

## Herman Ostrow School of Dentistry of USC

<http://dentistry.usc.edu>

### Description of Program

ASPID is designed to teach qualified dentists from other countries the knowledge and skills found in the United States. The program can be completed within two years. The first year is devoted to technical and academic procedures and the second year to clinical training as necessary to achieve graduation qualifications. A Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) is awarded at completion of the program. All graduates are eligible to take the clinical board examination required for licensure in the US.

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### Program Details

Length of Program: 24 months  
Program Application Deadline: August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
Start Date: April/May 2013  
Class Size: 32  
Degree Awarded: D.D.S.

### Requirements to Apply to Program

#### *English Language Proficiency*

- ✘ Must be proficient in the English language
- ✘ Applicants who are non- US Citizen/ Permanent Resident, even if schooled in the US, are required to take TOEFL
- ✘ Must submit original TOEFL score report directly to program (not to ADEA CAAPID)
- ✘ The Internet Based Test (IBT) is preferred; applicants should receive a minimum of 100 (Min of 20 in each section). USC will still accept the Computer Based (CBT) (min. 250) as well as the Paper Based (PBT) (min. of 600). Exam scores are valid for two years prior to matriculation (i.e. applicants seeking to enroll in 2013 scores taken before May 2011 are not valid). Please send the official TOEFL score to USC. . TOEFL Code: 4852 Dept Code: 00 (undergrad)

#### *National Board Dental Examination Requirements*

- ✘ Program requires passage of NBDE Part I to be considered for admission
- ✘ Submit sealed official National Board Dental Exam Scores to program (not to ADEA CAAPID) after submitting ADEA CAAPID application
- ✘ A minimum score of 75 composite score is required. National Board Part II is recommended but not required.

#### *Letter of Evaluation*

- ✘ Program prefers one Letter of Evaluation to come from dean of dental school from which applicant graduated
- ✘ An additional Letter of Evaluation is required from a faculty member of the dental school which applicant graduated from. Applicants may submit one additional letter if they desire.

#### *Transcripts and Evaluations*

- ✘ Applicant must submit to ADEA CAAPID a detailed course by course evaluation by WES.
- ✘ If admitted, program will require official transcripts from dental program to be directly sent to program.
- ✘ Please submit mark sheets, copy of Dental Degree, Proof of License to practice to program. Please submit all forms in original language and English translation where applicable.

### *Application Fees*

- ✘ Send a non-refundable application fee to program (not to ADEA CAAPID) after submitting ADEA CAAPID application
- ✘ USC application Fee: \$145.00. USC will accept personal check, cashier check, or money order made payable to USC School of Dentistry. Please mail to: 925 West 34<sup>th</sup> Street. DEN 201 Los Angeles, CA 90089

### *Other Documents That Should Be Sent Directly to Program (not to ADEA CAAPID)*

- ✘ Please email a 2" X 2" passport style photograph to program (not to ADEA CAAPID) at [uscscdadm@usc.edu](mailto:uscscdadm@usc.edu) after submitting ADEA CAAPID application. Please include your name and CAAPID ID # in the email, JPEG image format is preferred.

### *Additional Requirements*

- ✘ The interview includes a Practical Dental Exam, which may also include a written dental exam. The purposes of the interview is (1) to evaluate each applicant's methods and skills (2) to determine each candidate's artist ability (3) group interview evaluation session (4) and evaluate interpersonal skills, critical thinking, and English communication ability.
- ✘ All acceptances are **conditional** and **contingent** upon successful completion of all currently enrolled courses/programs, receipt of official dental transcripts, TOEFL and ADA National Dental Board Examination scores. All must complete a detailed evaluation and degree verification through WES. Please visit <http://www.wes.org/USC/> for specifics on how to submit and complete the process. Failure to fulfill these responsibilities will result in this acceptance being rescinded without notice.