Salary & Benefits

The annual salaries of the dental residents are competitive with those offered in the metropolitan Los Angeles area. Current information is available on request. Housing, parking and meals are readily available.

APPLICATION & INFORMATION REQUESTS

USC GPR Program participates in both the MATCH and PASS programs. Applicants must be trained in an American or Canadian dental school.

The selection of the residents is based on:
1. Letters of recommendation
2. Supplementary Application
3. Grade Point Average, when available
4. Extracurricular Activities
5. Interest in Treating Special Patients with Special Needs
6. Personal Statement

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LAC+USC Medical Center, a fully accredited, non-profit teaching hospital, is one of the largest academic medical centers in the country. The new medical center opened in 2008 is a 600-bed Tertiary-care facility which provides critical access to health services for the region’s medically underserved.

LAC+USC Medical Center provides a full spectrum of emergency, inpatient and outpatient services.

As one of the busiest public hospitals in the western United States, LAC+USC Medical Center records nearly 39,000 inpatient discharges, 150,000 emergency department visits, and 1 million ambulatory care visits each year.

Since 1897, the Herman Ostrow School of Dentistry has shaped talented students into outstanding dentists and dental hygienists. Our challenging clinical education and our expert faculty members provide future oral health professionals with the skills they need in order to become the best.

We at the Herman Ostrow School of Dentistry of USC are all committed to maintaining an environment of excellence and
Herman Ostrow School Of Dentistry of USC and the LAC+USC Medical Center support a one-year Dental General Practice Residency Program that is fully accredited by the ADA Commission on Dental Accreditation. Four PGY1 positions are available. The program provides residents with didactic and clinical experience in medicine/dentistry in a hospital setting.

The program enables residents to gain knowledge and competence in both the medical and technical aspects of the delivery of dental care, fostering enhanced training. The GPR program provides a broad-based comprehensive general dentistry experience and serves as the foundation for individual growth and development.

Residents take primary responsibility for delivery of comprehensive dental care to a culturally and medically diverse population of outpatients and inpatients. All dental disciplines are performed enabling provision of comprehensive dental care. Specialists and General Practice Attendings work with residents to ensure quality care of cases requiring complicated intervention (i.e., Endodontics, Periodontics, Implant Cases, Maxillofacial Prosthetics, Oncology Patients, etc.). The Program uses computerized records and digital imaging. Residents obtain operating room experience in providing general dental care and oral surgery. Continuity and quality of care is stressed.

Emphasis is placed on treatment of special patient populations (medically compromised, emotionally and physically disabled, developmentally disabled, and the geriatric population.)

Off-service rotations through the Los Angeles Ambulatory Care Center of the VA; Emergency Room; General Anesthesia; Treatment of Disabled Patients; Primary Care Medicine and Pediatric Dentistry provide a solid hospital dentistry experience. Rotation Information is found on the Herman Ostrow School of Dentistry of USC. Descriptions of the rotations is located on the Herman Ostrow School of Dentistry Website.

Residents attend daily lectures, seminars, and rounds provided through the Department of Dentistry, The Herman Ostrow School of Dentistry and The Veteran’s Administration. The General Practice Residency Program is well integrated into the specialty programs. Topics include: Physical Diagnosis; Sedation; Oral Pathology; Anesthesia; Special Patient Care; Pain and Anxiety Control; Implant Dentistry; Removable and Fixed Prosthodontics, Periodontics, Endodontics, Hospital Administration and Organization; and Practice Management.

The program is fully integrated with other existing residencies: Primary Care Medicine; Family Practice; Radiology; Radiation Oncology; Emergency Medicine; and Surgery.

The dental facilities at LAC+USC Medical Center and the Herman Ostrow School of Dentistry of USC house fifteen operatories and the administrative office of the Dental Department. Each dental facility is modern and well-equipped including fiber-optic handpieces and digital radiography. The dental facilities are networked for access to patient medical and dental records within their sites. This dental network plays an integral role in the multidisciplinary treatment and overall continuity of patient care. A chairside auxiliary is available for each resident. Overall we provide more than 5,000 patient visits per year.

Information on Policies, including Blood-borne Pathogens or Infectious Diseases, are available on Request.