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ADVANCED DENTAL
EDUCATION

*Graduate Program in
Periodontics*

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TO: Applicants to the Graduate Program in Periodontics

FROM: Center for Advanced Dental Education

SUBJECT: Program Requirements

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

The deadline for applying to the Graduate Program
in Periodontics is August 1, 2026.

As you go through the admissions process, we would like to remind you of items that need to be submitted electronically in your online application through ADEA Postdoctoral Application Support Service (ADEA PASS) to complete your admissions file:

- **Three (3) letters of recommendation** - Two Professional Evaluation Forms (PEF) are required, along with one Institution Evaluation Form. Additional PEFs can be submitted.
- **National Boards, Parts I & II or Integrated National Dental Board Examination** – Foreign-trained applicants are exempt from this requirement.
- **Foreign student applicants** are required to provide most of the items requested in the normal application process. TOEFL/IELTS scores must be uploaded to the PASS application. Evidence of adequate financial resources must be emailed or mailed to the program.
- **Transcripts from dental school and previous educational experiences.** 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.
- **Personal/Biographical statement.** The personal/biographical 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 overview should be approximately 500 words.

- **Postdoctoral Dental Matching Program match number.** All applicants must obtain a match code number from National Matching Services.
- **Curriculum Vitae/Resume**

For International Applicants:

Application requirement items to be mailed/emailed to Kimberly.cox@health.slu.edu:

1. TOEFL/IELTS scores (international applicants only). There are no exemptions for this requirement. TOEFL code is 6629.
2. Foreign transcripts and ECE report (international applicants only)
3. Proof of financial support (international applicants only)

The Center for Advanced Dental Education (CADE) at Saint Louis University (SLU) offers a three-year program in the specialty of Periodontics that leads to a certificate in Periodontology and a Master of Science in Dentistry degree. The program is offered in close affiliation with A.T. Still University and The Dental Anesthesia Center in Saint Louis.

The program consists of clinical and didactic training on the graduate level in the specialty of Periodontics. The program is thirty-six months in duration and starts on or about July 1 of 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 Periodontology.

Three residents are admitted to the program each year. The didactic and clinical portions of the program are conducted at Saint Louis University Center for Advanced Dental Education, with rotations at A.T. Still University Missouri School of Dentistry and Oral Health and The Dental Anesthesia Center. The clinical portion of the curriculum encompasses all aspects of periodontal treatment including, but not limited to, non-surgical therapy, hard and soft tissue resective and regenerative surgery, implant surgery, ridge augmentation procedures, occlusal therapy, conscious sedation, periodontal plastic surgery and maintenance therapy. Teaching experience in the undergraduate curriculum is also required by the graduate students.

The Center for Advanced Dental Education at Saint Louis University offers advanced dental education in the areas of Endodontics, Periodontics, Orthodontics and Pediatric Dentistry. CADE is part of the Saint Louis University Medical Center campus in St. Louis, Missouri. The clinic at A.T. Still University Missouri School of Dentistry and Oral Health is only a few minutes away from CADE, and through its partnership with Affinia Healthcare, serves a large, underserved, and diverse community. Additionally, a rotation at The Center for Dental Anesthesia enhances the experience of the residents in the management of sedation cases. These clinical facilities enable the periodontal residents to see a large patient population and ensure a well-rounded exposure to all periodontal and implant treatment modalities and complexities.

The faculty from the Graduate Periodontics Program is composed of full-time and part-time faculty. Most of the periodontal faculty are certified as diplomates of the American Board of Periodontology. All of the faculty have private practice experience. This group of individuals

brings extensive teaching experience and a commitment to advanced graduate education. In addition, many faculty from other departments at the affiliated organizations participate in both core curriculum and discipline-specific courses.

Admission to the program implies certain expectations and obligations on the part of the student as well as the faculty. The faculty and administration pledge to provide the student with appropriate opportunities and facilities for learning. In order to be awarded a Master's degree, the resident must complete the required University program requirements and be in compliance with Saint Louis University, and its affiliated sites' policies and procedures. It is the obligation of the faculty to attest to the student's competency prior to the awarding of any degree. Special requirements may be made in addition to, or in place of, the standard requirements.

Scientific inquiry and research are required for all students. The research must be of sufficient quality to fulfill the requirements for a Master of Science 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. Upon completion of the research, a successful thesis defense is required.

Applicants may be invited for on-site interviews. Applications should be submitted well before August 1, 2026 for consideration for admission to begin the program the following July.

Current tuition (2025-26) is \$46,820 and is subject to increase each year. A clinical camera will be ordered for you when you enter the program. The estimated cost is \$2000.00. Necessary books, materials and educational expenses may cost an additional \$4000 per year. Successful applicants must make an initial, non-refundable, \$1000 advance partial tuition payment at the time of acceptance to hold a place in the class.

The Student Financial Aid Department at Saint Louis University is committed to removing the financial barriers to education for students. Forms for financial aid assistance may be secured through the University and other sources. Information is available at the Student Financial Services Office at 314-977-2350.