The purpose of the Prosthodontic residency program is to provide progressive clinical, laboratory, and didactic training, closely supervised, at the post-graduate level in fixed, removable, maxillofacial and implant prosthodontics. The interrelation of other medical/dental clinical specialties is also emphasized. The program integrates all facets of the biomedical sciences with a comprehensive clinical experience culminating in the award of a certificate in prosthodontics. The program emphasizes the diagnostic process, and current approaches to instrumentation and occlusion are stressed. Opportunities for implant placement and restoration of many implant systems also exist. A Master of Science in Dentistry may also be concurrently pursued, and PhD opportunities are also available in many areas of study.

The program is three years in length and is accredited by the American Dental Association, Commission on Dental Accreditation. Successful completion leads to a specialty certificate and also qualifies the graduate for examination by the American Board of Prosthodontics. The flexibility of the program permits the postdoctoral student to progress optimally, developing and building upon his or her background. Thus, within the requirements of the program, the schedule for each student is developed individually to fulfill needs and objectives. The program goals and objectives are to:

1. Produce a graduate who is competent/proficient in all aspects of clinical/laboratory prosthodontics and has the didactical knowledge on which to base treatment.
2. Produce a graduate who will have the foundation for scientific inquiry, critical thinking and problem solving.
3. Prepare the graduate for successful certification by the American Board of Prosthodontics.
4. Prepare and motivate the graduate for a lifetime of scholarly pursuit and active involvement in the specialty and profession.
5. Provide a program environment that is patient centered, serves the students, faculty and staff, and contributes to the advancement of knowledge.

The program is open to applicants with a DDS/DMD degree or equivalent only. Criteria for student selection includes: academic record, research and publication records, extracurricular achievement, honors and awards, class standing, professional experience and additional training, references, and the personal interview. The Graduate Record Exam (GRE) and TOEFL scores are required for all international applicants; and National Board scores for United States trained applicants. All students are enrolled in the Masters/Certificate program.

For additional information about the Certificate in Prosthodontic visit http://bcd.tamhsc.edu/restorative/index.html.

**Program Requirements**

Students must remain continuously enrolled for 35 months and successfully complete 50.5 semester credit hours. The Master's Degree in Oral Biology is also required, for which students must complete an additional 32 semester credit hours, conduct a research project, and successfully defend a written thesis.