

**University of the Pacific, Arthur A. Dugoni
School of Dentistry**

<http://www.dental.pacific.edu>

Description of Program

The International Dental Studies (IDS) program is a two-year accelerated program for internationally-trained dentists who are interested in earning a Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) degree. The program provides the opportunity to gain the skills and knowledge of the dental professions as practiced in the United States (U.S.). Upon completion, graduates are eligible to take any state or regional dental licensure board exam in the U.S. and may subsequently be eligible for practice in the U.S.

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Program Details

Application Deadline: August 1, 2012
Length of Program: 24 months
Start Date: July 12, 2013
Class Size: 22
Degree Awarded: D.D.S.

Requirements to apply to program

English Language Proficiency

- ✘ Must be proficient in the English language.
- ✘ All applicants must take the TOEFL to be considered for admission.
- ✘ Submit actual notarized or original official TOEFL score report directly to Pacific (not to ADEA CAAPID). The TOEFL institution code is 4892 and department code is 38 (dentistry). Require TOEFL taken between January 2010 and present with a minimum score of 92 (Internet) or 580 (paper). A score below the minimum will not be considered. A TOEFL score report printed from the internet will not be accepted.

National Board Dental Examination Requirements

- ✘ To be considered for admission, Pacific requires passage of NBDE Part 1 (a minimum score of 75 or Pass).
- ✘ Submit actual notarized or original official NBDE-1 score/result report directly to Pacific (not to ADEA CAAPID).

Letters of Evaluation

- ✘ Submit 2-3 actual notarized or original official letters of evaluation (in English) directly to Pacific (not to ADEA CAAPID).
- ✘ Letters must be written recently by international or U.S. dental professionals (dentists, dental school faculty, etc.) with whom you have worked.

Transcripts and Evaluations

- ✘ Submit actual notarized or original official ECE course-by-course evaluation report directly to Pacific (in addition to submitting it to ADEA CAAPID). A minimum U.S. Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.00 is required. A GPA less than 2.00 will not be considered. Pacific will only consider the "comprehensive" GPA from ECE. An updated comprehensive GPA received after the deadline will not be considered.

Application Fees

- ✘ Visit the school website to pay the \$75 (USD, non-refundable) application fee with a credit card.

Other documents that should be sent directly to program (not to ADEA CAAPID)

- ✘ Visit the Pacific website at www.dental.pacific.edu > Academic Programs > International Dental Studies > How and When to Apply > 2013 IDS Application Packet regarding the application process and information for the following supplemental documents:
 - Submit a completed Pacific IDS Questionnaire by using the provided PDF form.
 - Provide a Dental Curriculum Vitae (resume) that includes your academic background and practice experiences. A sample is provided for reference.
- ✘ Submit actual notarized dental certificate/diploma. This school issued document will confirm your earned dental degree (BDS, DDS, DMD, Odontology, Stomatology). Any degree in a language other than English must be accompanied by an actual notarized translation from a bona fide English translator. Pacific does not accept provisional dental degrees nor require dental licenses.
- ✘ If you have earned advanced degree(s) beyond your dental degree, it is recommended that you provide actual notarized or original official document that states your conferred degree (Masters, Doctorate):
 - If it is a U.S. degree, provide the school issued transcript.
 - If it is a non-U.S. degree, provide an ECE course-by-course evaluation report that details the U.S. equivalence and credential.
- ✘ To ensure completeness of all supplemental documents, send in one package to the Pacific School of Dentistry – IDS Office (see address in Contact Information)

Additional Requirements

- 1) Once all completed applications are reviewed, selected applicants will be invited for a personal interview and the technical examination scheduled for late October. Invited applicants will be required to submit a fee for the technical examination.

NOTES

- 1) Any updated documents received after the deadline will not be considered for review.
- 2) All received applications and documentations will become the property of the University of the Pacific, Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry, and will not be returned.