



Advanced Education in General Dentistry Residency

Highland Hospital

Residency Program (Currently 5 positions)

The objective of the 52-week Advanced Education in General Dentistry (AEGD) program is to provide advanced training in clinical and hospital dentistry beyond the level of pre-doctoral education. The program is intended to enhance the residents' ability to formulate a well-planned, well-sequenced treatment plan which integrates the various medical disciplines and dental specialties into the practice of advanced general dentistry. The AEGD resident will receive advanced training in the recognized dental specialties and various medical services. The teaching staff consists of generalists and board-eligible or certified dental specialists representing a broad spectrum of dental expertise.

The AEGD is designed to provide the new dental graduate with clinical experience in general dentistry as practiced in a hospital setting. Particular emphasis is placed on the dental management of patients with systemic disease and the relationship of medical disorders to oral health.

The hospital-based dental AEGD program will enhance resident communication with adjunct healthcare professionals in the management of patients, advance dental and medical knowledge, and augment skills in clinical dentistry.

Clinical experience and training in preventive dentistry, hospital dentistry, implant dentistry, operative, fixed and removable prosthodontics, periodontics, endodontics, oral surgery, special care dentistry and oral pathology. There is an off-site assignment to the University of the Pacific, Union City Dental Clinic where the dental resident will provide comprehensive dental treatment in a private practice setting. They will utilize the latest in dental technology, with the opportunity to use a Cerec CAD/CAM scanner and milling system, Global endodontic microscopes, cone beam radiography and practice the latest in CAMBRA protocols.

Residents will receive didactic training in hospital dentistry, implantology, oral



pathology, oral surgery, physical diagnosis, special care dentistry, endodontics and periodontics. Residents will have an opportunity to present and discuss their treatment plans and completed restorative cases through a variety of seminars.

Salary & Benefits

The residency begins on July 1st and is completed June 30th of the following year. Residents were paid an annual stipend of approximately ~\$61,000 per annum last year. Other benefits include:

- Medical/Dental/Vision Insurance
- Malpractice Insurance
- Group Life Insurance
- Retirement Plan
- 15 days leave
- 10 Federal holidays
- Educational leave by prior arrangement
- Scrubs
- Daily Meal Credit at HCP Cafeteria (\$30 daily)
- Educational Stipend (~\$1700)
- Housing/Relocation Allowance (~\$3000)

During off-service rotations, residents must adhere to the policies and work schedules of the services they are assigned. They will be under the direct supervision of the attending staff.

Residents are expected to treat patients in a respectful and compassionate manner and relate well to their fellow co-workers. Appropriate dress and appearance is required for all activities associated with the program.

Formal evaluations of the residents are conducted quarterly by the attending staff. A certificate is awarded by the program after satisfactory performance, timely attendance and favorable recommendation of the attending staff and the program director.



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Q: What is Highland Hospital like?

A: Highland Hospital is a level one trauma center. It is the main campus of the Alameda Health System and serves as the safety net hospital for Alameda County, the second most diverse county in the continental US after New York City. The Dental Clinic houses the four year oral and maxillofacial surgery program that is sponsored by the University of the Pacific. The OMFS service handles all of the maxillofacial trauma at the health center.

Q: What is the length of the program?

A: 12 months (July 1 to June 30)

Q: What materials and supplies are available in the residency?

A: We have standardized materials for use in a comprehensive general dental practice.

Q: Are there dental assistants available for the residents?

A: Yes. Each resident is assigned an assistant and operatory daily.

Q: Is there IV sedation training available?

A: No, not at this time, although residents do rotate through oral surgery and are exposed to up to 30 IV sedations weekly. While on their 2 month OR rotation, they are exposed to anesthesia techniques, airway maintenance and pharmacology etc.

Q: How many hours do you work per week? Not just clinic time but studying also?

A: Official hours are 8:00 to 4:30, but there are some lectures during clinic hours- average 60 hours per week – including studying and projects- lab work/cases. At the beginning of the year there is much more preparation to get you ready for the kind of procedures done in clinic – ie, surgeries, implantology, full mouth rehabs, etc.

Q: How much of your own lab work do you do? Do you use an outside lab?

A: It is suggested that you mount your cases for proper planning, that you do mounted diagnostic wax ups of rehabilitation cases and implant cases as well. You are responsible for mounting your own lab cases for presentations to staff and patients. You are responsible for implant stents, die trimming, prosthodontic surveying, design and provisionals for fixed prosthodontics. We use several outside labs to support our fixed, removable and implant prosthetic cases.

Q: What is the pediatric experience like?

A: We offer a 2 day rotation to the Eastmont Wellness Center Dental Clinic where our residents will work with a pediatric dentist.

Q: How much aesthetic dentistry do you do? All porcelain crowns? Etc...

A: There is a limited amount – if the patient is a good candidate for the procedure. There is didactic instruction in esthetic dentistry and the principles of esthetics are practiced in all full mouth reconstruction cases.

Q: Can your patients afford the best work or are you always dealing with payment and Medicaid limitations?

A: There is a wide range of patients that seek care from the dental service. The services range from emergency dental services and oral surgery to full mouth implant reconstructions with zygomatic implants.

Q: What other advantages does your program offer?

A: The dental residents receive a daily meal credit of \$30 per day, 7 days a week. There is a technology stipend of about \$1700 that residents can use to purchase notebook computers to support their educational experience.

Q: Is there parking for residents?

A: There are assigned lots for resident parking at a nominal fee located steps from the dental clinic.

Q: What is the area like?

A: Highland Hospital is located in Oakland, Alameda County, California, USA



How to Apply & Requirements

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Candidates for the program must:

- Be eligible to graduate from a dental school approved by the American Dental Association.
- Meet physical requirements.

In addition, we require the applicant to complete requirements for one of the following categories:

- Category A – be a participant in the Postdoctoral Application Support Service (PASS) and the Postdoctoral Dental Matching Program (Match) and advise them to send the appropriate documents to our facility. **Program Number-AEGD1550 by *November 1st***
- Category B – supply the following information to the program director:
 - Dental school transcript
 - Dental class standing if available
 - Brief personal statement as to why you want to apply for a residency position
 - Three letters of recommendation
 - Resume or curriculum vitae
 - National Board Part I score (Part II score if available)
 - Letter or statement of recommendation by your dental school dean
 - Recent 2x2 photograph
 - Postdoctoral Dental Matching Program (MATCH) number
 - **\$40 application fee made out to Alameda Health System**