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Western University of Health Sciences College of Dental Medicine

<http://prospective.westernu.edu/dentistry-idp/welcome/>

Description of Program

The International Dentist Program (IDP) is designed to award a DMD degree to students who have graduated from dental schools outside of the U.S. or Canada. The curriculum begins with a 10 week intensive course which calibrates IDP students to the first two years of curriculum and prepares them to enter the clinical education program. This course includes study of preclinical sciences, integrated biomedical sciences and treatment of medically complex patients, behavioral science, interprofessional education, and clinical service learning. Students then join regularly enrolled students as they enter clinical experiences and take the same courses for the following 2 years. Upon graduation IDP students meet the educational requirement of having a degree from a CODA (Commission on Dental Accreditation) accredited school that is required for licensure in U.S. states.

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Program Details

Length of Program: 26months
Program Deadline: July 20, 2019
Start Date: March 4, 2020
Class Size: 5 students
Degree Awarded: D.M.D.

Requirements to apply to program

Citizenship status

- ✘ Only applications from U.S. citizens or permanent residents will be accepted for the 2020 entering class. Pending a required update and approval from the Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP, administered by US Immigration and Customs Enforcement), applications from students requiring an F-1 student visa may be accepted later in the cycle for the entering class of 2020.

Transcripts and Evaluations

- ✘ All applicants are required to submit an official copy of "Course-by-Course Evaluation" foreign transcript evaluation completed by World Education Services directly to ADEA CAAPID.
- ✘ ECE or other evaluation services reports are not accepted by WesternU.
- ✘ Official transcripts for any courses completed at U.S. institutions must be submitted to ADEA CAAPID.

English Language Proficiency

- ✘ Applicants must be proficient in English speaking and reading comprehension.
- ✘ All applicants whose native language is not English must submit official ETS TOEFL score results as part of the CAAPID application.
 - A minimum score of 79 for the Internet-Based test must be submitted at the time of application.
 - TOEFL scores are valid for two years.
 - Exceptions:
 - The TOEFL exam will be waived for permanent and temporary residents of the United States who have completed at least six semester units of College English/English Composition from an accredited institution in the United States.
 - English courses taken from foreign countries whose native language is English will be accepted (e.g., Canada, Australia, Great Britain, New Zealand and the British West Indies).

National Board Dental Examination Requirements

- ✘ Applicants must pass NBDE Part I & Part II.
- ✘ Official NBDE score reports must be submitted via CAAPID application.

Advanced Dental Admission Test (ADAT)

- ✘ ADAT scores are accepted and will be considered, but are not required for admission to the program.

Letters of Evaluation

- ✘ Two letters of evaluation in English are required from dentists who can attest to the applicant's character, conduct, and professional ability. At least one of the letters must be from a dentist who is full-time faculty at a dental school.
- ✘ Letters must be no more than 6 months old, and are accepted through the ADEA CAAPID system.

Supplemental Application

- ✘ A supplemental application must be completed. See program website for more information.

Application Fees

- ✘ The non-refundable supplemental application fee is \$200.

Additional Requirements

- ✘ Qualified applicants will be invited to an onsite interview. An additional fee may be assessed for onsite interview to cover costs of dexterity testing.