Periodontics, Professional Certificate

The professional Certificate in Periodontics requires 36 months of full-time study, including satisfactory completion of required didactic and clinical courses, satisfactory completion of comprehensive written and oral examinations, and an acceptable literature review or research paper. Opportunities are provided for experience in clinical and basic research.

Students working toward the Certificate in Periodontics may pursue the Master of Science in oral science in conjunction with the certificate; see “Graduate Study” below.

The certificate program provides a sound foundation for the clinical practice of periodontics. It meets all requirements of the American Dental Association’s Commission on Dental Accreditation for advanced dental education programs in periodontics. It also meets the educational requirements for application to take board certification examinations of the American Board of Periodontology.

Certificate students must be financially prepared for uninterrupted pursuit of their program of study.

Admission

Applicants to the periodontics certificate program must have a D.D.S. degree or the equivalent and must meet the admission requirements of the Graduate College. Applicants must take the National Dental Board Examination and must interview with the department. Visit the Iowa Graduate Admissions/College of Dentistry web page to learn more about applying to the certificate program.

Graduate Study

Students earning the Certificate in Periodontics may pursue a Master of Science in oral science concurrently while working toward certificate completion. The M.S. program requires 36 months of full-time study, including satisfactory completion of required and elective courses, preparation and defense of an acceptable thesis based on original research, and satisfactory completion of comprehensive written and oral examinations. See Oral Science in the Catalog.