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Professional degree: DDS
Graduate degrees: MS; PhD
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Programs

Professional Program of Study (DDS)
The Doctor of Dental Surgery program prepares students to practice general dentistry. It requires a minimum of three years of preprofessional study and four years of study in the College of Dentistry. See Doctor of Dental Surgery in this section of the catalog for a description of the program’s curriculum and information about a combined bachelor's degree and a DDS, the dentistry licensure examination, student organizations, expenses, admission, financial support, and academic rules and procedures.

Post-DDS and Graduate Programs of Study
Several College of Dentistry departments offer professional certificate programs designed to prepare dentists for clinical specialty practice: endodontics; operative dentistry; oral pathology, radiology, and medicine; orthodontics; pediatric dentistry; periodontics; and prosthodontics. Students who complete these programs satisfactorily are awarded a certificate. The Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery offers a four-year residency program that culminates in a certificate. The college also offers a Certificate in Geriatric and Special Needs Dentistry.

The College of Dentistry offers a Doctor of Philosophy and a Master of Science in oral science. The MS is only offered in conjunction with a specialty certificate. Students earning the Certificate in Endodontics or the Certificate in Prosthodontics may earn an MS or a PhD in oral science. Those earning the Certificate in Operative Dentistry, Certificate in Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology, Certificate in Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology (Department of Oral Pathology, Radiology, and Medicine), or the Certificate in Periodontics may earn an MS in oral science.

In addition, the Department of Orthodontics offers a Master of Science in orthodontics, and the Department of Preventive and Community Dentistry offers a Master of Science in dental public health.

For information about post-DDS and graduate programs of study, see the College of Dentistry departmental sections in the catalog.