University of New England College of Dental Medicine
https://www.une.edu/dentalmedicine/program/advanced-standing-track-foreign-trained-dentists

Description of Program: The mission of the UNE College of Dental Medicine is to improve the health of Northern New England and shape the future of dentistry through excellence in education, discovery and service. The Advanced Standing Track (AST) is designed to offer dentists trained outside the United States the opportunity to gain the skills and knowledge of the dental profession as practiced in the United States. Graduates will earn a CODA accredited U.S. Doctor of Dental Medicine (DMD) degree. This is a full-time 29-month track that incorporates the latest in dental practices, equipment and technology, as well as principles in public health, health policy and business, while providing care to a wide variety of patients.

The program consists of didactic courses, pre-clinical simulated courses and clinical courses involving direct patient care. Students receive extensive clinical experience in the UNE College of Dental Medicine Oral Health Center. In addition, there may be opportunities for advanced standing students to participate in clinical externships at clinical sites in northern New England. Upon matriculation, AST students join the second-year class and study an intense didactic and preclinical curriculum that incorporates aspects of the first two years of the curriculum for regularly enrolled students. AST students are not required to take any basic science courses but instead the preparatory semester is designed to integrate students into the second-year class, calibrate students to the first two years of CDM curriculum and ensure students may safely begin patient care in our Oral Health Center in the summer semester. From the summer semester until graduation, the advanced standing students participate in the same curriculum as that of regularly enrolled students. Upon successful completion of the program graduates are eligible to take appropriate state or regional dental licensure examinations and may subsequently be eligible to practice dentistry in the United States.

Contact Information

Program Address: University of New England College of Dental Medicine 716 Stevens Avenue Portland, ME 04103
E-mail Address: unedcdmast@une.edu
Telephone Number: Phone calls and on-campus appointments will not be accepted. We are happy to answer any questions at unedcdmast@une.edu.

Program Details

Length of Program: 29 months (7 semesters)
Application Available Starting Date: 3/5/2019
Program Application Deadline: 6/1/2019
Program Start Date: 1/2/2020
Class Size: 2 students for January 2, 2020
Degree Awarded: D.M.D.
**English Language Proficiency:** All applicants to UNE CDM must be able to understand, communicate and read English to be admitted to the program. If English is not the candidate’s native language, submission of documentation is required to indicate level of English proficiency.

A. Applicants **must** submit official Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) scores through ADEA CAAPID. Unofficial score reports sent directly to the UNE CDM will **not** be reviewed or considered. Recommended minimum scores of proficiency are as indicated below:
   a. Written Examination: 585
   b. Computer Examination: 240
   c. Internet-based examination: 95

**National Board Dental Examination Requirements:** Program requires passage of NBDE Part I and Part II to be considered, preferably taken within the last 5 years. Passage of both exams is **mandatory**. All applicants must submit official NBDE Part I and Part II scores through ADEA CAAPID. Unofficial score reports sent directly to UNE CDM will **not** be reviewed or considered.

**Advanced Dental Admission Test (ADAT):** ADAT scores will be accepted, but are **not required** in order to be considered for the program.

**Letters of Evaluation:** Applicants must submit one letter of recommendation (in English) from **each** of the following individuals:
   A. Dean or chief/senior administrator of the applicant’s dental school (Dean level preferred).
   B. Dental school clinical instructor who is able to evaluate the applicant’s potential.
   C. One professional reference who can attest to the applicant’s character, conduct, and professional ability, if applicable.

A minimum of 3 letters are required, **with no more than 4 being accepted.** Only letters submitted via ADEA CAAPID will be accepted. Letters of recommendation from each individual as listed above must meet the following requirements when submitting to ADEA CAAPID:

1. Be written within the last 2 years.
2. Be written in English, or translated by a **certified** U.S. translator at the applicant’s expense.
3. Include the evaluator’s current contact details.
4. Letters of evaluation must be signed and dated to be considered valid.

*Letters of evaluation that are mailed or e-mailed directly to UNE CDM will not be accepted, only those submitted directly to ADEA CAAPID will be taken into consideration.*

**Transcripts and Evaluations:** All AST applicants to the DMD Program must provide official evaluation of all documents from foreign institutions that are presented as part of the application process. Applicants must submit an official, detailed, course-by-course evaluation by World Education Services (WES) or Educational Credential Evaluators (ECE) to ADEA CAAPID.

The following materials must be submitted directly to WES or ECE for evaluation:

- Original certified college (post-secondary) transcripts
- Original certified professional education transcripts
- Official copy of the diploma and/or degree from the applicant’s dental school program
If you have additional advanced degree(s) and/or additional coursework have been earned beyond a foreign dental degree, the applicant must provide documentation that states the conferred (Masters, Doctorate) degree or additional coursework. If it is a non-U.S. degree, provide a WES or ECE course-by-course evaluation report that details the U.S. equivalence and credential. Official transcripts for any courses completed at U.S. institutions must be submitted directly to ADEA CAAPID.

All applicants must provide a school-issued document confirming the conferred foreign dental degree (BDS, DDS, DMD, Odontology, etc.). Provisional degrees, letters of completion, or transcripts will not suffice. **No exceptions** are made for possession of a dental degree.

**Supplemental Application:** Supplemental applications to the AST program will be sent directly from the College on an invitational basis via the e-mail provided on your ADEA CAAPID application. Directions for completion of the supplemental application will be included if sent. The processing fee for all supplemental applications will be $100.

**Interview and Bench Test:** Interviews for consideration into the AST will be sent on an invitational basis. Only those with completed ADEA CAAPID and supplemental applications will be considered for interview. Interviews for the program will consist of a bench test, writing sample, and face-to-face interviews with UNE CDM faculty and staff. The fee to complete the interview and bench test will be $500 and must be received by the College of Dental Medicine before the interview date. Directions for payment will be sent to those selected for interview via the e-mail provided on the ADEA CAAPID application.

**Translation of Documents:**

Applicants must submit original, official, certified English translation of ALL documents that are not prepared in the English language. Photocopies are not acceptable. Each translator must provide an original declaration with each translation attesting to his or her fluency in the particular language and certify under penalty of perjury that the translation is complete and accurate to the best of his or her ability.

We recommend the following sources for translation:

1. Your school
2. A translator accredited by the American Translators Association (ATA):
   www.atanet.orgata@atanet.org ; 703.683.6100; or
3. A certified or registered court interpreter. Information on court interpreters is available through the Judicial Council (phone: 415.865.7530). The court interpreter must sign the translation and declaration in the presence of a notary public.

**Additional Requirements:** At the time of application, candidates to the AST must provide proof of U.S. citizenship (U.S. passport, U.S. birth certificate, or Certificate of Naturalization) or proof of permanent residence (Green Card), or other appropriate immigration documentation. All documents should be sent to unecdmast@une.edu. It is the candidate’s responsibility to maintain their legal status for the duration of their enrollment in the AST program. **No exceptions** will be made for all requirements listed above. Only applications submitted in their entirety will be considered for admission. Applications must be **submitted** and **completed** to ADEA CAAPID by the 10/5/2018 deadline in order to be considered for admission.