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NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY—synonymous with dynamic innovation and intellectual challenge—is the second largest, private, nonprofit university in the Southeast and 1 out of only 361 colleges and universities nationally selected for the Carnegie Foundation’s Community Engagement Classification. Situated on a beautiful, 314-acre campus in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, the university is experiencing a sustained period of academic growth, fiscal strength, and commitment to the challenges of the 21st century.

In this environment of expansion and stability, the university is capitalizing on its strengths in such areas as academic innovation, comprehensive clinical training, and flexible educational delivery systems.

Founded in 1964 as Nova University, the institution merged with Southeastern University of the Health Sciences in 1994, creating Nova Southeastern University. To date, the institution has more than 183,000 alumni and current enrollment of nearly 21,000 students. Accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, the university awards bachelor’s, master’s, educational specialist, and doctoral degrees, as well as certificates in a wide range of fields including the health professions, law, business, marine sciences, psychology, social sciences, computer and information sciences, and education.

The university’s degree programs are administered through academic units that offer courses at the Fort Lauderdale/Davie Campus, as well as at NSU’s regional campuses, located in Fort Myers, Jacksonville, Miami, Miramar, Orlando, Palm Beach, and Tampa, Florida, and San Juan, Puerto Rico. NSU also has active distance education programs offered at instructional sites in 12 U.S. states, including Florida, in Puerto Rico, and in 4 countries.
THE HEALTH PROFESSIONS DIVISION (HPD), with a student body of nearly 8,000, is home to eight colleges. Located on the Fort Lauderdale/Davie Campus, it occupies a $70-million complex, covering 21 acres. It includes eight buildings totaling more than 900,000 square feet of space for classrooms, laboratories, offices, the Health Professions Division Library, an outpatient health center, and a pharmaceutical care center. Several of the HPD programs are also located at our regional campuses in Fort Myers, Jacksonville, Miami, Miramar, Orlando, Palm Beach, and Tampa, Florida, as well as in San Juan, Puerto Rico. These campuses extend our programs and resources to various communities. They offer you the ability to complete a degree at a location that may be more convenient to your home.
Letter from the Interim HPD Chancellor

NSU’s Health Professions Division (HPD) is playing a pivotal role in leading the university to new levels of excellence. The division comprises eight distinctive colleges—osteopathic medicine, pharmacy, optometry, medical sciences, dental medicine, health care sciences, nursing, and allopathic medicine—that offer more than 60 degree and certificate programs.

We have seen the university reach many milestones recently. In September 2017, NSU received the largest philanthropic gift in its history from physicians Dr. Kiran C. Patel, M.D., and his wife, Dr. Pallavi Patel, M.D., which included a $50-million gift and an additional $150-million real estate and facility investment in Clearwater, Florida.

Then, in January 2018, the Patels provided additional gifts totaling close to $30 million, while a substantial contribution from longtime donors Ron and Kathy Assaf resulted in new HPD enhancements. The altruistic trend continued in February 2018, when a significant gift from Martin and Gail Press resulted in the renaming of the HPD Library.

In October 2017, our allopathic medicine college received preliminary accreditation. As a result, the college gained approval to begin interviewing and accepting its inaugural class of 50 students in August 2018. Finally, construction commenced on the HCA East Florida hospital that will be located on NSU’s Fort Lauderdale/Davie Campus.

These exciting developments will ensure that our students receive a well-rounded education at an academic institution that prides itself on being dynamic, innovative, and interprofessional in its academic approach.

Irving Rosenbaum, D.P.A., Ed.D., M.P.A.
Interim Health Professions Division Chancellor
Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine
• Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.)
• Master of Public Health (M.P.H.)
• Master of Science in Biomedical Informatics (M.S.)
• Master of Science in Disaster and Emergency Management (M.S.)
• Master of Science in Medical Education (M.S.)
• Master of Science in Nutrition (M.S.)
• Bachelor of Science in Public Health (B.S.)
• Graduate Certificate in Emergency Medicine
• Graduate Certificate in Functional Nutrition and Herbal Therapy
• Graduate Certificate in Health Education
• Graduate Certificate in Medical Informatics
• Graduate Certificate in Public Health
• Graduate Certificate in Public Health Informatics
• Graduate Certificate in Social Medicine

College of Pharmacy
• Master of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences (M.S.)
• Master of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences [M.S.]
  – Concentration in Drug Development (Pharmaceutics)
  – Concentration in Molecular Medicine and Pharmacogenomics
  – Concentration in Social and Administrative Pharmacy
• Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.)
• Doctor of Philosophy in Pharmaceutical Sciences (Ph.D.)
  – Concentration in Drug Development (Pharmaceutics)
  – Concentration in Molecular Medicine and Pharmacogenomics
  – Concentration in Social and Administrative Pharmacy

Dr. Pallavi Patel College of Health Care Sciences
• Bachelor of Science—Cardiovascular Sonography (B.S.)
• Bachelor of Science in Exercise and Sport Science (B.S.)
• Bachelor of Health Science (B.H.Sc.)
• Bachelor of Science—Medical Sonography (B.S.)
• Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Therapy (B.S.)
• Bachelor of Science in Speech-Language and Communication Disorders (B.S.)
• Master of Science in Anesthesia (M.S.)
• Master of Science in Athletic Training [M.S.A.T.]
• Master of Health Science (M.H.Sc.)
• Master of Occupational Therapy (M.O.T.)
• Master of Medical Science in Physician Assistant (M.M.S.)
• Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology (M.S.)
• Doctor of Audiology (Au.D.)
• Doctor of Health Science (D.H.Sc.)
• Doctor of Philosophy in Health Science (Ph.D.)
• Entry-Level Doctor of Occupational Therapy (O.T.D.)
• Doctor of Occupational Therapy (Dr.O.T.)
• Doctor of Philosophy in Occupational Therapy (Ph.D.)
• Doctor of Physical Therapy (D.P.T.)
  – Professional Doctor of Physical Therapy (P.D.T.)
  – Postprofessional Doctor of Physical Therapy: Transition (P.D.T.)
• Doctor of Philosophy in Physical Therapy (Ph.D.)
• Doctor of Speech-Language Pathology (SLP.D.)
• Certificate in Audiologist Assistant
• Graduate Certificate in Clinical Research Associate
• Graduate Certificate in Clinical Trial Manager

College of Medical Sciences
• Master of Biomedical Sciences (M.B.S.)

College of Dental Medicine
• Doctor of Dental Medicine (D.M.D.)
• Master of Science in Dentistry (M.S.)
• Postgraduate Certificate in Advanced Education in General Dentistry
• Postgraduate Certificate in Endodontics
• Postgraduate Certificate in Operative Dentistry
• Postgraduate Certificate in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
• Postgraduate Certificate in Orthodontics
• Postgraduate Certificate in Pediatric Dentistry
• Postgraduate Certificate in Periodontics
• Postgraduate Certificate in Prosthodontics
• Postgraduate Certificate in Special Needs Dentistry

Ron and Kathy Assaf College of Nursing
• Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.)
  – Entry Nursing
  – R.N. to B.S.N.
  – R.N. to M.S.N.
• Master of Science in Nursing (M.S.N.)
  – R.N. to M.S.N.
  – M.S.N. Clinical Concentrations
  – Advanced Practice Registered Nurse, Family Nurse Practitioner
  – Advanced Practice Registered Nurse, Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner
  – Advanced Practice Registered Nurse, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
  – M.S.N. Nonclinical Concentrations
  – Executive Nurse Leadership
  – Nursing Education
  – Nursing Informatics
• Doctor of Nursing Practice (D.N.P.)
• Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing (Ph.D.)
• Graduate Certificate in Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner
• Post-Master’s Certificate in Family Nurse Practitioner

Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Allopathic Medicine
• Doctor of Medicine (M.D.)

Dual Degrees
• Bachelor of Science—Cardiovascular Sonography (B.S.) and Master of Health Science (M.H.Sc.)
• Bachelor of Science—Medical Sonography (B.S.) and Master of Health Science (M.H.Sc.)
• Master of Health Science (M.H.Sc.)/Doctor of Health Science (D.H.Sc.)
• Bachelor of Science in Public Health (B.S.)/Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.)
• Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.)/Doctor of Dental Medicine (D.M.D.)

Concurrent Degrees
• Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.)/Master of Science in Medical Education (M.S.)
• Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.)/Master of Public Health (M.P.H.)
• Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.)/Master of Science in Biomedical Informatics (M.S.)
• Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.)/Master of Science in Disaster and Emergency Management (M.S.)
• Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.)/Master of Science in Nutrition (M.S.)
• Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.)/Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.)
• Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.)/Master of Public Health (M.P.H.)
• Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.)/Master of Science in Biomedical Informatics (M.S.)
• Doctor of Optometry (O.D.)/Master of Public Health (M.P.H.)
• Doctor of Audiology (Au.D.)/Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.)
• Master of Medical Science (M.M.S.)/Master of Public Health (M.P.H.)
• Doctor of Dental Medicine (D.M.D.)/Master of Public Health (M.P.H.)
• Doctor of Dental Medicine (D.M.D.)/Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.)
WELCOME TO NSU’s College of Dental Medicine (CDM). Located in sunny South Florida, the Greater Fort Lauderdale area is a great location to pursue a dental education.

Founded in 1997, the NSU College of Dental Medicine has the distinction of being the first private dental college established in Florida. The College of Dental Medicine is part of a dynamic Health Professions Division at Nova Southeastern University that includes colleges of osteopathic medicine, pharmacy, optometry, health care sciences, nursing, and medical sciences. NSU’s dental students take classes and interact with these other health professional students in educational and clinical settings, community service activities, and social events.

Our predoctoral students and postdoctoral residents represent the best of a very competitive applicant pool. All are committed to becoming outstanding clinicians and leaders in their communities. Our students actively lead and participate in various community programs including Give Kids A Smile Day, oral health education activities, and international medical outreach programs. In fact, in 2016, NSU CDM served as the national kickoff for the ADA Foundation’s Give Kids a Smile Program. In our short history, graduates are demonstrating their leadership in all phases of dentistry and giving back to the profession. Our first alumna was recently elected as vice president of the American Dental Association, and several of our dental students have held leadership positions in the national American Student Dental Association (ASDA).

The NSU College of Dental Medicine’s world-class faculty is committed to the success of our students. Our faculty members teach, provide services, conduct research, and contribute to the knowledge base that serves as the foundation for clinical dentistry. The Mariani Family Distinguished Lecture Series brings world-class scholars to campus to share new ideas with faculty members and students. Innovation is ongoing as we continually improve our competency-based curriculum and strengthen our team-based comprehensive-care model of clinical education.

Our thriving, intellectual university community continues to grow, and our faculty members remain committed to helping our students become the successful dental professionals they seek to be.

Linda C. Niessen, D.M.D., M.P.H., M.P.P.
Dean, College of Dental Medicine
At Nova Southeastern University’s College of Dental Medicine, your education will focus on producing a competent, confident, and mature professional. You will be trained to function as a highly qualified primary care practitioner capable of delivering comprehensive dental care to patients of all ages. For the highly trained and skilled dentist, career opportunities are almost limitless. The options can be fulfilling and rewarding. The following choices are open to the graduate dentist:

1. solo practice in urban, suburban, or rural environments
2. joining an established practice
3. military service
4. a career in teaching
5. service in governmental agencies or dental organizations

Following graduation, you may obtain advanced education and specialize in such fields as endodontics, oral pathology, oral surgery, orthodontics, pediatric dentistry, periodontics, prosthodontics, or dental public health.

The nationally recognized faculty of Nova Southeastern University College of Dental Medicine will prepare you to take your place as a leader among oral health care providers. A dynamic career awaits committed individuals.

College of Dental Medicine

Mission Statement

The mission of the College of Dental Medicine (CDM) is to educate students to become competent in all phases of the general practice of dental medicine and postdoctoral residents to become proficient in their respective specialty fields. The CDM is committed to ensuring graduates’ excellence in the art and science of dental medicine and their commitment to independent, lifelong learning. This mission requires graduates to be knowledgeable in the biological sciences, clinically skilled, technologically proficient, compassionate, and sensitive to the needs of the public. The graduate will be competent to function as a member of, or in conjunction with, an interdisciplinary primary care health team.

The CDM fosters leadership and excellence in dental education through a commitment to

- recruitment and retention of the highest caliber of self-motivated students, residents, and faculty members
- innovative teaching methods, research, scholarship, professionalism, and ethical principles
- continuing education
- service to the local, national, and international communities

The CDM has a special commitment to educate students and residents to provide culturally sensitive care to the underserved and special-needs populations.
The College of Dental Medicine (CDM) embodies an innovative, newly developed curriculum designed to graduate competent clinicians devoted to primary and comprehensive care.

The college is closely allied with the other colleges in Nova Southeastern University’s Health Professions Division. Courses in basic biomedical sciences prepare students to treat both physically well and medically compromised patients with assured quality care.

Early introduction into clinical settings, under the preceptorship of faculty group leaders, enables the student to achieve an understanding of the dynamics of the dentist/patient relationship. Classroom instruction in basic and behavioral sciences is integrated into management and delivery of dental health care.

Students are taught the importance of teamwork in an efficient and modern health care delivery system.

STUDENTS ARE provisionally admitted to a degree-seeking program based on a review of unofficial transcripts or other specific program admission requirements. However, this admission includes a condition that final and official transcripts, documents, and requirements must be received within 90 calendar days from matriculation. If these final and official transcripts, documents, and/or requirements are not received by that time, the student will not be allowed to continue class attendance. Financial aid will not be disbursed to a provisional/conditional student until he or she has been fully admitted as a regular student (all admissions requirements have been approved by the college/program admissions office). Students who have an unpaid balance 30 days from the start of the term will be assessed a $100 late fee.
The Doctor of Dental Medicine (D.M.D.) degree offered at the NSU Health Professions Division College of Dental Medicine is designed to graduate students who are compassionate, competent general dentists, ready to meet primary and comprehensive oral health care needs. The four-year curriculum provides the foundation for the CDM's mission and vision and facilitates the student's professional career goals. The faculty, staff, and administration of the CDM pride themselves in addressing the health care needs in society and individual patients, as well as embracing the learning needs of dental students.

The college is closely allied with the other colleges in Nova Southeastern University's Health Professions Division. Courses in basic biomedical sciences and emphasis on integrative critical thinking, evidence-based treatment options, and application of state-of-the-art technology prepare students to treat both physically well and medically compromised patients with assured quality care. Collaboration with other NSU colleges and community partnerships prepare students to understand and treat patients in underserved populations. Early introduction into clinical settings, under preceptorship of faculty group practice leaders, enables the student to achieve an understanding of the management and delivery of oral health care and the dynamics of the dentist/patient relationship.

The D.M.D. curriculum content revolves around the themes of Human Biology and Disease, Patient Care Foundations, Primary Care and Public Health, and the Clinical Practice of Dentistry. The core curriculum and honors and elective courses are delivered in varying formats of the traditional classroom, simulation laboratory, campus-based clinics, and community-based clinics. Curriculum assessment and subsequent recommended modifications are considered on an ongoing basis to ensure continuous quality improvement. For this reason, the curriculum is subject to change.
# Course of Study

## Year 1

Courses include content in:
- Ethics and Professionalism
- Clinical Experience Rotation
- Multidisciplinary Introduction to Record Keeping
- Introduction to Public Health
- Anatomy
- Histology
- Microbiology
- Biochemistry and Nutrition
- Immunology
- Physiology
- Neuroanatomy
- Pathology
- Oral Histology
- Periodontology
- Introduction to Clinical Periodontology
- Periodontology Clinic
- Dental Anatomy
- Occlusion
- Cariology
- Dental Biomaterials
- Operative Dentistry
- Endodontics
- Craniofacial Growth and Development
- Introduction to Evidence-Based Dentistry
- Fixed Prosthodontics

*Content in courses may be separate, modified, and/or integrated to varying degrees with the four curriculum themes of Patient Care Foundations, Clinical Practice of Dentistry, Public Health and Primary Care, and Human Biology and Disease.*

## Year 2

Courses include content in:
- Periodontology Clinic
- QA/Recare Clinical Rotation—Assessment of Treatment
- Pharmacology
- Introduction to Oral Medicine
- Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
- Pharmacology, Analgesia, and Local Anesthesia
- Periodontology
- Endodontics
- Dental Biomaterials
- Fixed Prosthodontics
- Removable Partial and Complete Denture Prosthodontics
- Introduction to Pediatric Dentistry
- Pediatric Dentistry
- Orthodontics
- Introduction to Special Needs Dentistry
- Radiology
- Radiology Preclinical Laboratory
- Oral and Maxillofacial Diagnosis
- Introduction to Comprehensive Treatment Planning and Electronic Health Record Training
- Laboratory and Clinical Applications of Occlusion
- Comprehensive Patient Care
  - Clinical Periodontology
  - Clinical Restorative Dentistry
  - Clinical Fixed Prosthodontics
  - Clinical Removable Prosthodontics
  - Clinical Endodontics
  - Clinical Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
  - Clinical Pediatric Dentistry
Year 3
Courses include content in
• Introduction to the Dental Profession
• Evidence-Based Dentistry in Clinical Practice
• Behavioral Science
• Special Needs Dentistry
• Comprehensive Treatment Planning
• Oral Medicine
• Oral and Maxillofacial Diagnosis
• Common Oral Conditions
• Periodontology
• Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
• Implant Restorative Dentistry
• Cosmetic Dentistry
• Orthodontic Clinical Comanagement Program
• Advanced Clinical Occlusion
• Temporomandibular Dysfunction
• Comprehensive Patient Care
  - Radiology Clinic
  - Clinical Periodontology
  - Clinical Restorative Dentistry
  - Clinical Fixed Prosthodontics
  - Clinical Removable Prosthodontics
  - Clinical Endodontics
  - Clinical Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
  - Clinical Pediatric Dentistry
  - Clinical Emergency Dentistry
  - QA/Recare—Assessment of Treatment
  - Clinical Community Dentistry
  - Extramural Primary Care Rotations

Course and curriculum outline are subject to change.

Year 4
Courses include content in
• Advanced Comprehensive Treatment Planning
• Advanced Techniques in Pain and Anxiety Control
• Practice Management
• Regional Board Preparation
• Oral Manifestations of Disease
• Clinical Oral Medicine Case Presentations
• Comprehensive Patient Care
  - Radiology Clinic
  - Clinical Periodontology
  - Clinical Restorative Dentistry
  - Clinical Fixed Prosthodontics
  - Clinical Removable Prosthodontics
  - Clinical Endodontics
  - Clinical Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
  - Clinical Pediatric Dentistry
  - Clinical Emergency Dentistry
  - QA/Recare—Assessment of Treatment
  - Clinical Community Dentistry
  - Extramural Primary Care Rotations
• Honors Courses
  - Honors Oral Medicine
  - Honors Endodontics
  - Honors Pediatric Dentistry
  - Honors Prosthodontics
  - Honors Program in Orthodontics and Facial Orthopedics
• Elective Courses
  - Advanced Elective in Endodontics
  - CAD/CAM Elective
  - Forensic Odontology Elective
  - Cone Beam CT Elective
  - Dentistry in Sleep Medicine
Extramural and community programs are designed to enhance students’ clinical skills while exposing them to a broad spectrum of patients from diverse socioeconomic backgrounds.

Students attend rotations in various clinics throughout their third and fourth years. These include:

- Community Health Centers
- HIV Clinics
- Department of Health Centers
- Domestic Violence Shelters
- Pediatric Facilities

NSU-CDM students will be involved in providing dental treatment to patients under the direct supervision of a faculty member. In addition, all students will be expected to comply with the general rules and dental ethics established by the American Dental Association and Nova Southeastern University College of Dental Medicine.

It is the program’s intention that, through these experiential learning opportunities, students will gain a better appreciation and understanding of how cultural and economic determinants affect the ways through which patient’s access and utilize dental care and how different environments require modification to the standard mode of delivery of dental services.
The College of Dental Medicine’s research vision is to develop, advance, and disseminate knowledge of oral health sciences and related fields to benefit society. The College of Dental Medicine’s research program strives to promote our academic growth and scientific reputation through interdisciplinary research and the integration of basic, clinical, translational, public health, and educational research. By collaborating and sharing information with other units within the university—as well as with other university, federal, and private organizations—enhancing our facilities, and recruiting distinguished faculty members, the college strives to be a global leader in research and education.

Our goal is to develop and sustain a research program of distinction by engaging our faculty members and students in research. Our research efforts are directed toward meeting the needs of the health sciences community, as well as the public-at-large. Current research at the College of Dental Medicine is focused around biomaterials, clinical product testing, regenerative medicine bioscience, epidemiology, and the health services. Predoctoral students are encouraged to do research and have ample opportunity to get involved in research throughout the school year. All postdoctoral students must do research, and are encouraged to do research within their chosen specialty.
The College of Dental Medicine selects students based on preprofessional academic performance, Dental Admission Test (DAT) scores, a personal interview, a written application, and letters of evaluation. Having a bachelor's degree is preferred.

1. Prior to matriculation, applicants must have completed a minimum of 90 semester hours of coursework from a regionally accredited college or university. Not more than 60 semester hours from community or junior college will be applied to the 90-semester-hour minimum.

2. Students should have a cumulative grade point average of 3.25 or higher on a 4.0 scale. In addition, students should have a science grade point average of 3.25 or higher on a 4.0 scale. Students must have earned a grade of 2.0 or better in each of the required courses.

**Required Courses**

- Biology with lab ................................................. 8 semester hours
- Chemistry with lab ........................................ 8 semester hours
- Organic chemistry with lab ..................... 8 semester hours
- Physics with lab .................................................. 8 semester hours
- Biochemistry ....................................................... 3 semester hours
- Microbiology ...................................................... 3 semester hours

**Other Courses**

- English ................................................................. 6 semester hours

**Suggested Additional Preparation**

Courses should be selected to give students as broad and liberal an education as possible. However, applicants are encouraged to take these specific upper division courses in advanced sciences: anatomy, physiology, cell biology, molecular biology, histology, genetics, and immunology.

Upon review of a student's individual record, the committee on admissions may require additional coursework and testing as a condition of acceptance.

The dean may evaluate an applicant's qualifications and modify requirements in unusual circumstances.

Inquiries only should be directed to

Nova Southeastern University
College of Dental Medicine
Office of Admissions
3200 South University Drive
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33328-2018

Phone: (954) 262-1101 or 877-640-0218
Doctoral Program • Application Procedures

1. Nova Southeastern University College of Dental Medicine (NSU-CDM) uses the American Association of Dental Schools Application Service (AADSAS). AADSAS does not take part in student selection.

Applications are available from the American Association of Dental Schools Application Service
1625 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, sixth floor Washington, D.C. 20036-2212
Telephone: (202) 667-1886 or 800-353-2237

Applicants may also obtain their application through adea.org.
Candidates may choose to either fill out an electronic application or download a paper application.

Materials to be mailed to AADSAS by December 1 include
• AADSAS application
• an official transcript from the registrar of each college or university in which the student was enrolled (mailed directly by the college to AADSAS)
• Dental Admission Test (DAT) scores
• evaluation forms

2. The applicant should mail the following to
Nova Southeastern University
Enrollment Processing Services
College of Dental Medicine, Office of Admissions
3301 College Avenue, P.O. Box 299000
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33329-9905

Transcripts can be sent electronically from the originating college/university to the following address:
electronictranscripts@nova.edu.

a. a nonrefundable application fee of $50

b. an evaluation by a preprofessional health adviser or committee from the applicant’s undergraduate institution {only if it was not previously sent to AADSAS}

If this evaluation cannot be provided, three individual letters of evaluation from undergraduate instructors may be sent to NSU [if they were not previously submitted to AADSAS]. Two of these should be from science instructors and the other one from a liberal arts instructor. If possible, these letters should be from faculty who know the applicant’s scholastic abilities and personal character; otherwise, they should be from individuals (nonrelatives) who can provide an evaluation to the committee on admissions.

c. a letter of evaluation from a dentist (highly recommended, but not required)

The supplementary application should be submitted electronically. If the applicant is unable to submit the supplementary application electronically, he or she should contact the dental admissions office at (954) 262-1108.

The deadline for Nova Southeastern University College of Dental Medicine’s supplementary application is December 31 for the class entering in August.

3. Upon receipt of the completed application and the required credentials, the committee on admissions will select applicants for interview. Those selected will be notified in writing of the time and place. All applicants who are admitted by the college must be interviewed, but an invitation to appear for an interview should not be construed by the applicant as evidence of acceptance. Notice of acceptance or other action by the committee on admissions will be on a rolling or periodic schedule; therefore, early completion of the application is in the best interest of the student.

A final transcript, documenting all courses taken, must be forwarded to the Office of Admissions prior to matriculation.

Incomplete applications will not be considered. If your file will not be complete prior to the deadline, please attach a statement to the NSU-CDM supplemental application for admission explaining what documents will be submitted after the deadline and the reasons for their delay. Decisions to review late applications are at the discretion of the Committee on Admissions.
Student Housing
Numerous apartments, condominiums, and other rental facilities are located near campus. Limited on-campus housing may be available. Information concerning housing may be obtained by contacting

Nova Southeastern University
Office of Residential Life and Housing
3301 College Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33314-7796

Telephone: (954) 262-7052

Doctoral Program • Tuition and Fees

Tuition for 2019–2020 will be posted on our website [dental.nova.edu]. A Health Professions Division general access fee of $145 is required each year. An NSU student services fee of $1,350 is also required annually. All tuition and fees are subject to change by the board of trustees without notice.

Eligible students must request in-state tuition on application. For tuition purposes, a student’s Florida residency status (in-state or out-of-state) will be determined at initial matriculation and will remain the same throughout the entire enrollment of the student at NSU. Accordingly, tuition will not be adjusted as a result of any change in residency status after initial enrollment registration.

1. Acceptance Fee—$1,000. This fee is required to reserve the accepted applicant’s place in the entering first-year class. This advance payment will be deducted from the tuition payment due on registration day, but is nonrefundable in the event of a withdrawal. Candidates accepted on or after December 2 have 30 days to pay their acceptance fee. Candidates accepted on or after January 1 have 30 days to pay their acceptance fee.

Applicants accepted on or after February 1 are required to submit their acceptance fee within 15 days. Applicants accepted after April 15 must pay their acceptance fee immediately.

2. Preregistration Fee—$1,000. This is due March 15 under the same terms as the acceptance fee.

The first semester’s tuition and fees, less the $2,000 previously paid, are due at the time of matriculation. Tuition for each subsequent semester is due on or before the appropriate registration day. Students will not be admitted until their financial obligations have been met. It is extremely important that applicants be committed to meeting their financial responsibilities during their four years of training. This should include tuition, living expenses, books, equipment, and miscellaneous expenses.

It is mandated that each student carry adequate personal medical and hospital insurance. Students may avail themselves of the hospitalization insurance plan obtainable through the university.
Students should anticipate the following approximate expenses:

- **For Books**
  - First year: $2,000
  - Second year: $1,800
  - Third year: $1,700
  - Fourth year: $1,600

- **For Instruments and Equipment**
  - First year: $15,200
  - Second year: $12,900
  - Third year: $7,900
  - Fourth year: $6,900

Students will be required to have a personal laptop of their choice that will meet needed specifications to accommodate the program requirements. These specifications will be sent to students under separate cover upon final acceptance.

These costs are equivalent to those at other private dental schools. Living expenses are estimated at $21,500 for a 12-month academic year. The primary financial responsibility for a student's education rests with the student and his or her family. However, economic circumstances for some families may make it necessary for the student to obtain assistance from other sources.

The Office of Student Financial Assistance at Nova Southeastern University is there to help as many qualified students as possible to complete their education. Various loans, scholarships, and grants are available to qualified students to help ease the cost of a health professions education. These financial assistance programs are described on our website [nova.edu/financialaid].

For information on financial assistance, contact

Nova Southeastern University
Office of Student Financial Assistance
3301 College Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33314-7796
(954) 262-3380

For general information about financial aid, call 800-806-3680.

Opportunities for a limited number of part-time work assignments are available. However, the demands of a program of professional study limit the number of hours that a student can work.
In order to address the access to care issue and meet the needs of underserved populations, Nova Southeastern University’s College of Dental Medicine and College of Osteopathic Medicine have structured a curriculum that provides students with an opportunity to receive a D.M.D. (Doctor of Dental Medicine) and a D.O. (Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine) degree. This D.O./D.M.D. Dual-Degree Program is symbiotic with the missions of both schools. Graduates of this program will be prepared to use a totally holistic approach to health care that will address preventive medicine and general dentistry, as well as access to care issues, and meet the needs of the rural and underserved populations.

Program Requirements

Upon acceptance, the D.O./D.M.D. Dual-Degree Program Oversight Committee, consisting of faculty members from the College of Dental Medicine and the College of Osteopathic Medicine, will advise and monitor program matriculants. Students will be required to complete the prescribed curriculum in its entirety. Should a student elect not to continue in the collaborative D.O./D.M.D. program, the student can only continue on a track to complete the degree program into which he or she was initially accepted. Similarly, if a student wishes to continue in the program in which he or she was not initially accepted, the matriculant must submit a new admissions application to that program, following the standards and guidelines as stated in the specific NSU admissions brochure and catalog.

Application and Acceptance Process

Interested individuals can apply to NSU’s medical or dental schools through their respective centralized application service (AACOMAS or AADSAS) and must indicate an interest in the D.O./D.M.D. Dual-Degree Program on the NSU Secondary Application.

Students must be accepted by the college they applied to in order to be considered for the D.O./D.M.D. Dual-Degree Program. Upon acceptance to the respective college, students expressing an interest in the program will be contacted and invited to interview.

Only a select number of motivated students who have attained the highest academic standards and embody the spirit of this collaborative initiative will be considered.

NSU continues to be on the cutting edge of curriculum development when it comes to graduating future health care professionals, such as those who will graduate from the dentist/physician program and who can address access to care in the most holistic—and compassionate—manner possible.
International Dental Graduate Program

The College of Dental Medicine has a limited number of openings in a 39-month program for graduates of non-U.S. dental schools who wish to earn a U.S. dental degree in order to qualify for licensure in the United States.

Admissions Requirements

The College of Dental Medicine selects students based on academic records, letters of evaluation, a minimum qualifying score of 80 [computer generated] on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), a Pass score on Part I of the National Board Dental Examination, a translated GPA of the U.S. equivalent of 3.0, a personal interview, a psychomotor bench test, and a clinical case presentation. The psychomotor bench test and clinical case presentation may include the following: Canadian wax carving examination, typodont tooth preparation and restoration in amalgam, and typodont tooth preparation for a full metal crown. The clinical case presentation will consist of an oral presentation related to a clinical scenario. In order to participate in the bench-test, a qualifying score on the TOEFL Exam and the National Board of Dental Examination, Part 1, must be received by the Office of Admissions prior to the date of the benchtest examination.

All materials needed for the above will be provided by NSU-CDM. The fee for this psychomotor bench test will be $2,500. This fee is in addition to the tuition for the international dental graduate program, should you be selected for admission.

Tuition, Fees, and Expenses

Tuition for 2019–2020 will be posted on our website [dental.nova.edu]. A microscope/lab fee of $125 per year is required of all students. A Health Professions Division general access fee of $145 is required each year. An NSU student services fee of $1,350 is also required annually. All tuition and fees are subject to change by the board of trustees without notice.

Acceptance/Preregistration Fee $2,000. This fee is required to reserve the accepted applicant’s place in the entering first-year international dental graduate class. This advance payment will be deducted from the tuition payment due upon registration, but is not refundable in the event of withdrawal.

The first semester’s tuition and fees, less the $2,000 previously paid, are due on or before registration day. Tuition for each subsequent semester is due on or before the appropriate registration day. Students will not be admitted until their financial obligations have been met. It is extremely important that applicants be committed to meeting their financial responsibilities during their four years of training. This should include tuition, living expenses, books, equipment, and miscellaneous expenses.

It is mandated that each student carry adequate personal medical and hospital insurance. Students may avail themselves of the hospitalization insurance plan obtainable through the university. Upon entering the program, students will purchase all necessary instruments, equipment, and an NSU-specific laptop computer required of all first- and second-year predoctoral students.

Students should anticipate the following approximate expenses:

- For Books
  - First year $1,800
  - Second year $1,700
  - Third year $1,600

- For Instruments and Equipment
  - First year $23,900
  - Second year $6,900
  - Third year $6,900
International Dental Graduate Program

Application Procedures

1. The applicant should mail the following materials to the Enrollment Processing Services (EPS) by January 1:
   • the completed College of Dental Medicine application for the International Dental Graduate Program
   • a nonrefundable application fee of $50
   • official score from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)

2. The applicant must arrange for the following to be sent directly to the EPS by January 1:
   • one official transcript sent directly from each college, professional school, or university attended, if coursework was taken at a U.S. institution
   
   Coursework taken at foreign institutions must be evaluated for U.S. institution equivalence by an approved National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES) organization, such as one of the services listed below.

   - World Education Services, Inc.
     Bowling Green Station
     P.O. Box 5087
     New York, New York 10274-5087
     (212) 966-6311 • wes.org

   - Josef Silny & Associates, Inc.
     7101 SW 102nd Avenue
     Miami, Florida 33173
     (305) 273-1616 • (305) 273-1338 fax
     jsilny.org

   - Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc.
     P.O. Box 514070
     Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53203-3470
     (414) 289-3400 • ece.org

   It is the applicant’s responsibility to have this coursework evaluated. An official course-by-course evaluation with a cumulative grade point average must be sent directly from the evaluation service to NSU’s Enrollment Processing Services.

3. Please request that the secretary of the National Board of Dental Examiners forward your scores for Part I and Part II (if taken) of the examination to the Office of Admissions. The National Board of Dental Examiners is located at 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60611.

4. Three letters of evaluation are required. They may be completed by dental school faculty members who are well acquainted with the applicant’s abilities or by individuals who can provide information relevant to the applicant’s potential. All materials should be sent to

   Nova Southeastern University
   Enrollment Processing Services
   College of Dental Medicine, Office of Admissions
   3301 College Avenue, P.O. Box 299000
   Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33329-9905

   Transcripts can be sent electronically from the originating college/university to the following address: electronictranscripts@nova.edu.
The College of Dental Medicine developed postdoctoral specialty training programs in several fields, starting in the fall of 1997. There are training positions available in endodontics, operative dentistry, orthodontics, pediatric dentistry, periodontology, prosthodontics, oral and maxillofacial surgery, and advanced education in general dentistry, as well as a Master of Science (M.S.) degree.

These programs are supervised by board certified and educationally qualified dental specialists. Detailed information may be obtained from the Office of the Dean.

The postdoctoral programs in endodontics, orthodontics, pediatric dentistry, periodontology, prosthodontics, oral and maxillofacial surgery, and advanced education in general dentistry are fully accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation.

### Advanced Education in General Dentistry
The Department of Community Dentistry offers an accredited advanced education in general dentistry (AEGD) residency program. The AEGD program is based in two eight-chair clinics at the North Miami Beach campus. The optional second year is devoted primarily to special needs dentistry. The didactic portion of the program includes a core science curriculum, designed to give all postdoctoral students an advanced interdisciplinary education, and a detailed general practice curriculum for the AEGD students. Often, off-site rotations are included to expand the range of experiences available. The program does not charge tuition and offers no stipends. Professional liability insurance is provided.

Information about occupations related to this certificate program, program cost, and length of the program can be found at [http://dental.nova.edu/aegd/tuition.html](http://dental.nova.edu/aegd/tuition.html).

### Advanced General and Special Needs Dentistry
The Department of Community and Public Health Sciences offers a one-year, postgraduate certificate in Advanced General and Special Needs Dentistry. The goal of this certificate program is to provide the oral health practitioner with the skills to treat patients with special health needs. These needs may include those resulting from a range of developmental disabilities; acquired disabilities; or chronic, complex medical conditions.

Didactic and clinical training will prepare postgraduate students for patient evaluation and assessment of a patient’s health and his or her cognitive and mobility status. The expectation is that students will become comfortable with, and proficient in, assessing patients’ abilities to withstand and participate in their own care while providing services to patients with a range of intellectual, physical, or behavioral challenges.

Students’ knowledge and patient-management skills, with respect to individuals with special health needs, is gained through an advanced, multidisciplinary approach, working primarily with faculty members within the College of Dental Medicine, as well as additional resources in NSU and at affiliated programs and sites.
Postdoctoral Endodontics

The postdoctoral program in endodontics is a 24-month certificate program that balances clinical experience with didactic instruction in the relevant basic and clinical sciences.

The clinical portion of the program is microscopically oriented, providing the student with modern concepts of endodontic treatment including rotary NiTi instrumentation, electronic apex locators, guided tissue regeneration, ultrasonics, and use of digital radiography (including cone beam computed tomography). Joint conferences with other disciplines such as periodontics, prosthodontics, pediatric dentistry, otolaryngology, and neurology provide the student with a well-rounded basis to diagnose and treat conditions in the head and neck region.

The didactic portion of the program includes a core curriculum designed to provide all postdoctoral students with a basic interdisciplinary education and a detailed endodontic curriculum that concentrates heavily on knowledge of the literature. The program is designed to fulfill the specialty certification of the American Board of Endodontics. The program also includes research, teaching, instruction by several well-known visiting professors, and a one-week surgical externship at international institutions that are affiliated with the NSU College of Dental Medicine.

Information about occupations related to this certificate program, program cost, and length of the program can be found at http://dental.nova.edu/endo/tuition.html.

Postdoctoral Operative Dentistry

The Department of Cariology and Restorative Dentistry offers a 24-month postdoctoral training program that is designed to fulfill the certification requirements of the American Board of Operative Dentistry. Residents are simultaneously enrolled in the Operative Dentistry Program and the Master of Science (M.S.) degree. A Certificate in Operative Dentistry and a Master of Science (M.S.) degree are awarded upon completion of the required core didactic courses, clinical competency program, and research project (including successful defense of a thesis). The program is consistent with the objectives set forth in the ADEA (formerly AADS) Curriculum Guidelines for Postdoctoral Operative Dentistry (J Dent Educ 1993; 57: 832–836).

The Postdoctoral Operative Dentistry Program provides graduate students with the opportunity to enhance their knowledge in three main areas: research, clinical training, and teaching. Participants pursue highly intensive clinical training while simultaneously following a rigorous, research-oriented academic curriculum.

The American Dental Association has recognized operative dentistry as an interest area in general dentistry. This recognition of operative dentistry as an interest area provides a more appropriate naming that enhances and advances operative dentistry postdoctoral education opportunities and research.

Information about occupations related to this certificate program, program cost, and length of the program can be found at http://dental.nova.edu/operative-dentistry/index.html.
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Postdoctoral Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
Nova Southeastern University, in conjunction with Broward General Medical Center, offers a four-year program in oral and maxillofacial surgery sponsored by the College of Dental Medicine. This clinical and didactic program is designed to meet the accreditation standards set forth by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association and certification requirements of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.

The program has been designed to give residents a broad academic and didactic experience in the complete spectrum of oral and maxillofacial surgery. To increase the scope of the residents’ training and to maximize available clinical exposure, rotations through a multi-hospital network, including two level-one trauma centers and two outpatient clinics, will provide the core teaching sites of the program. Residents will gain experience in the full scope of oral and maxillofacial surgery with particular strengths in the areas of maxillofacial trauma, reconstruction, cleft and craniofacial surgery, cosmetic maxillofacial surgery, temporomandibular joint procedures, and implant surgery. Residents are assigned to formal rotations in anesthesia, medicine, general surgery, trauma surgery, plastics, and head and neck surgery.

The curriculum is designed to develop the clinical, academic, and communicative skills that will provide for diversified career options. Graduates of the program will be prepared to pursue a contemporary full scope oral and maxillofacial surgery practice and be prepared for licensure and the rigors of specialty board examination.

Information about occupations related to this certificate program, program cost, and length of the program can be found at http://dental.nova.edu/oralsurgery/index.html. Click on the link at the bottom of the web page for browardhealth.org.

Postdoctoral Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics
The Department of Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics offers a 36-month, combined certificate-master’s degree program. The postdoctoral training is designed to fulfill the specialty certification requirements of the American Board of Orthodontics, with an emphasis on clinical training.

Comprehensive lectures in the relevant basic sciences, as well as seminars and case conferences in the clinical art and science of orthodontics, comprise one component of the program. The program’s other component includes clinical treatment of adults, adolescents, and children to enable the student to gain knowledge and develop proficiency in the use of basic edgewise and other appliances. Interdisciplinary conferences and coordinated treatment procedures of complex cases with postdoctoral endodontic, periodontic and prosthodontic students are part of the educational experience. Analysis and treatment in orthognathic surgery and craniofacial anomaly cases are part of the program.

Orthodontic and dentofacial orthopedics residents will be required to complete their master’s degree in order to receive their certificate. Orthodontic and dentofacial orthopedics residents will be responsible for all additional fees associated with attaining their master’s degrees.

Information about occupations related to this certificate program, program cost, and length of the program can be found at http://dental.nova.edu/ortho/tuition.html.

Postdoctoral Pediatric Dentistry
The Department of Pediatric Dentistry offers a 24-month postdoctoral program in pediatric dentistry. The program is designed to prepare the student to fulfill the specialty certification of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry. This university-based training program includes significant hospital and extramural affiliation in South Florida.

Lectures, seminars, and multidisciplinary conferences related to pediatric patients and their dental treatments are conducted. Students are trained in hospital and operating room protocol including the use of general anesthetics. They also serve as instructors in the predoctoral laboratory and clinic. An original research project must be completed by each student.

Upon successful completion of the program requirements, a certificate in pediatric dentistry is awarded.

The application deadline for all required materials is September 1.
In addition to the Postdoctoral Certificate in Pediatric Dentistry, residents can also concurrently earn the Master of Science degree. Information on that degree can be found on this page.

Information about occupations related to this certificate program, program cost, and length of the program can be found at http://dental.nova.edu/pediatrics/tuition.html.

Postdoctoral Periodontology
The 36-month advanced specialty education program in periodontology is designed to provide graduates with the knowledge and skills that will prepare them for successful careers in clinical practice, research, and/or education. The didactic portion of the program includes core courses as previously listed and small group seminars in classic literature, current literature, implant dentistry, immunology of periodontal diseases, advanced treatment planning, advanced surgical therapy, and intravenous moderate sedation. Clinical experiences are strongly emphasized in all aspects of surgical and nonsurgical periodontal therapy, as well as implant dentistry—which includes the restorative and the surgical aspects. Graduates are well prepared to successfully complete the examinations for Board Certification by the American Board of Periodontology. Most graduates take these exams within one year of graduation.

In addition to the Certificate in Postgraduate Periodontology, residents can also concurrently obtain the Master of Science in Dentistry degree. Information on that degree can be found on this page. More information related to this certificate program, program cost, and length of the program can be found at http://dental.nova.edu/pediatrics/tuition.html.

Postdoctoral Prosthodontics
The 36-month postdoctoral program in prosthodontics is open to all dental school graduates. Internship or residency experience is preferred, but not required. In addition to the didactic core curriculum, the program offers a series of in-depth seminars covering all aspects of prosthodontics, implant dentistry, periodontics, and state-of-the-art technology on digital dentistry. The student is expected to become competent in the placement and restoration of dental implants. Students are prepared and encouraged to pursue specialty certification of the American Board of Prosthodontics. Residents can obtain the Master of Science degree (information below) as well as the Certificate in Postgraduate Prosthodontics.

Information about occupations related to this certificate program, costs, length of the program, and the Master of Science degree can be found at http://dental.nova.edu/prosthodontics/tuition.html.

Master of Science
The goal of the Master of Science program in the College of Dental Medicine (CDM) is to provide advanced training in study design and research methodology to students enrolled in one of the College of Dental Medicine’s postdoctoral programs. All master’s degree candidates are required to complete a core curriculum of courses, emphasis tract courses, a research study, and a research thesis. Topics selected for research in this program may vary widely and include aspects of advanced biological science, material science, oral health epidemiology, and issues related to oral health and disease.

Master’s degree program graduates will have learned critical thinking and developed skills enabling pursuit of further research activities and academic careers. Postdoctoral students enrolled in the master’s degree program are expected to concurrently fulfill the requirements for both the postdoctoral program certification and the Master of Science degree research program (M.S.).

The orthodontic and operative dentistry departments require completion of the Master of Science degree in partial fulfillment of the postgraduate certificate program graduation requirements. However, postgraduate students enrolled in any of the other CDM postgraduate departments may apply and participate in the M.S. as well.

It is anticipated that students who are accepted into the master’s degree program will complete the program requirements within two to three years.

Application to the M.S. program is made through the online application web portal. Final decisions regarding a student’s participation in this master’s degree program are at the dean’s discretion.

Postdoctoral Anticipated Expenses
Equipment costs for each program will be equal to or less than the average for all U.S. dental schools.
The College of Dental Medicine selects students based on application content, academic record, letters of recommendation, and a personal interview. Most of our programs utilize the PASS application process, with the exception of Endodontics. We do require an NSU College of Dental Medicine application for postdoctoral students for all specialties. Please refer to the program specific requirements located on our website [dental.nova.edu](dental.nova.edu).

Prior to matriculation, applicants must have completed a D.M.D., D.D.S., or an equivalent degree.

The applicant must send or arrange to have sent the following to NSU EPS at the address below:

1. the completed College of Dental Medicine application for postdoctoral students
2. a nonrefundable application fee of $50
3. an official transcript from each college, professional school, or university attended (The final transcript from the college or school of dental medicine must certify completion of the dental degree.)

Coursework taken at foreign institutions must be evaluated for U.S. institution equivalence by an approved National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES) organization, such as one of the services listed below.

**World Education Services, Inc.**
Bowling Green Station
P.O. Box 5087
New York, New York 10274-5087
(212) 966-6311 • wes.org

**Josef Silny & Associates, Inc.**
7101 SW 102nd Avenue
Miami, Florida 33173
(305) 273-1616 • (305) 273-1338 fax
jsilny.org

**Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc.**
P.O. Box 514070
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53203-3470
(414) 289-3400 • ece.org

It is the applicant’s responsibility to have this coursework evaluated. An official course-by-course evaluation with a cumulative grade point average must be sent directly from the evaluation service to NSU’s Enrollment Processing Services.

4. official National Board of Medical Examiners Comprehensive Basic Science Examination scores (postdoctoral oral and maxillofacial surgery applicants only)

5. official Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores (postdoctoral orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics)

   The NSU code is 5522. GRE scores must be less than three years old prior to the applicant’s matriculation.

6. official National Board scores

   Part 1 scores are required for Endodontic applicants.

   Part 1 and Part 2 scores are required for Advanced Education in General Dentistry applicants and Pediatric Dentistry applicants who have graduated from CODA-accredited dental schools. Only Part 1 scores are required for Pediatric Dentistry applicants from non-CODA-accredited dental schools.

7. three letters of recommendation

   For those programs using the PASS application process, applicants may also submit up to five Personal Potential Indexes (PPI) with the PASS application. The letters must be completed by dental school faculty members who are well acquainted with the applicant’s abilities or by individuals who can provide information relevant to the applicant’s potential.

All materials should be sent to

Nova Southeastern University
Enrollment Processing Services
College of Dental Medicine, Office of Admissions
3301 College Avenue, P.O. Box 299000
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33329-9905

Transcripts can be sent electronically from the originating college/university to the following address:

electronictranscripts@nova.edu
It is important to check the NSU-CDM website (dental.nova.edu/) for any additional information or required documentation for program-specific requirements.

Upon receipt of the completed application and the required credentials, the director of each postdoctoral program, along with the Committee on Admissions, will select applicants for interview. Those selected will be notified in writing. Not all applicants will be granted an interview. All applicants who are admitted to the college must be interviewed, but an invitation to appear for an interview should not be construed as evidence of acceptance. Some programs accept students on a rolling admissions basis.

The accepted candidate must participate in an orientation program that generally begins the first week of July (the date may change). The orientation program presents the entering resident with a wide range of administrative and clinical information including NSU-CDM and program-specific policies and procedures, HIPAA and compliance training, utilization of the electronic dental record, implant dentistry, infection control policies, utilization of dental lasers, physical evaluation of patients, and other important topics. Many of the topics are regulatory in nature. It is required that they be successfully completed before the resident begins treating patients in the clinic. Therefore, attendance is mandatory.

If the accepted postgraduate resident does not matriculate on the specified date, admission to the program may be deferred at the discretion of NSU-CDM or withdrawn, in which case, the individual would have to reapply for admission for the following year.

**Tuition and Fees**

Tuition for 2019–2020 will be posted on our website (dental.nova.edu). A Health Professions Division general access fee of $145 is required each year. An NSU student services fee of $1,350 is also required annually. All tuition and fees are subject to change by the board of trustees without notice.

**Acceptance/Preregistration Fee—$2,000 (Endodontics—$4,000).**

This fee is required to reserve the accepted applicant’s place in the entering first-year postdoctoral class. This advance payment will be deducted from the tuition payment due on registration day, but is not refundable in the event of a withdrawal. It is payable within two weeks of an applicant’s acceptance.

The first semester’s tuition and fees, less the $2,000 (Endodontics—$4,000) deposit previously paid, are due on or before matriculation. Tuition for each subsequent semester is due on or before the appropriate registration day. Students will not be admitted until their financial obligations have been met. It is extremely important that applicants be committed to meeting their financial responsibilities during their four years of training. This should include tuition, living expenses, books, equipment, and miscellaneous expenses.

It is required that each student carry adequate personal medical and hospital insurance. Students may avail themselves of the hospitalization insurance plan obtainable through the university.
Master of Science in Dental Medicine

Admissions Requirements

Those applying for entry into the Master of Science program as full degree-seeking candidates must meet the following eligibility requirements:

1. Applicants must be matriculated in a CDM clinical training program.

2. Applicants are required to submit a 250–300-word letter of interest in this program articulating their career plan, capabilities, and areas of scientific interest, along with two letters of reference from individuals familiar with the candidate’s aptitude to perform adequately at a graduate level.

Applicants are expected to come from the pool of approximately 60 graduate specialty certificate candidates (residents) enrolled each year in advanced education in general dentistry, periodontology, prosthetics, endodontics, orthodontics, pediatric dentistry, or oral surgery.

3. Applicants must complete and submit the application for admission to the program and submit a description of their proposed research projects.

Tuition and Fees

Tuition for 2019–2020 will be posted on our website [dental.nova.edu]. A Health Professions Division general access fee of $145 is required each year. An NSU student services fee of $1,350 is also required annually. All tuition and fees are subject to change by the board of trustees without notice.

It is required that each student carry adequate personal medical and hospital insurance. Students may avail themselves of the hospitalization insurance plan obtainable through the university.

Accreditations

The predoctoral programs in dentistry and postdoctoral programs in advanced education in general dentistry, endodontics, orthodontics, oral and maxillofacial surgery, periodontology, pediatric dentistry, and prosthodontics are accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation. The Commission is a specialized accrediting body recognized by the United States Department of Education. The Commission on Dental Accreditation can be contacted at (312) 440-4653 or at 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611.

Nova Southeastern University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award associate’s, baccalaureate, master’s, educational specialist, doctorate, and professional degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of Nova Southeastern University.

Nondiscrimination

Consistent with all federal and state laws, rules, regulations, and/or local ordinances (e.g., Title VII, Title VI, Title III, Title II, Rehab Act, ADA, and Title IX), it is the policy of Nova Southeastern University not to engage in any discrimination or harassment against any individuals because of race, color, religion or creed, sex, pregnancy status, national or ethnic origin, nondisqualifying disability, age, ancestry, marital status, sexual orientation, unfavorable discharge from the military, veteran status, or political beliefs or affiliations, and to comply with all federal and state nondiscrimination, equal opportunity, and affirmative action laws, orders, and regulations.

This nondiscrimination policy applies to admissions; enrollment; scholarships; loan programs; athletics; employment; and access to, participation in, and treatment in all university centers, programs, and activities. NSU admits students of any race, color, religion or creed, sex, pregnancy status, national or ethnic origin, nondisqualifying disability, age, ancestry, marital status, sexual orientation, unfavorable discharge from the military, veteran status, or political beliefs or affiliations, to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at NSU, and does not discriminate in the administration of its educational policies, admission policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.