
2. Non-electronic copies may be sent to:

OUHSC Office of Admissions and Records
LIB 121, P.O. Box 26901
Oklahoma City, OK 73126-0901

Non-electronic transcripts must remain in their original sealed envelope until opened by the Office of Admissions and Records.

Step 2: Send to Division of Orthodontics

The second part of the application contains the materials submitted to the Department of Orthodontics. These items can be submitted electronically to gradorthoadmissions@ouhsc.edu or mailed to the following address:

Graduate Orthodontic Admissions
Department of Orthodontics
College of Dentistry
1201 N. Stonewall Ave.
Oklahoma City, OK 73117-1214

Include the following materials:

- Supplemental application form (<https://dentistry.ouhsc.edu/Portals/1328/assets/Documents/Grad%20Ortho/202305%20Supplemental%20Application.pdf?ver=Ai4y57k9WndeP5Yn9xiZKA%3d%3d>). Download the supplemental application form, complete form on your computer, then print and send in the completed form with the other application materials. **Remember to attach your 2 x 2 photo to the supplemental application.** Please make sure to download the form and complete in Adobe. When using the browser version, it will appear blank otherwise.
- Curriculum Vitae (C.V.).
- Personal Statement.
- One Letter of Recommendation from the Dean stating class rank and cumulative GPA. Also include Official Documentation from the Dean's office stating class rank and cumulative GPA.
- Two Letters of Recommendation, with at least one from a current/former professor. Please send a list of names of all letter writers, including the Dean's name, to ensure all letters are reviewed with the final application.

- Official National Boards Examination scores (emailed from the Board to gradorthoadmissions@ouhsc.edu).

The GRE is not required for any applicant.

International Students

Candidates with dental degrees from schools not accredited by the ADA Commission on Accreditation may be accepted.

International candidates are reviewed by faculty separately from the Match. After a personal interview, candidates are informed about their selection. If offered a position, the candidate will have the option to accept the position. If the applicant is also registered with the Match, by withdrawing from the Match, in general, the program accepts international students only on a periodic basis. International graduate students are required to pay out-of-state tuition.

All of the above application requirements are required for international applicants with the following exceptions:

- TOEFL scores are required for candidates from countries where the native language is not English. Minimum Score: 79 (internet based), 213 (computer based), and 550 (paper based)
- Registration with the National Matching Service is not required
- National Board Scores (Part I or II) are preferred but not required
- If providing an enrollment verification or class schedule, the applicant will need to have an official transcript mailed to the Office of Admissions and Records as soon as final grades are posted.
- Any applicant with foreign credentials is required to have their transcripts or marksheets evaluated course-by-course through WES (World Education Services) at the following web site: <http://www.wes.org> (<https://catalog.ouhsc.edu/dentistry/information/academic-programs/graduate-orthodontics-ms/%20http://www.wes.org>). **The Office of Admissions and Records will only accept a WES credential evaluation.**

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Program Structure

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The remaining one and a half days are dedicated to didactic instruction, seminars and research. Here is an expanded list of required program courses.

Course Curriculum (<https://dentistry.ouhsc.edu/Portals/1328/assets/2020%20Course%20Curriculum.pdf>)

In addition to the program curriculum, residents are encouraged to attend continuing education courses. Prominent researchers and lecturers from the U.S., and other countries are periodically invited to Oklahoma City to give lectures or courses covering pertinent orthodontic and other related topics. Residents are also allowed to attend a variety of off-site courses that offer valuable instruction.

The residents attend the annual Graduate Orthodontic Residents Program (GORP), The Damon Forum, an Invisalign certification course, Wired for Success, The Bottom Line, 3M Summit, Alexander Discipline Course, American Association of Orthodontics AAO, and Southwestern Society of Orthodontists meetings. During their second year, residents also attend the Charles Tweed Foundation's (<http://tweedortho.com/>) wire-bending course in Tucson, AZ.