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EDUCATION

*Graduate Program in
Endodontics*

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TO: Applicants to the Graduate Program in Endodontics
FROM: Center for Advanced Dental Education
SUBJECT: Program Requirements

Thank you for your interest in our Graduate Program in Endodontics. We are very proud of our programs and the quality of education you will receive through Saint Louis University.

The deadline for applying to the
Graduate Program in Endodontics is July 1, 2026.

As you go through the admissions process, we would like to remind you of items that need to be submitted electronically in your online application through ADEA Postdoctoral Application Support Service (ADEA PASS) to complete your admissions file. These items are:

- **Three (3) letters of recommendation** – Two Professional Evaluation Forms (PEF) are required, along with one Institution Evaluation Form. Additional letters can be submitted. One of the letters of recommendation must be provided by an endodontist who is neither a family member nor a dental school classmate.
- **Foreign student applicants** are required to provide most of the items requested in the normal application process. TOEFL/IELTS scores must be uploaded to the PASS application. Home editions of the TOEFL examination are not acceptable. The only accepted TOEFL score is from the testing center version of the test. Evidence of adequate financial resources must be emailed or mailed to the program.
- Applicants from foreign dental schools must be eligible to successfully obtain a Missouri state general dentist license. The Missouri Dental Practice Act requires all dentist licensees to have graduated from a dental school that was accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation at the time of their graduation.
- **National Boards, Parts I & II (or the combined INBDE exam)**
- **Transcripts from all dental schools attended and all previous formal educational experiences, whether or not a degree was granted.** If you attended Saint Louis University or Parks College, it is your responsibility to request transcripts from the Registrar's Office at (314) 977-2269.
- **Personal/Biographical statement.** The personal/biographical statement provides insight into what precipitated the applicant's interest in this academic program. Specifically, what academic, professional and/or personal experiences influenced the decision to apply at this time. It

- should also explain what the applicant expects to receive from the program and how that will affect the applicant's plans in the future. The summary or overview should be approximately 500 words.
- **Curriculum Vitae/Resume** – must include a continuous, uninterrupted timeline of events from the time of initial undergraduate college enrollment to the present day. Any time gaps must be explained.

It is important that all of these materials be submitted as soon as possible, since your application will not be reviewed by the department's admissions committee until all materials have been received and your application has been deemed as complete by ADEA PASS. It is very important to note that incomplete PASS applications will not be reviewed.

Application requirement items to be mailed/emailed directly to SLU include:

1. TOEFL/IELTS scores (international applicants only). There are no exemptions for this requirement. TOEFL code is 6629.
2. Foreign transcripts and ECE report (international applicants only)
3. Proof of financial support (international applicants only)

The Center for Advanced Dental Education at Saint Louis University offers a two-year program in the specialty of Endodontics that leads to the Master of Science in Dentistry degree and a certificate in Endodontics. This program is offered in close affiliation with Missouri School of Dentistry and Oral Health at A.T. Still University. The program requirements are conducted at both Universities.

The program offers clinical, didactic, and research training on the graduate level in the specialty of Endodontics. The program is twenty-four months in duration and starts on or about July 1 each year. The program is fully accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association. Following completion of the program, graduates are educationally qualified for certification by the American Board of Endodontics.

Admission to this program implies certain expectations and obligations on the part of the resident, as well as the faculty. The faculty and administration pledge to provide the resident with appropriate opportunities and facilities for learning. In order to be awarded a master's degree, the resident must complete the required University and program requirements and be in compliance with Saint Louis University and Missouri School of Dentistry and Oral Health at A.T. Still University policies and procedures. Upon completion of the research project-associated thesis, a successful thesis defense is required. It should be noted that these minimal University requirements may be supplemented by additional program criteria. There may be some flexibility in elective coursework varying somewhat with the student's interests and educational objectives.

It is the obligation of the faculty to attest to the student's competency prior to the awarding of any degree. Therefore, in some circumstances, special requirements may be made in addition to, or in place of, requirements set forth in this document.

To be considered for admission into the program beginning July, 2027, the deadline for completing the online application and uploading/forwarding all supporting documents is July 1, 2026. Promising applicants are invited for on-site interviews in July. Successful applicants must make an initial, *non-refundable*, partial tuition payment at the time of acceptance to hold a place in the class.

ESTIMATED EXPENSES OF THE PROGRAM

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| Tuition | \$46,820 |
| Clinic Use Fee | 1,000 |
| Books, Supplies, Equipment | 1,650 |
| Parking Fees | <u>440</u> |
| Total per year | \$49,910 |

(The above are approximate costs.)

DIDACTIC AND CLINICAL REQUIREMENTS

The program consists of the following approximate percentages of time in each area:

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| Didactic | 25% |
| Clinical Activities | 55% |
| Teaching | 5% |
| Research | <u>15%</u> |
| Total | 100% |

CLINICAL REQUIREMENTS

The minimum clinical requirements are 300 cases and 15 surgical experiences. The program director is fully responsible for ensuring adequate experience in all phases of clinical endodontics.

RESEARCH

Scientific inquiry and research are required for all students. The research must be of sufficient quality to fulfill the requirements for the Master of Science in Dentistry degree. All residents are required to carry out an original research project and submit/defend an approved thesis. Opportunities for both basic and/or clinical research are available.

TEACHING

Please be aware that should you be accepted for a position in our postgraduate residency program in endodontics at SLU, a portion of your clinical training will take place at Missouri School of Dentistry and Oral Health at A.T. Still University.