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EDUCATION**

*Graduate Program in
Endodontics*

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TO: Applicants to the Graduate Program in Endodontics
FROM: Center for Advanced Dental Education
SUBJECT: Program Requirements

Thank you for your interest in our Graduate Program in Endodontics. We are very proud of our programs and the quality of education you are able to receive through Saint Louis University.

The deadline for applying to the
Graduate Program in Endodontics is July 1, 2018.

As you go through the admissions process, we would like to remind you of items that need to be submitted electronically to complete your admissions file. These items are:

- **Online Application & Fee.**
- **Three (3) letters of recommendation** - One letter must be from the Dean of your dental school, along with the Dean's Form (attached).
- **Foreign student applicants** are required to provide most of the items requested in the normal application process and must also submit scores from the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) examination and evidence of adequate financial resources.
- **National Boards, Parts I & II** – Results must be sent directly from the testing site to the Office of Graduate Admissions. Foreign applicants are exempt from this requirement.
- **Transcripts from previous educational experiences should be sent directly to the Office of Graduate Admission.** If you attended Saint Louis University or Parks College, it is your responsibility to request transcripts from the Registrar's Office at (314) 977-2269.
- **Biographical goals statement.** The biographical goals statement provides the admissions committee with insight into what precipitated the applicant's interest in this academic program. Specifically, what academic, professional and/or personal experiences influenced the decision to apply at this time. It should also explain what the applicant expects to receive from the program and how that will affect the applicant's plans in the future. The summary or overview should be approximately 500 words, double-spaced with the applicant's name, degree program, and proposed date of entry into the program on the first page.

- **Curriculum Vitae/Resume**

Saint Louis University utilizes the scores obtained from the Advanced Dental Admission Test (ADAT) in the overall appraisal of candidates for admission to our Graduate Program in Endodontics. While the ADAT is not currently required for consideration for acceptance into our program, candidates are strongly encouraged to complete the test as an additional part of their application packet. **Please note that the ADAT must be completed no later than June 1, 2018 to ensure that the results are made available to the admissions committee prior to our planned interview dates.**

It is important that all of these materials be submitted as soon as possible, since your application will not be reviewed by the department's admissions committee until all materials have been received and your application is deemed complete.

Again, thank you for your interest in Saint Louis University.

The Center for Advanced Dental Education at Saint Louis University offers a two-year program in the specialty of Endodontics that leads to the Master of Science in Dentistry degree and a certificate in Endodontics. This program is offered in close affiliation with Southern Illinois University School of Dental Medicine. The program requirements are conducted at both Saint Louis University and Southern Illinois University School of Dental Medicine.

The program offers clinical, didactic, and research training on the graduate level in the specialty of Endodontics. The program is twenty-four months in duration and starts on or about July 1 each year. The program is fully accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association. Following completion of the program, graduates are educationally qualified for certification by the American Board of Endodontics.

Admission to this program implies certain expectations and obligations on the part of the resident, as well as the faculty. The faculty and administration pledge to provide the resident with appropriate opportunities and facilities for learning. In order to be awarded a master's degree, the resident must complete the required University and program requirements and be in compliance with Saint Louis University and Southern Illinois University School of Dental Medicine policies and procedures. Upon completion of the research, a successful thesis defense is required. It should be noted that these minimal University requirements may be supplemented by additional program criteria. There may be some flexibility in elective coursework varying somewhat with the student's interests and educational objectives.

It is the obligation of the faculty to attest to the student's competency prior to the awarding of any degree. Therefore, in some circumstances, special requirements may be made in addition to, or in place of, requirements set forth in this document.

Applicants for the Endodontic Residency must present satisfactory evidence that they meet the following basic requirements:

1. Eligibility for Illinois State Dental License or Illinois Restricted Faculty License

To be considered for admission into the program beginning July, 2019, the deadline for completing the online application and uploading/forwarding all supporting documents is July 1, 2018. The application file must contain the following: transcript(s) for undergraduate and dental school academic work, results of the National Boards Examination, three letters of recommendation (including one from the dental school Dean), CV, and a one-page typewritten, combined autobiographic and career-goals statement. Promising applicants are invited for on-site interviews in July. Successful applicants must make an initial, *non-refundable*, partial tuition payment at the time of acceptance to hold a place in the class.

ESTIMATED EXPENSES OF THE PROGRAM

Tuition	\$36,560
Clinic Use Fee	1,000
Books, Supplies, Equipment	1,650
Parking Fees	<u>440</u>
Total per year	\$39,650

(The above are approximate costs.)

DIDACTIC AND CLINICAL REQUIREMENTS

The program consists of the following approximate percentages of time in each area:

Didactic	26%
Clinical Activities	56%
Teaching	7%
Research	<u>11%</u>
Total	100%

CLINICAL REQUIREMENTS

The minimum clinical requirements are 300 cases and 15 surgical experiences. The program director is fully responsible for ensuring adequate experience in all phases of clinical endodontics.

RESEARCH

Scientific inquiry and research are required for all students. The research must be of sufficient quality to fulfill the requirements for the Master of Science in Dentistry degree. All residents are required to carry out an original research project and submit an approved thesis. Opportunities for both basic and/or clinical research are available.

TEACHING

Teaching experience in the undergraduate preclinical laboratory and clinic is required.

Online applications will be accepted after March 1 at www.slu.edu/x31995.xml.

Please be aware that should you be accepted for a position in our postgraduate residency program in endodontics at SLU, a portion of your clinical training will take place at the Southern Illinois University School of Dental Medicine (SIU). In order to qualify for clinical privileges at SIU, all residents are required to obtain an Illinois general dental license or a Restricted Faculty dental license in Illinois. You may apply for a Restricted Faculty license in Illinois only with proof of another license in a different jurisdiction or country. You must have a social security number to apply for Illinois dental licensure. The Illinois dental licensure process may take several months and must be completed before the start of the residency program in July.