Family Dentistry

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The Department of Family Dentistry reinforces and refines the comprehensive approach to managing patients' oral health care needs.

D.D.S. Student Training

The senior year of the Doctor of Dental Surgery program integrates basic science knowledge, clinical skills, and dental laboratory experiences acquired during the first three years of dental school into a systematic approach to providing patient care.

Students who complete their education in family dentistry should:
• conduct themselves in a professional and ethical manner;
• understand the principles of comprehensive dental treatment planning;
• know the medical, ethical, and legal issues involved in patient care;
• be able to recognize the need for specialty consultation;
• be competent in coordinating and sequencing patient treatments;
• be effective members of the dental team;
• be prepared to enter general practice;
• be educated and trained for licensure examination; and
• appreciate the importance and value of lifelong learning.

Students spend five days a week in a clinical setting, where they gain experience in total patient management and care. Their didactic coursework builds on their previous education. All areas of clinical and didactic instruction, patient awareness, and sensitivity to patients’ needs are stressed.

The department’s practice management curriculum prepares students to evaluate practice locations and manage the business aspects of a dental practice.

Courses

Family Dentistry Courses

FAMD:8484 Dental Practice Management 2 s.h.
Principles of dental practice management; delivery of comprehensive dental treatment in a simulated group-practice clinical setting, with chairside dental assistants.

FAMD:8487 Clinical Experiences: Comprehensive Care I 3 s.h.
Clinical experiences in diagnosis, treatment planning, and delivery of integrated, comprehensive dental care.

FAMD:8488 Comprehensive Dental Patient Care I 15 s.h.
Refinement of clinical skills, judgment, and critical self-evaluation in the delivery of integrated, comprehensive dental care.

FAMD:8489 Clinical Experiences: Comprehensive Care II 3 s.h.
Clinical experiences in diagnosis, treatment planning, and delivery of integrated, comprehensive dental care.

FAMD:8491 Clinical Experiences: Comprehensive Care III 3 s.h.
Clinical experiences in diagnosis, treatment planning, and delivery of integrated, comprehensive dental care.

FAMD:8494 Current Topics in Dentistry I 1 s.h.
Emerging trends, research updates, and clinical updates to support critical thinking and lifelong learning.

FAMD:8495 Advanced Treatment Planning I 2 s.h.
Development of knowledge to implement comprehensive treatment plans involving a multidisciplinary approach in management of patients through case-based learning.

FAMD:8496 Current Topics in Dentistry II 1 s.h.
Emerging trends, research updates, and clinical updates to support critical thinking and lifelong learning.

FAMD:8497 Advanced Treatment Planning II 1 s.h.
Builds on FAMD:8495; development of advanced knowledge to implement complex comprehensive treatment plans involving a multidisciplinary approach in management of patients with complex medical and dental needs through case-based learning, lectures, and student case presentations.

FAMD:8498 Current Topics in Dentistry III 1 s.h.
Current techniques and findings; applications for general practitioner and graduate specialty programs.

FAMD:8499 Comprehensive Dental Patient Care II 15 s.h.
Continuation and refinement of clinical skills, judgment, and critical self-evaluation in the delivery of integrated, comprehensive dental care.