

Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology, Professional Certificate

Requirements

The department offers the professional Certificate in Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology. The educational requirements of the certificate program meet the requirements for the preparation of dental specialists set by the Commission on Dental Accreditation, the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology. Students must maintain a cumulative grade-point average of at least 3.00 to earn the certificate.

Oral science involves the study of structure, function, and diseases of the oral and maxillofacial region. Study methods include examination of related histories, evaluation of clinical signs and symptoms, and use of biochemical, microscopic, and radiologic procedures to establish a diagnosis and plan for therapeutic management.

The department's programs are diverse and flexible, allowing students to obtain advanced clinical, didactic, and research-related education while earning a professional certificate. Students working toward the certificate may pursue a Master of Science in oral science in conjunction with the certificate; see "Graduate Study."

Graduate Study

Students earning the department's certificate may pursue a Master of Science in oral science with a subprogram in oral and maxillofacial pathology while they work toward the certificate. Each program combines the minimum requirements of the MS and the certificate; completion time is usually 36 to 48 months.

All students in the combined programs pursue a comprehensive study of basic biological and health sciences in preparation for teaching and research. They must complete the following courses, including the core courses and the basic science and departmental courses listed for their MS track. They must also prepare, submit, and defend their thesis based on the results of research conducted during their course of study. See the MS in oral science in the catalog for additional information about requirements and admission.

Core Courses

Course #	Title	Hours
OPRM:5200	Stomatology Literature Review	0-1
OPRM:5226	Oral Pathology for Graduate Students	0-1
OPRM:5242	Clinical Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology	0-1
ORSC:5200	Seminars in Dental Research	1
ORSC:5210	Dental Sciences Research Methodology	2

ORSC:5212	Statistical Methods for Dental Research	3
ORSC:5215	Research Design in Dentistry	2
ORSC:5600	Research in Oral Science	9
OTO:8199	Foundations of Otolaryngology	2

Track Courses

Course #	Title	Hours
OPRM:5225	Manifestations of Oral and Paraoral Disease	0-1
OPRM:5227	Surgical Oral Pathology	1
OPRM:5240	Histopathology	1
OPRM:5256	Advanced Oral Pathology	0-1
DPH:6017	Teaching Methods and Evaluation	2
MED:8133	Mechanisms of Health and Disease II (audited course)	0
MED:8134	Mechanisms of Health and Disease III	11
ORSC:5280	Advanced Dental Therapeutics	1

Admission

Applicants must have successfully completed an accredited program leading to the DDS or DMD, or an international equivalent, and must meet the admission requirements of the Graduate College. They must have a cumulative grade-point average of at least 3.00 (or international equivalent) to be considered for admission.

The department's faculty makes final decisions on the acceptance of applicants who meet the requirements for admission. A personal interview is required.