DOCTOR OF DENTAL SURGERY

The program leading to the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) is designed to develop broadly competent practitioners and encourages both clinical and basic science research in order to instill an appreciation of biomedical research and a spirit of inquiry in each student.

Program Requirements

Professional Curriculum

The professional curriculum in dental surgery is a four-year program.

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DDDS 612 Integrated Practice of Dentistry ¹ 2.5
DDDS 614 Introduction to Restorative Dentistry I 5
Semester Credit Hours 25.5
Spring
DDDS 603 Human Structure, Function and Disease II 9.5
DDDS 615 Introduction to Restorative Dentistry II 7
Semester Credit Hours 16.5
Second Year
Summer
DDDS 702 Oral Pathology ² 2.5
DDDS 714 Comprehensive Dentistry Clinic ² 3
DDDS 716 Integrated Practice of Dentistry Didactic I ³ 6
DDDS 717 Integrated Practice of Dentistry Lab I ³ 7
DDDS 721 Preclinical Diagnostic Science ³ 4
DDDS 731 Prevention and Management of Medical 1
Emergencies in the Dental Office
DDDS 742 Local Anesthesia and Nitrous Oxide/ 1.5
Conscious Sedations
Semester Credit Hours 25 Fall
DDDS 701Dental Pharmacology1.5DDDS 711Ethical Practice 11.5
DDDS 741 Basic Principles and Techniques of 1
Exodontia and Dentoalveolar Surgery
DDDS 761 Growth and Development Orthodontics ¹ 1.5
Semester Credit Hours 5.5
Spring
DDDS 718 Integrated Practice of Dentistry Didactic II 4
DDDS 719 Integrated Practice of Dentistry Lab II 5
DDDS 771 Pediatric Dentistry 2.5
Semester Credit Hours 11.5

Third	Year
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Summer		
DDDS 814	Comprehensive Dentistry Clinic ²	19
DDDS 818	Integrated Practice of Dentistry I 3	7
	Semester Credit Hours	26
Fall		
DDDS 802	Medical Pharmacology	1.5
DDDS 811	Ethical Practice ¹	2
DDDS 821	Clinical Principles of Patient Evaluation	2
DDDS 841	Advanced Principles and Techniques of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery ¹	1
DDDS 871	Pediatric Dentistry ¹	1.5
	Semester Credit Hours	8
Spring		
DDDS 819	Integrated Practice of Dentistry II	4
DDDS 842	Temporomandibular Disorders and Sleep- Disordered Breathing	.5
DDDS 861	Orthodontics	1.5
DDDS 899	Dental Board Review	2
	Semester Credit Hours	8
Fourth Year		
Summer		
DDDS 914	Comprehensive Dentistry Clinic ²	30
DDDS 917	Dental Board Review ³	2
DDDS 921	Advanced Principles of Patient Evaluation and Management ³	1.5
	Semester Credit Hours	33.5
Fall		
DDDS 902	Applied Pharmacology	0.5
DDDS 961	Orthodontics IV Interdisciplinary and Clinical Topics in Orthodontics	1
DDDS 971	Pediatric Dentistry	1
	Semester Credit Hours	2.5
Spring		
DDDS 911	Ethical Practice	2
	Semester Credit Hours	2
	Total Semester Credit Hours	164

¹ Continues into Spring.

² Continues into Fall and Spring.

³ Continues into Fall.

A candidate for the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery must fulfill the following requirements:

- 1. Demonstrate evidence of satisfactory ethical and professional conduct.
- 2. Satisfactorily complete all of the prescribed courses of study.
- 3. Pass the Integrated National Board Dental Examination, INBDE®.