

# ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL PATHOLOGY - CERTIFICATE

Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology deals with the nature, identification, and management of diseases affecting the oral and maxillofacial region, and it is a science that investigates the causes, processes, and effects of these diseases.

The practice of oral pathology includes research and diagnosis of diseases using clinical, radiographic, microscopic, and biochemical examinations. Through completion of a three-year training program, the oral pathologist acquires diagnostic and treatment skills.

The program's major emphasis is surgical pathology and the diagnosis of biopsy specimens. Clinical management of patients with oral disease and radiographic interpretation of pathologic conditions of the head and neck are also emphasized. A research project and successful defense of a written thesis is required of each student as a part of the MS requirements. Completion of the certificate program qualifies the individual to challenge the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Examination. Successful completion of this examination is a requirement for an individual to be able to provide microscopic diagnosis for surgical specimens in a pathology laboratory.

The completion of an MS in Oral Biology is mandatory for this specialty program. The combined MS in Oral Biology and Certificate in Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology is a post-doctoral training program. It qualifies dentists to practice the specialty of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology. The program is 36 months in length. A prerequisite for enrollment in the program is a DDS/DMD degree from a dental school in the United States or Canada that is accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation. However, individuals who are graduates of a dental school outside the United States or Canada may qualify for enrollment if appropriate certification is provided that verifies equivalency of training in a United States or Canadian dental school.

All courses within this program are taught face-to-face, on campus at the College of Dentistry in Dallas, Texas. This program may require off-campus assignments at local, Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex hospitals or dental clinics.

The application deadline is October 1 of each year, for matriculation the following June. The program uses the ADEA Postdoctoral Application Support Service (PASS (<https://www.adea.org/PASSapp/applicants/>)).

This program prepares students for the opportunity to pursue an occupational license. Please refer to the Notification for Students Pursuing an Occupational License (<https://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/appendices/licensing/>) in our catalog for additional information.

For more information about the Certificate in Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology, visit our website (<https://dentistry.tamu.edu/departments/diagnostic/training-programs/oral-pathology.html>).

## Program Requirements

Code	Title	Semester Credit Hours
OMFP 603	Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Seminar I	2.0
OMFP 604	Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Seminar II	2.0

OMFP 605	Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Seminar III	2.0
OMFP 606	Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Seminar IV	2.0
OMFP 607	Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Seminar V	2.0
OMFP 608	Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Seminar VI	2.0
OMFP 609	Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Seminar VII	2.0
OMFP 610	Anatomic Pathology and Autopsy - Baylor University Medical Center I	6.0
OMFP 611	Anatomic Pathology and Autopsy - Baylor University Medical Center II	9.0
OMFP 612	Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Service I	0.0
OMFP 613	Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Service II	0.0
OMFP 614	Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Service III	0.0
OMFP 615	Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Service IV	0.0
OMFP 616	Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Service V	0.0
OMFP 617	Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Service VI	0.0
OMFP 618	Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Service VII	0.0
OMFP 619	Advanced Oral Pathology	2.0
OMFP 621	Scientific Writing I	1.0
OMFP 691	Research	2.0
PERI 609	Clinical Stomatology I	1.0
PERI 610	Clinical Stomatology II	1.0
PERI 611	Clinical Stomatology III	1.0
PERI 612	Clinical Stomatology IV	0.0
PERI 613	Clinical Stomatology V	1.0
PERI 614	Clinical Stomatology VI	1.0
PERI 615	Advanced Clinical Stomatology I	1.0
<b>Total Semester Credit Hours</b>		<b>40</b>

Must complete 36 months of residency, total credit hours specified, any noncredit courses specified, and be approved by the Promotions Committee for this certificate to be awarded.

The MS in Oral Biology is required, for which students must complete an additional 32 semester credit hours, conduct a research project, and successfully defend a written thesis.

In accordance with Student Rule 10.4.1, grades of S or U may be assigned in certain officially designated certificate courses.