

ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY - CERTIFICATE

Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery includes the diagnosis and treatment (surgical and adjunctive) of diseases, injuries, and defects involving both the functional and esthetic aspects of the hard and soft tissues of the oral and maxillofacial region.

Four major surgery areas are defined in training standards: 1) trauma 2) pathology 3) orthognathic, and 4) reconstructive and cosmetic.

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.

Application requirements include a DDS or DMD degree, passing National Board Dental Examination scores for graduates of American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation accredited institutions, a competitive academic record, National Board of Medical Examiners Basic Science Examination scores, and references. 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/>)) and the Postdoctoral Dental Matching Program (MATCH (<https://natmatch.com/dentres/>)).

There are two routes available for earning a Certificate in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (<https://dentistry.tamu.edu/departments/oral-surgery/residency.html>) at the College of Dentistry:

1. a six-year program (combined MD and Certificate), or
2. a four-year program (Certificate only).

The 4-year Certificate-only program is available to active US military personnel only.

Both routes require the completion of a four-year undergraduate degree and a DDS/DMD from an American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation accredited school of dentistry. All applicants must apply through the PASS application process. In the six-year, combined-degree program, the student is granted advanced standing in medical school and completes the MD degree in three calendar years. Elective clerkships during the fourth year of medical school education are used to satisfy the mandated five-months of general anesthesia training. Following the completion of medical school, the candidate then serves a one-year internship in General Surgery at Baylor University Medical Center, part of Baylor Scott & White, in Dallas, Texas. Following the completion of Post-Graduate Year 1 (PGY-1), the student returns to the College of Dentistry for the remaining 30 months of the program.

In the four-year curriculum, the student will spend the first 14 months off-service participating in various services at Baylor University Medical Center, part of Baylor Scott & White, (internal medicine, general surgery, and anesthesia). The student will then return to College of Dentistry service for the remaining 34 months of training. During their time on service, they will also rotate on the services of Head and Neck Oncology and Oculoplastic Surgery.

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 Surgery, visit our website (<https://dentistry.tamu.edu/departments/oral-surgery/residency.html>).

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Semester Credit Hours
OMFS 650	Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Rotations ¹	1
Total Semester Credit Hours		12

¹ Repeatable course to be taken for a total of 12hrs

Certificate only: Complete 48 months of residency, 12 credit hours, and be approved by the Promotions Committee.

Certificate and MD: Complete 24 months of residency, 6 credit hours, and be approved by the Promotions Committee.

Certificate and PhD: Complete 48 months of residency, 6 credit hours of OMFS 650, and be approved by the Promotions Committee.

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