

## **Special Orthodontic Program (one year)**

### **About the program**

This program is designed primarily to provide **foreign-trained orthodontists** with contemporary orthodontic knowledge and technique so that they will return after training to provide impetus for the further advancement of the orthodontic specialty in their home countries. The program will be individually tailored to provide the foreign-trained orthodontists with advanced knowledge in orthodontics.

A limited number of foreign-trained **dentists** may also be admitted. In this circumstance, the program will provide basic orthodontic knowledge and training. The goal is to give foreign-trained dentists opportunities to strengthen their applications to a formal postgraduate orthodontic program. Only candidates who has applied to our postgraduate Orthodontic Advanced Specialty Training Program (32 months) and were determined qualified but failed to obtain a “match” would be considered. However, participation in this program will in no way guarantee future acceptance into a postgraduate orthodontic program.

For those foreign dentists who wish to obtain an Illinois dental license and practice orthodontics in the state, they shall apply to the International Dentist Degree Program (IDDP) offered by the College of Dentistry. They could then apply to the Postgraduate Orthodontic program after obtaining the DMD degree.

The duration of the program is for one year, starting on the first Monday in June and ending on the last Friday in May of the next year. Those enrolled in the Special Orthodontic Program participants will participate in most of the courses and seminars taken by the first-year orthodontic residents, but without course credit. They will only be involved in treatment of patients who need limited orthodontic tooth movement.

The one-year program qualifies for F-1 visa status; consequently, the student can obtain a temporary training license from the State of Illinois and participate in clinical experiences.

### **Objectives of the program (for foreign-trained orthodontists)**

1. Provide foreign-trained orthodontists with contemporary orthodontic literature.
2. Provide them with opportunities to manage patients clinically with modern orthodontic techniques.
3. Provide them with research opportunities.

### **Objectives of the program (for foreign-trained dentists)**

1. Familiarize foreign-trained dentists with rigor of a postgraduate orthodontic program.
2. Identify and improve any deficiencies in their dental background.
3. Evaluate their potential for acceptance to a formal postgraduate orthodontic program

The program consists of three main components: The first component is didactics. The students will participate in lectures, seminars, and literature review classes on various orthodontic subjects. The second component utilizes typodont exercises designed to provide participants with hands-on experiences of treating a Class II malocclusion. It will also provide technical information about

finishing and detailing of orthodontic cases. The third component of the program is clinical observations and participation in limited (not comprehensive) orthodontic treatment.

Acceptance into the program will be on a rolling basis until the maximum number of three is reached. Interested foreign-trained dentists should contact the Department of Orthodontics. The applicant must provide a statement of interest together with a curriculum vita, copies of the dental program transcripts, and two letters of recommendation to Dr. Mohammed H. Elnagar, UIC Department of Orthodontics. Letters of recommendation must come from faculty of applicant's dental school. For more information, contact email: [ortho@uic.edu](mailto:ortho@uic.edu).

A continuing education verification of attendance will be awarded upon completion of the program. Continuing education credits will also be given. A maximum number of 75 continuing education credits will be given to each participant. This program is not designed to fulfill the educational requirements for a specialty diploma in Orthodontics as defined by the U.S. Commission on Dental Accreditation and will not qualify a foreign trained orthodontist for dental licensure in the United States.

### **Cost of the Program**

The tuition of the Special Orthodontic Program for the 2020-2021 academic year is \$42,000. Half of the non-refundable rate is required one week after being notified of acceptance into the observation program. The remaining half of the non-refundable balance is due on the first day of participation.

International continuing education students are required to purchase medical/accident insurance for themselves and their dependents from a recognized insurance company in the United States.

### **CE Credits**

A maximum number of 75 continuing education credits will be given.

### **Admission Requirements**

An applicant to this program must submit the following:

1. Cover letter, C.V., and original transcripts sealed and sent directly from the dental institution. If original transcripts are not in English, the applicant must submit a verified translated version.
2. Copy of applicant's Dental Diploma
3. Completed UIC Personal Statement (form can be downloaded from UIC Department of Orthodontics website)

### **Licensure**

Upon admittance to the program, participants in the one-year Special Orthodontic Program are required to obtain an Illinois training license from the State of Illinois. The licensure application process will be administered by the College of Dentistry's Office of Clinic Affairs. (Note: The one-year program qualifies for F-1 visa status; consequently, the student can obtain a temporary training license from the State of Illinois and participate in clinical experiences.)

### **HIPAA Training**

HIPAA (The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996) established a set of rules

governing privacy and confidentiality of all health care information. The federal government requires compliance and those associated with the delivery of health care must complete HIPAA training prior to any clinical activity.

In order to participate in the Special Orthodontics Program, all students are required to complete online UIC College of Dentistry HIPAA training prior to observing in the clinic or seeing patient records.

## **OSHA**

All participants are required to follow OSHA guidelines and complete the College of Dentistry training requirements.

## **Clinical Attire**

It is required that participants of the Special Orthodontic Program dress in professional attire as delineated in the Department's dress code. The participants will be provided with a disposable coat that is to be worn in the clinic only.

## **Principal Faculty**

Budi Kusnoto, DDS, MS, Program Director, Professor of Orthodontics

Mohammed H. Elnagar, DDS, MS, PhD. Assistant Professor of Orthodontics

Maria Therese Galang-Boquiren, DMD, MS, Associate Professor of Orthodontics

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## **The Process of Application:**

1. Contact Dr. Mohammed H. Elnagar for any questions. ([melnagar@uic.edu](mailto:melnagar@uic.edu), or 312-413-4132)
2. Complete PERSONAL STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION form (downloadable from the departmental website). Return with cover letter and supporting documents (two letters of recommendation, C.V., copy of diploma and official transcripts) to:

University of Illinois at Chicago  
College of Dentistry  
Department of Orthodontics M/C 841  
801 South Paulina Street  
Chicago, IL 60612 USA  
Phone: 312-996-7138  
Email: [ortho@uic.edu](mailto:ortho@uic.edu)

3. If selected, the applicant will be contacted regarding intended start date of the program.
4. Return the letter of acceptance and pay the required fee.
5. On the first day of the program, the student will be required to make the remaining payment, complete the HIPAA training, and learn clinical procedures. The program begins after meeting all of these requirements.