

A photograph of three dental professionals in a clinical setting performing a procedure on a patient. The professionals are wearing blue surgical gowns, masks, and caps. One professional in the center is wearing a green gown and purple gloves, and has a name tag that reads "Jennifer" and "Orthodontics". The patient is lying back in a dental chair, and various dental instruments are visible. A white text box in the upper left corner contains the text "Where will your dental specialty take you?".

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Advanced Graduate Education



HARVARD
School of Dental Medicine

About Advanced Graduate Education at HSDM

Harvard School of Dental Medicine's (HSDM) Advanced Graduate Education (AGE) programs offer outstanding postdoctoral opportunities in numerous dental specialties. Our programs offer the opportunity to earn a Master of Medical Sciences or Doctor of Medical Sciences degree, and/or a certificate in a specialty field. Graduates of HSDM go on to become leaders in their specialties as well as in academia, research, public health, and global health.



Why Choose Harvard School of Dental Medicine?

As an Advanced Graduate Education (AGE) candidate at Harvard School of Dental Medicine, you will have an unparalleled opportunity to draw on the resources of a world-renowned university, as well as the affiliated medical institutions and research institutes of the broader Harvard community and Greater Boston area.



Clinical Experience As an AGE student, your clinical training takes place at HSDM and affiliated sites, such as Massachusetts General Hospital and Boston Children's Hospital.



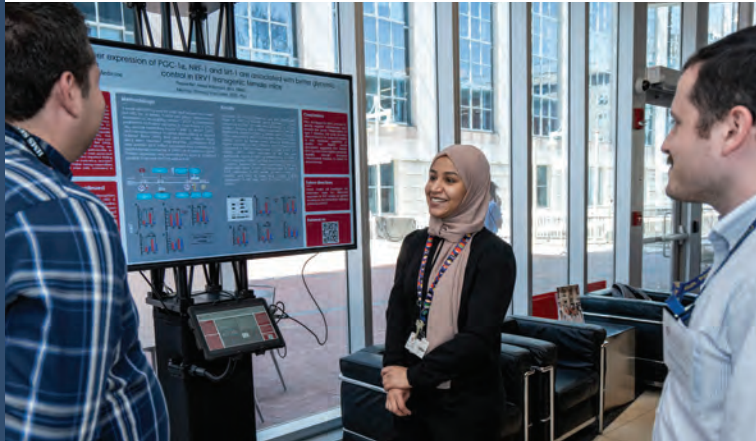
Oral Biology Courses Coursework in oral biology provides each graduate student with a strong scientific background. Students choose from a group of oral biology core courses offered at HSDM. Courses in the basic sciences such as anatomy, biochemistry, molecular biology, immunology, and biomaterials are also offered at Harvard Medical School, the Harvard Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.



Research At HSDM, we strive to set the international standard and pace for basic research discoveries, clinical applications, and research training at the heart of dental medicine. With our own clinical and research labs onsite, we offer a unique emphasis on basic and clinical research combined with exemplary patient care.

“A truly memorable three years. I will always cherish the relationships that were fostered and lifelong friends that were made. HSDM is a remarkable place.”

— Dr. Mahmoud Hamad,
Periodontology graduate



HSDM-Based Programs

Advanced Education in General Dentistry Rural Track

Get advanced training in treating underserved and vulnerable populations in rural areas. This program aims to expand the pipeline of dental professionals in New Hampshire. Residents have the opportunity to rotate through healthcare locations throughout the state providing emergency and multidisciplinary comprehensive oral health care and directing health promotion and disease prevention activities.

Dental Education

Become a leader in dental education who can drive change to meet advances in the field. This program will prepare you to collaborate with educators in and outside of the health care professions, become a mentor to students and faculty, create curriculum design, conduct research in education, and apply the concepts learned in this program to future teaching and learning in your field of interest.

Dental Public Health (DPH)

Improve the oral health of populations by becoming a dental public health specialist. This program focuses on evidence-based research methods, disease prevention, oral health services delivery systems, program administration, and health policy.

DPH Rural Track Option

Gain experience treating the oral health needs of underserved and vulnerable populations in rural areas. Based in New Hampshire, the program aims to expand the pipeline of dental professionals in the state, and create opportunities for dentists to become more proficient in providing quality health care focused on population health.

Endodontics

Develop an extensive background in the biological sciences, research methodology, and teaching. This broad-based educational program prepares endodontists for careers in specialty clinical practice, research, and academics.

Geriatrics

Gain expertise in treating older patients with skill, experience, and knowledge. This multidisciplinary program in dentistry, medicine, and mental/behavioral health trains dentists in the care of older adults with a focus on underserved populations. Through this program you will be prepared to competently treat patients in institutional, community, and/or private settings.

Oral Medicine

Join an intensive training program designed for dentists who are committed to pursuing a full-time academic and/or institutional career in oral medicine. Clinical training is based at Brigham and Women's Hospital and Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, where you will gain extensive experience with the diagnosis and management of medically-complex cases including oral mucosal diseases, salivary gland disorders, bone pathology, and orofacial pain conditions.

Orthodontics

Gain advanced technical skills and a comprehensive scientific foundation to carry out ethical, patient-centered, evidence-based orthodontic treatment. The program fosters innovation and advances the orthodontic specialty through cutting-edge clinical and translational research in areas that include 3D imaging, virtual planning, custom appliances, and clear aligners therapy.

Periodontology

Become a leader in clinical practice and research through a program that emphasizes evidence-based biological concepts, comprehensive clinical experiences, and scholarly investigation. Gain comprehensive clinical experience in oral medicine, periodontology, regenerative science, and implantology.

Prosthodontics

Gain a thorough understanding of the biological sciences, clinical sciences, research methodology, and teaching to become a highly competent prosthodontist. This broad-based program will provide you with excellent training for a career in specialty clinical practice, research, and/or academics.

Oral Biology Research

Gain intensive research training and experience under the mentorship of world-renowned scientists. This program leading to a DMSc degree, educates academic researchers in oral and craniofacial biology and skeletogenesis.

Affiliated Programs

General Practice Residency/CHA

Gain didactic and clinical experience through general practice dental and medical training in a community health setting at Cambridge Health Alliance. In this program, you will have opportunities in primary preventive care.

General Practice Residency/VA

Experience all phases of ambulatory and inpatient dental care in a health care setting through a residency at the Department of Veteran Affairs in the Boston Healthcare System. This program will offer you the opportunity to complete rotations in oral and maxillofacial surgery, anesthesiology, and internal medicine.

General Practice Residency/MGH

Gain clinical and educational experience with an emphasis on comprehensive dental care and hospital dentistry in a residency that combines the resources of top Harvard-affiliated institutions, including Massachusetts General Hospital, Brigham and Women's Hospital, and Brigham and Women's Faulkner Hospital.

Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

Join a six-year residency program that will qualify you for certification by the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. You will earn a medical degree from Harvard Medical School and complete a 16-month residency in general surgery at Massachusetts General Hospital.

Orofacial Pain Residency/MGH

Gain advanced training in orofacial pain and related conditions in a two-year hospital-based residency program. The program consists of clinical training with elective rotations through departments within the Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH)/Partners Healthcare System, including physical therapy, head and neck imaging, and neurosurgery. It includes a didactic program and teaching opportunities.

Pediatric Dentistry

Experience a full range of specialty training in early childhood dental caries prevention and management, oral facial trauma and emergency care, and advanced diagnostic and surgical procedures, in this program based at Boston Children's Hospital. You will also gain exposure to pediatric restorative dentistry, orthodontics, endodontics, and behavior guidance techniques, including nitrous oxide and sedation.

“Learning at Harvard—both at HSDM and at schools across campus—taught me an immeasurable amount about what it truly means to be a dental professional, a mentor, and a leader.”

— Dr. Morgan Simone Celistan,
Endodontics graduate



How do I apply?

Please refer to our website for program specific deadlines and application requirements at hsdm.harvard.edu/age-applicants

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PASS Most applicants first apply through the American Dental Education Association’s (ADEA) Postdoctoral Application Support Service (PASS) centralized application. Your application, transcripts, and letters of recommendation will be submitted via PASS. Additional information is available at adea.org
- 2

Supplemental Application Please refer to our website to find supplemental applications for programs at hsdm.harvard.edu/age-applicants
- 3

MATCH For Orthodontics, Prosthodontics, Pediatric Dentistry, and General Practice residencies, you will also need to enter the Postdoctoral Dental Matching Program (MATCH) at natmatch.com/dentres



AGE Admissions

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International Students

All applicants must submit official TOEFL scores from a test taken within the past two years. The minimum acceptable overall score is 95, with subcategory score minimums of Reading 21, Listening 17, Speaking 24, and Writing 25. The TOEFL exam can only be waived if both the bachelor’s degree and dental degree were obtained at English-speaking institutions in the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Ireland, or the United Kingdom. All international transcripts must be evaluated by a credentialing service.

Financial Aid

We make every effort to assist you and your family in making a Harvard University dental education a reality. Please see our website for more details on Financial Aid.

Harvard School of Dental Medicine does not discriminate against applicants or students on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry or any other protected classification.



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