PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM FOR INTERNATIONAL DENTISTS (PPID)

OVERVIEW: The Professional Program for International Dentists (PPID), is specifically designed for foreign dental graduates who wish to further their training and become eligible to take the licensing examination throughout most of the United States. The philosophy at UCLA differs from that of many other schools in that we do not believe in having two separate degree tracks, one for foreign-trained dentists and one for our traditional students. On the contrary, a DDS degree earned through our PPID program will be exactly the same, and carry the same prestige, as our traditional DDS degree. For further information please visit the UCLA School of Dentistry website.

CURRICULUM: The PPID is an intensive two-year program that begins in mid-May each year and continues for a minimum of 25 consecutive months. The program commences with a pre-clinical review course that includes didactic review and clinical preparatory instruction. After the students successfully complete these courses, they will be rapidly integrated as 3rd year students in the UCLA School of Dentistry's traditional four-year program. Students will be granted the same opportunities in clinical experience, professional development, extracurricular activities and research as are available to traditional students. Students who then successfully complete the program will be awarded a Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) degree.

TUITION, FEES & EXPENSES: The following represents an estimate of expenses (off-campus). These estimates do not include cost of dental/medical care, car payments, debts, charge accounts, spouses and childcare. It is essential to note that budgets are subject to modification.

Academic Year: 2023-2024	1st Year	2nd Year
Tuition/Fees	104,499.00	104,499.00
Books/Supplies/Instruments	31,654.00	9,570.00
Living Expenses	33,133.00	33,133.00
Personal Expenses	3,707.00	3,707.00
Transportation	4,400.00	4,400.00
Total Estimated Expenses:	177,393.00	155,309.00

APPLICATION PROCEDURES: APPLICATION DEADLINE: All required documents must be received by **4:00 p.m. PST on June 30, 2024.** Late applications will not be considered. Begin the application process early and leave time to submit your application by our deadline date, as we will not make any exceptions. To be considered for admission, each applicant must fulfill the following steps outlined on the PPID Application Checklist (see back of page):

Phase II of the Admissions Process:
In Phase II, the admission committee will review all completed applications and selects finalist for a skills evaluation and interview. Applicants selected for Phase II will be assessed a US $300 testing fee (non-refundable). Invitations to participate in the interview and testing process will be emailed to finalist by October.

Notification of acceptance will be emailed in mid-November, specific date to be determined. Those candidates offered admissions to the program will be expected to submit a non-refundable deposit.

Certification of Finances: Qualified applicants who require an F-1 or J-1 visa must complete a Confidential Financial Statement before final admission. The certification is necessary for UCLA to provide a Certificate of Eligibility, which allows the applicant to apply for a student visa. (Only those accepted to the program will need to complete the form).

FINANCIAL AID: Financial aid information is available on our website, https://dentistry.ucla.edu/school-resources/student-resources/financial-aid

If you have any questions regarding the PPID program and application process, please contact the PPID Coordinator at:
ppid_admissions@dentistry.ucla.edu

2024 PPID Application Checklist

To be considered for admission to the UCLA School of Dentistry's Professional Program for International Dentists (PPID) program, all applicants (first-time and reapplying) must fulfill the following STEPS on or before the deadline date. All applications must be postmarked by ***June 30, 2024***. It is highly recommended to review the application requirements on our website before you begin the application process.

STEP 1: **ADEA CAAPID Application**

☐ Submit an online application through the American Dental Education Association's (ADEA) Centralized Application for Advanced Placement for International Dentists (CAAPID).
The following documents must be submitted directly to CAAPID:

- Educational Credential Evaluators **(ECE) Course-by-Course Report**

- **Three Letters of Recommendation** are required. One letter must be obtained from the Dean or head of the applicant's dental school, a second letter from a dental school clinical instructor who is able to evaluate the applicant's potential, and a third letter from a person of the applicant's choosing, preferably someone with whom the applicant has worked with. Letter must be typed and written in English or with certified English translation on letterhead stationery. It is recommended letters be written within the past two years.

STEP 2: **PPID Supplemental Application Form**

☐ Once your CAAPID application is marked "Complete" by CAAPID, the PPID Supplemental Application will be emailed to you within 10 business days.

☐ Please review the instructions of the supplemental application, and submit the completed PPID Supplemental Application with your Curriculum Vitae as a combined pdf, no larger than 5MB to box https://uclahs.app.box.com/f/5d05176fa2e4**4b0297b0bd9**bab5fdd38: by the application deadline of June 30, 2024.

☐ **Application Fee** - A non-refundable application fee of $250 U.S. dollars must be submitted on-line at the School of Dentistry PPID website under Admission/Supplemental/Application Fee at https://dentistry.ucla.edu/academics-admissions/programs-international-dentists/professional-program-international-dentists/apply

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STEP 3: **Instructions for the NBDE and TOEFL reports:**

☐ **National Board Dental Examination (NBDE), Part I and Part II or INBDE**
Applicants must pass NBDE Part I and Part II OR the Integrated National Board Dental Exam (INBDE) in order to be considered for admissions. Official NBDE or INBDE score reports must be requested by the applicant online and submitted to the UCLA School of Dentistry, PPID Coordinator at ppid_admissions@dentistry.ucla.edu. For more information, please visit the **American Dental Association website**. Notarized copies will not be accepted.

☐ **Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)**
Sealed, official, TOEFL scores (from exams taken March 2022 to present) must be submitted by the applicant directly to the UCLA Office of Student Services at: Professional Program for International Dentists (PPID)
Office of Student Services
UCLA School of Dentistry
10833 Le Conte Ave, Rm A0-111 CHS
Los Angeles, CA 90095-1762

The TOEFL exam is required of all applicants who did not complete their High School education in the United States. Notarized copies or opened score reports will not be accepted. **For the internet-based TOEFL (iBT), applicants must meet the minimum requirements in each section or have a total TOEFL score of 95 or higher to be considered.** Applicants who do not meet the criteria will not be considered. The minimum score requirement in each section for internet-based TOEFL (iBT) is as follows:
Reading… 21   Listening… 17   Speaking… 24   Writing…. 25
OR a combined (iBT) TOEFL score of 95 or higher to be considered. The minimum score requirement for the paper-based TOEFL is 560.

We are accepting the TOEFL "Best Scores" and "Home-based" score reports for the 2024-2025 application cycle.

STEP 4: **Acuity Insights "Casper Assessment" – Admission Assessment of non-cognitive skills**
All applicants are required to complete the Casper Assessment as part of the application process. Visit the Acuity Insights website to create an account and complete the following assessment:

☐ **Casper: 60-90 minute online open-response situational judgement test (SJT)**