Advanced Standing Program for International Dentists (ASPID)

The application cycle for the 2016 entering class is from March 18, 2016 through September 1, 2016.

University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry, through its Advanced Standing Program, offers qualified graduates of international dental programs the opportunity to earn the Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) degree in 2 ½ years. A cohort of 4 students is accepted each year. Eligibility for this program is restricted to permanent residents and naturalized citizens. Nonimmigrants are generally not eligible, although some visa holders already in the US may qualify depending on the particular conditions of their existing visa status. These individuals should contact the program directly before making application to determine their eligibility.

In-residence training for the next entering class begins on January 9, 2017 and extends through anticipated graduation in May 2019. The curriculum opens with pre-clinical instruction delivered in a semester-long Multidisciplinary Review and Skills Development Course to ensure students attain an appropriate level of knowledge and technical proficiency in each of the dental disciplines. ASP students then join the junior class to complete years three and four of the traditional DDS curriculum comprised of classroom lectures, preclinical technique courses and direct patient care.

Successful completion of the initial semester-long multidisciplinary course and years three and four of the traditional DDS curriculum qualifies graduates to take state or regional board examinations and apply for dental licensure within the United States.

Part I. Application

Candidates wishing to be considered for the Advanced Standing Program must submit a completed application through the ADEA CAAPID application service. All information and supporting application materials including TOEFL test scores, NBDE Part I results (Part II is optional), two evaluation letters and transcripts evaluated by World Education Services are provided to ADEA CAAPID. ***In addition, a separate online Supplemental Application is sent directly to OU College of Dentistry.*** Applicants are responsible for monitoring the status of their applications and making sure required forms and credentials are submitted by September 1, 2016. The requirements to apply to the OU Advanced Standing Program are listed in the ADEA CAAPID Directory.

Please note: Applications **DO NOT** require the submission of original documents (i.e. TOEFL scores, NBDE reports, 2x2 photo, proof of residency, transcripts, evaluations) to OU College of Dentistry.

Part II. Interview and Skills Testing

Applicants with the strongest credentials and deemed to have the highest potential for success in the OU Advanced Standing Program are invited to participate in the interview and skills-testing phase of the selection process. Interviews and skills testing are jointly conducted over a two-day period (October 7 & 8, 2016). The schedule includes an orientation and tour of the dental school, personal interviews with faculty, and exercises both in diagnosis-treatment planning and in restorative dental procedures on a mannequin-mounted typodont. The participation fee is $1,000 and is non-refundable. This fee is not applicable toward tuition or other fees in the event the applicant is accepted. An invitation to participate does not guarantee or imply acceptance.

Part III. Acceptance Notification Phase

Offers of admission will be made by October 21, 2016. Upon receiving an official notice of acceptance, applicants selected for the Advanced Standing Program are required to confirm their decision to attend by submitting both an $800 advanced tuition deposit and a minimum one-half down payment of $6,250 toward the initial semester-long Multidisciplinary Review and Skills Development Course. The remaining balance/full payment for the initial Multidisciplinary Review and Skills Development Course is due by no later than the beginning of the term on January 9, 2017. **The tuition deposit and all payments made toward the Multidisciplinary Review and Skills Development Course are non-refundable.** The fee for this course is not applicable toward purchase of required equipment and supplies or the annual tuition and fees listed below. Should an individual accepted for the program decline, fail to confirm, or cancel admission prior to the start date, an alternate will immediately be offered his/her position in the program.

Part IV. Transition and Progression through the Program

Students entering the Advanced Standing Program must fulfill the requirements of the initial 16-week Multidisciplinary Review and Skills Development Course and any additional remediation considered necessary by the faculty to ensure a level of knowledge and ability expected of students entering the junior year in the DDS program. Official enrollment in the 3rd year dental school curriculum, payment of tuition and fees, and purchase of the OU College of Dentistry compliant laptop computer and educational software takes place in June 2017. Accepted Advanced Standing Program students must meet and maintain all educational, financial, and immigration commitments to allow for their admission, registration, and uninterrupted enrollment at the OU College of Dentistry.

ASP Timetable

September 1, 2016	Application Deadline
October 7 & 8, 2016	Interviews/Skills Assessment
October 21, 2016	Admission Offers
January 9, 2017	Classes Begin – Multidisciplinary Review & Skills Development
June 5, 2017	Summer Session/Start of AY 2016-17 (merge with DDS Junior Class)
May 2019	Graduation

***2016-17 Tuition, Fees and Cost of Living**	**Preliminary 16-week Session**	**Year One** (3rd Year DDS Curriculum)	**Year Two** (4th Year DDS Curriculum)
Multidisciplinary Review & Skills Development Course**	$12,500		
ASPID Tuition and ASPID Fee (in U.S. dollars)		$98,929	$98,928
Institutional Fees		$6,068	$6,284
Books, Instruments, and Supplies (includes board exam fees)		$22,263	$4,222
Annual Cost of Living		$27,900	$27,900
Total Annual Cost of Attendance		$155,160	$137,334

* ***All figures are average costs for 2016-17 Academic Year. Program costs are reviewed annually and established in July for each academic year. Annual increases typically range from 5 – 15 percent.*** The total cost of the program is roughly the same for residents and non-residents. Estimates for living expenses are based on students living in Oklahoma City who make their own arrangements for room & board and travel. The number of housing units available on campus is limited. Most students secure housing in the immediate area where apartments and rental homes are readily available.

*** The fee for the preliminary Multidisciplinary Review and Skills Development Course (January - May) includes all instruction and lease of required instruments and supplies. PLEASE NOTE: The cost of this course is not covered under student financial aid.

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