

## GENERAL PRACTICE RESIDENCY TRAINING PROGRAM

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## **GENERAL PRACTICE RESIDENCY & PEDIATRIC RESIDENCY TRAINING PROGRAMS IN DENTISTRY**

The University of British Columbia and three U.B.C.-affiliated teaching institutions: B.C. Cancer Agency, B.C.'s Children's Hospital, and Vancouver Hospital and Health Sciences Centre, together offer eleven positions in a one- or two-year dental residency program beginning June. One resident is appointed specifically to Children's Hospital, while the other residents are rotated through the other teaching hospitals, St. Paul's Hospital and Community Clinics. Applicants may choose to apply either to the Pediatric Residency or to the General Practice Residency. Both programs are approved by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of Canada.

Clinical and didactic experiences are offered in most dental disciplines. To a limited and variable degree, residents will have specific opportunities to enhance their skills in endodontics, geriatric dentistry, oral and maxillofacial surgery, oral medicine, oral pathology, operative dentistry, periodontics, and prosthodontics, in the context of both out-patient and in-patient care of hospital patients. Medical rotations are provided through the Departments of Anaesthesiology, Emergency Medicine, Plastics Otolaryngology and Internal Medicine. Training is also offered in physical diagnosis, haematology, oncology, orthodontics, emergency care, hospital protocol, and in laboratory testing procedures. Additional training and education in IV sedation is also offered.

The didactic component of the program involves participation in seminars, grand rounds, M&M rounds and case presentations at a post-graduate level, participation in literature reviews and in teaching rounds, and completion during the year of a research study project to be presented to a joint meeting of the dental staff at year-end. Teaching opportunities may exist in the undergraduate dentistry program.

Applicants to the second-year General Practice Residency (Resident II) must be enrolled in or have completed a one-year GPR/Internship or have had considerable experience in hospital dentistry connected with their private practice or academic position. The second year training will be focused in one or more areas of interest selected by the resident from Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Oral Medicine, Geriatric Dentistry, Orthodontics, Community Oral Health and/or Oral Oncology. This position, when available, carries the designation of "Chief Resident" and involves some administrative duties in the residency program and requires the provision of leadership to the first year residents.

The Vancouver Hospital and Health Sciences Centre – VGH Site is the major tertiary referral centre for the Province of British Columbia with 1303 beds, including 198 extended care beds, 20 short-term assessment beds and 55 discharge planning beds. The hospital's major services are bone marrow and solid organ transplant, trauma and spinal cord injury, placement of cardiac and orthopedic implants, renal dialysis, and the management of medically and immuno compromised patients. Treatment emphasis for dentistry is on risk assessment and supervision of preventive care for medically compromised in-patients, the management of acute pain, infections and injury, and consultation and treatment of oral needs with medical origin. This mandate involves clinical activity in restorative dentistry, geriatric dentistry, oral & maxillofacial surgery and the management of physically or mentally handicapped patients.

The hospital maintains a large and active emergency department serving the needs of multiple trauma patients and those patients with a wide variety of hematologic disorders. The dental facilities include eleven operatories dedicated to both in-patient and out-patient services plus an operating suite in JPOR and at UBC OR, both are fully equipped for major oral and maxillofacial surgery and restorative Dentistry. The Emergency Department includes a one-operatory dental facility. Purdy Pavilion maintains a two room dental suite.

The B.C. Cancer Agency's Vancouver Cancer Centre consists of an out-patient clinic that registers 5700 new cancer patients per annum and a hospital unit containing 20 beds. There are three fully equipped dental operatories and a fully equipped maxillofacial prosthetics clinic. General anesthetic facilities are available in two operating rooms for both ambulatory and inpatient care. A dental laboratory completes the dental facility. The Agency provides a program of consultation, preventive, restorative and rehabilitative treatment to all registered patients whose need arises from cancer or the treatment of cancer. Programs of research and education are also undertaken.

The General Practice Residency program is under the direction of Dr. Christopher Zed, Associate Dean Strategic and External Affairs, Director of Postgraduate and Head, Hospital Programs. Applications may be obtained at [www.dentistry.ubc.ca](http://www.dentistry.ubc.ca), under education/postgraduate programs.

The British Columbia Children's Hospital is a tertiary care facility with 97 beds and up to 22 in intensive care. A full range of specialty care is provided including oncology, cardiology, cardiac surgery, general surgery, neurosurgery, maxillofacial surgery, renal therapy, including transplantation, and metabolic and endocrine investigation and therapy. The dental department functions within the hospital in two major ways. One is provision of dental treatment under general anesthesia for those children to age 17 who cannot be treated by other means. Healthy children under four years of age are also eligible to be treated in the hospital. B.C.'s Children's Hospital is unique in that it has one OR that is specifically designed and equipped for dentistry and minor oral surgery. Dentistry does not share this OR with any other surgical service. The other is provision of preventive and restorative dental services to the patients of the hospital including medically compromised and infectious patients. This latter aspect is the primary focus of the dental resident and the Head of the Dental Department. The successful candidate can be expected to receive advanced training in the dental and surgical management of the medically and physically handicapped patient both in the clinic and the operating room.

## **COMMUNITY CLINICS**

Residents may be expected to participate in several community rotations during their residency training. There are rotations for each resident to the Skidegate Dental Clinic and Massett Dental Clinic in Haida Gwaii. This dental service was included to provide general practice residents with additional educational experience. The general practice residents are providing care to the people of Haida Gwaii as well as developing a community dental health strategy. A variety of community rotations to Victoria, Kelowna and Prince George are now included.

Four residents per year will be participating in rotations to Vietnam/Cambodia and Birmingham. This international experience was designed to broaden the scope of learning for dental postgraduate students to include an understanding of regional disease processes, treatment modalities and cultural competency.

During the course of the year the residents may also rotate to the Portland, First United and DTES Community Clinics in the Vancouver Downtown Eastside. The mission of the Portland Community Clinic is to provide comprehensive oral health care to individuals on income assistance, job training and other pre-employment programs. Geriatric rotations include Windemere, Banfield and Purdy. Pediatric community rotations may include Adopt a School and Tooth Trolley.

## **ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

Candidates must satisfy the requirements of the College of Dental Surgeons of B.C. for registration. Graduates of all Canadian and American dental schools are eligible to apply. Canadian citizenship is an advantage. Foreign dentists, other than U.S. trained graduates, must possess a certificate issued by the National Dental Examining Board of Canada and must meet immigration requirements.

## **ACCOMMODATION**

There are no facilities for housing residents at any of the hospitals.

## **REMUNERATION**

The stipend for a Resident I is \$48,565.20 per annum. When applicable, payment per month is added for "on-call" services plus allowances for travel and meals. Fringe benefits include the provision of uniforms, 20 days of vacation (four weeks), plus medical, dental, extended health, on-call travel allowance, long-term disability, life and malpractice insurance plans. All vacation requests must be submitted in writing for approval.

## **FEES**

The residents selected are registered as graduate students in the Faculty of Dentistry and with the College of Dental Surgeons of B.C. for which separate fees are paid. Membership in the Professional Association of Residents is required. There is an ACLS course and textbook fee and a GPR program fee.

## **APPLICATION AND INFORMATION**

The application forms and information sheets are available on the web site at [www.dentistry.ubc.ca](http://www.dentistry.ubc.ca) under education/post-graduate.

### **English Proficiency Requirements**

Applicants who received their dental degree from a school where English was not the primary language of study must present evidence of proficiency in English. One of the following tests of English proficiency is acceptable:

#### **TOEFL**

The minimum TOEFL score required is 580 paper-based or 93 internet-based, taken within twenty-four (24) months prior to the time of submission of the application. TOEFL score sheets must be sent directly from the Educational Testing Centre in sealed and official envelopes. Photocopies of test scores are not acceptable.

#### **IELTS**

A minimum overall band score of 6.5 is required with a minimum score of 6.0 in each component of the academic (not general) IELTS test. IELTS score sheets must be sent directly from source in sealed and official envelopes. Photocopies of test score are not acceptable.

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The deadline for the receipt of applications is **OCTOBER 15th** for entry to the program the following year. A \$175.00 application fee is required. Please make cheque payable to UBC Faculty of Dentistry. Final Selection of residents is based on the application information, reference letters, and a personal interview of short-listed applicants by the selection committee. Interviews are held the first weekend in November. Candidates will be notified of the result of their application prior to December 31st.