Program Description

This three-year certificate program provides the required educational background for candidates to take the certification examination of the American Board of Oral Pathology. Opportunities are available to pursue a Ph.D. degree in addition to the basic oral Pathology training in an interdisciplinary area. The program includes extensive didactic instruction and training in diagnostic pathology as a foundation for other aspects of the curriculum. A firm foundation in histopathology is provided through the surgical pathology service of the Section of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology and Oncology. In addition to the didactic curriculum, residents are involved in the department’s clinical programs in association with the Oral Medicine, Oral Oncology, Diagnostic Radiology and other College of Dentistry clinics. Ample opportunities for patient contact and care are provided.

Research is an important aspect of the program; each resident must design and complete a basic or clinical research project. Project results must be prepared for and submitted to a referred journal for publication. Although the major emphasis of this program is oral and maxillofacial pathology, residents with a special interest in oral medicine or maxillofacial radiology have the opportunity to pursue additional training in one of those fields. This flexibility meets individual interests and may enhance the graduate’s career opportunities in dental education. Each resident has opportunities to participate in the department’s undergraduate teaching program.

Rotations on the general surgical pathology and autopsy services of the Health Science Center Department of Pathology are basic and important aspects of the program. Other elective rotations can be arranged according to individual interests.

Faculty includes a mixture of dentists and physicians with a broad spectrum of specialty training and expertise. Each resident is provided with a microscope and desk area for individual work and study. A stipend may be available. No tuition is required.

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