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TO: Applicants to the Graduate Program in Pediatric Dentistry

FROM: Center for Advanced Dental Education

SUBJECT: Program Requirements

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

The deadline for applying to the Graduate Program in
Pediatric Dentistry is October 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 PEFs can be submitted.
- **Foreign student applicants** are required to provide the items requested in the normal application process and must also submit scores from the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) examination and evidence of adequate financial resources. Applicants from foreign dental schools **must be able to obtain a Missouri dental license. Missouri requires dentists to graduate from an ADA accredited dental school.**
- **National Boards, Parts I & II or the integrated National Boards.**
- **Transcripts from dental school and previous educational experiences.** 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.
- **Postdoctoral Dental Matching Program match number.** All applicants must obtain a match code number from National Matching Services.
- **Curriculum Vitae/Resume**

- **Personal/biographical statement.** The personal/biographical statement provides the admissions committee with 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.

Saint Louis University utilizes the scores obtained from the Advanced Dental Admission Test (ADAT) in the overall appraisal of candidates for admission to our Graduate Program in Pediatric Dentistry. While the ADAT is not currently required for consideration for acceptance into our program, candidates are strongly encouraged to complete the test as an additional part of their application packet.

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 is deemed complete.

Again, thank you for your interest in Saint Louis University.

This is a 24-month program commencing on or about July 1 of each year. Three new positions are available each year. The program is university-based with hospital affiliations. A certificate and Master of Science in Dentistry/Pediatric Dentistry degree is awarded at the conclusion of the program.

Description

The Advanced Education Program in Pediatric Dentistry offers the student a comprehensive 24-month course of study in clinical and didactic pediatric dentistry and is designed to meet the educational requirements for limitation of practice to pediatric dentistry and examination by the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry. Emphasis is placed on all phases of pediatric dentistry, and at the end of the program the student will be able to provide comprehensive oral health care for the well child, the medically compromised child and the child with special health care needs. Extensive experience is provided in the areas of sedation, analgesia and the use of general anesthesia to deliver dental treatment. Research experience is gained through completion of a master's thesis research project.

Curriculum

Seminars are held that cover topics relevant to pediatric dentistry, and a literature review course will discuss current and classic articles from pediatric dental literature. Multi-disciplinary seminars are held in conjunction with the graduate programs in orthodontics, endodontics and periodontics. Formal courses are presented in biostatistics, oral medicine, oral pathology, early and mixed dentition, therapeutics, practice management and some basic sciences. Off-service rotations occur in general anesthesia, pediatric medicine, pediatric emergency room and craniofacial clinic.

Program Stipend and Tuition

First year stipend: \$64,027. Second year stipend: \$65,804. Tuition is \$46,820 per year.

Facilities

The pediatric dental postgraduate program is based out of the Saint Louis University Center for Advanced Dental Education. It is a newly remodeled 6-chair clinic. Each operatory is equipped with digital radiographic capabilities and nitrous oxide. A small office area, as well as break room, library and classrooms are provided for the residents. Residents will gain operating room experience, as well as necessary clinical rotations at SSM Health Cardinal Glennon Children's Medical Center. Residents will provide 24 hour/7 day per week dental consultation to the Cardinal Glennon emergency room, a Level I Pediatric Trauma Center.

Admission Requirements

Applicants must meet the following criteria to be considered for admission:

- D.D.S. or D.M.D. from an ADA-accredited or Canadian accredited dental school.
- Successful completion of Part I of the National Dental Board at the time of application and successful completion of Part II by the time of matriculation.
- Minimum grade point average of 3.2 on 4.0 scale.
- Ranking in the top 50% of the class.

- Dental education transcripts.
- Personal interview.
- Applicants with less than a 3.2 GPA will be considered if they have significant clinical experience.
- Foreign applicants must be able to obtain a Missouri license. Missouri requires dentists to graduate from an ADA accredited dental school.

Program Strengths

- Excellent educational program with dedicated faculty
- Large patient base with extensive dental needs
- Extensive experience managing children with a wide range of special health care needs
- Experience treating special needs adults
- Extensive experience in sedation/general anesthesia
- Facilitated research experience