

**Preceptorship in
General Dentistry and Comprehensive Care**
An Eleven-Month Continuing Education Program
(Includes information on 5½ Month Program)

OVERVIEW

This eleven-month continuing education program is designed for foreign-trained dentists who wish to refresh, update, and gain new knowledge of evidence-based dentistry as it is practiced in the United States. The program's aim is to instill, augment and finesse the participant's diagnostic and treatment planning skills, and reinforce the core principles of general dentistry. It introduces various patient and practice management modalities in such core subjects as Periodontics, Endodontics, Restorative Dentistry/Prosthodontics, Diagnostic Sciences and Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology. The program will aid in a smoother transition into the U.S. dental education system. Participants will observe, interact, communicate, learn from, and network with graduate, postgraduate students, and Rutgers School of Dental Medicine faculty. This unique opportunity will help equip the participant for an appropriate U.S.-based dental graduate or postgraduate program.

OUR PHILOSOPHY

To become a competent clinician, participants must gain current working knowledge of basic and advanced topics in dentistry. This type of succinct update and refreshing of fundamentals of clinical dentistry is expected to aid in the achievement of clinical acumen, diagnosis, treatment planning and management skills. Such a program is also envisioned to integrate foreign-trained dentists into the U.S. mainstream dentistry by introducing principles of evidence based clinical dentistry, as is practiced in the United States of America. Further, the candidates are envisioned to have an overview of managed care, patient and practice management, digital dentistry, record keeping, HIPAA, OSHA, infection control, BLS, and risk management in the US clinical setup. There may also be opportunity to participate in succinct research being conducted at RSDM. Participants are offered a supportive, learning environment to accomplish their professional objectives.

PROGRAM DESIGN/OBJECTIVES

This program provides a strong opportunity for observing, assisting, and participating in comprehensive care of dental patients. The curriculum is comprised of core didactic courses, assignments, research experience, and learning experiences through seminars, lectures, clinical/departmental rotations, and self-study activities. The candidates will be expected to rotate through the Departments of Periodontics, Endodontics, Restorative Dentistry/Prosthodontics, Diagnostic Sciences and Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology. There is considerable flexibility in the selection and sequencing of the didactic and clinical components.

Each student is required to complete a rigorous program that will provide the necessary foundation for comprehensive dental patient care. Included are didactic and clinical courses designed to give the participant a strong scientific and clinical foundation necessary to integrate themselves into a US based graduate/post graduate programs or general dental practice. Students will take all applicable classes and training that are required for the clinical and didactic components. Students are also required to complete a manuscript of publishable quality for submission to a refereed scientific journal on a topic to be mutually determined by the student and faculty mentor.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

Applicants should be individuals seeking to expand their experience and knowledge in the discipline of clinical dentistry and comprehensive care. A demonstrable interest in general clinical dentistry is desirable. All candidates should be available for a virtual interview (WebEx or Zoom) prior to acceptance.

Please see page 4 for additional information under the "Admissions Requirement" section.

COURSE COMPONENTS/DISCIPLINES

Requirements for the Preceptorship are listed below, and each requirement is briefly described on the following pages. Although a specific time period is allocated for each educational activity, the actual time listed is subject to change.

Course 1: Onboarding

- a. Axium Training.
- b. CITI training for Biomedical Researchers.
- c. IRB registration.
- d. Any other (BLS, HIPAA, OSHA, infection control etc).

Course 2: Introduction to clinical dentistry and principles of practice management (Dr. Thomas)

Course 3: ADA Code of Ethics, Risk management, Principles of dental insurance and managed care (US context); Introduction to financial savviness (student loans, repayments, interest etc), Chair side manners and etiquettes (Dr. Thomas)

Course 4: Basic tenets of sound clinical practice: Periodontal charting, Succinct imaging for routine clinical cases, Documentation, Record keeping, Patient Recalls, Assessment, and documentation of patient satisfaction. (Dr. Thomas, Dr. Markman and Dr. Sowmya Ananthan, DMD, BA.)

Course 5: Journal Club and presentations (bi-monthly, every other week 1 hour.)

- a. Journal Club Assigned Reading, and participant Critical Appraisal (Dr. Thomas, available department chairs/faculty.)
- b. Journal Club presentations by participants.
- c. Individual publication proposal presentation, relevant journal article presentation.

SCHEDULE

- The eleven-month Clinical Preceptorship starts on July 1 each year; it runs from Mondays through Fridays, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.
Participants will be allowed eight (8) additional days off for personal or sick days.
- The five and one-half (5½) month program starts either July 1 or January 2 each year.
Participants will be allowed four (4) additional days off for personal or sick days.
This program may be converted to an eleven-month program. See tuition information for details.
- Holidays and vacations coincide with the post-graduate schedule.
- The school may also close for severe weather events.

EVALUATION OF PARTICIPANT

For satisfactory completion of the program, the Participant must:

- Complete attendance requirements of the program.
- Demonstrate didactic and basic science and clinical knowledge as determined by the director and attending faculty.

FACILITIES

The Rutgers School of Dental Medicine is located on the Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences Newark Campus. The medical and dental schools, graduate school of biomedical sciences, and University Hospital are grouped together on an attractive campus with convenient private parking.

FACULTY

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ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Have a DDS/DMD degree or its equivalent from an accredited dental school.
- Payment of non-refundable applicant fee of \$200 U.S. (*This can be paid online, see website for link.*)
- Submission of a completed application form, including:
 - Documentation of your Objectives and Goals (see page 3 of the form).
 - Curriculum Vitae (attach or insert a small photo if available).
- Verified copies from your dental school of your Transcript and Dental School Diploma.
- Two to three original Letters of Recommendation (see page 4 of this form).
- Applicants with foreign degrees will be considered based upon an evaluation of their academic credentials. Submit an original Evaluation Report from one of the following:
 - Educational Credential Evaluators (ECE - preferred) –or- World Education Services (WES).
 - We recommend you request a report showing a breakdown by courses.*
- Applicants with English as a second language must attain a TOEFL score of 80 or higher; or an International English Language Testing System (IELTS) overall score of 6 or greater.
 - Submit an original report.
- Graduate Record Examination (GRE) and National Board scores are not required, but may be submitted in support of the application.
- Attend a personal interview when possible.
- Be a citizen or a permanent resident of the United States, or a foreign national with a visa status acceptable to the CE program.

Deadline for submission of application: check our website for status of program.

Further Requirements

Upon notification of preliminary acceptance into the program, the applicant will also be required to:

- Pay a non-refundable deposit, see “Tuition” on next page for details. *Formal acceptance package will be sent upon receipt of full deposit.*
- Full tuition is due one month prior to the start of the program. *We do not offer payment plans.*
- Submit Immunization and Health Forms per University policy (see our website).
Completed forms must be submitted three (3) months prior to the start of the program. Participant will not start their program until they have been cleared by Student Health Services.
- Submit Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) certification that will be valid for duration of program. *Online courses are not accepted. Certification must be completed before your start date.*
- Be cleared by a Background Check; an additional fee is required for this.
- Provide proof of Health Insurance from a U.S. based company. Insurance must remain active for full duration of the program.
- Licensed U.S. Dentists provide proof of Liability Insurance.

Due to time constraints, all correspondence from us is done by email.
If you need to contact us, please use our email address: cde@sdm.rutgers.edu.

TUITION

- ◆ For all programs the balance of tuition is due one month prior to the start date of that program.

The Eleven Month Clinical Preceptorship tuition will be a total of \$30,000 (US). Some additional fees and expenses may be applicable. A non-refundable deposit of \$3,500 is required to hold your place in the program; payment must be received within 10 business days of the pre-acceptance notification.

The 5½ Month program tuition will be a total of \$15,300 (US) for the initial five and one-half months. Some additional fees and expenses may be applicable. A non-refundable deposit of \$2,000 is required to hold your place in the program; payment must be received within 10 business days of the pre-acceptance notification. *With permission from the program director, this program may be converted into an eleven-month program; tuition will be \$15,100 (US) for the additional 5½ months.*

CANCELLATION POLICY

To participate in this program you must be pre-registered with the Office of Continuing Dental Education. No refunds of any tuition paid will be made after program has started.

CREDIT

This Clinical Preceptorship offers a unique opportunity for didactic and clinical observership and assisting in several different departments. It is a non-matriculated, continuing dental education program. If participant completes the program as designed, they will earn 1,430 continuing education credit hours.

The **5½-month** program offers the same opportunities but on a reduced level due to the shorter duration. Participants, upon satisfactory completion of the program, will earn 715 continuing education credit hours.

HOW TO APPLY

**Submit completed application
by mail or express mail to:**

Rutgers School of Dental Medicine
Continuing Dental Education
110 Bergen Street, B701
Newark, NJ 07103

Website: <https://cde.sdm.rutgers.edu/clinical-preceptorship-programs/>

(A link to the Application and other important information can be found on this webpage.)

Email: cde@sdm.rutgers.edu