



Comparisons of the 12-Month Advanced Education in General Dentistry (AEGD) Program to the Comprehensive Dentistry Residency (2-Year AEGD)



AEGD 12-Month Program

1. One-year American Dental Association (ADA) accredited program.
2. Designed to expand the dental graduates' scope of knowledge of oral healthcare.
3. Teaching parameters focus on the "how" of dental techniques.
4. Focus is on clinical practice, with minimal research and didactic training. Research and didactic training involve lectures, case presentations and literature reviews.
5. Results in a certificate of completion and does not lead to board certification.
6. Career will be managed as a 63A (General Dentist).
7. Only after successful completion of the 1-year AEGD Program are Officers eligible to participate in the Readiness Advanced Clinical Practice (ACP). ACP is a proficiency designator made of a checklist of didactics and clinical and tactical procedures. When earned, this proficiency designator yields higher incentive and retention bonus pay than those without the ACP.
8. Training offered to senior dental students only during their first year in the military.
9. Excellent mentor to student ratio.
10. It is possible to apply for both programs at the same time without prejudice of losing a seat in one program because you applied for the other program.
11. No additional service obligation is incurred for attending the program. Health Professions Scholarship Program (HPSP) or other obligated payback will commence after the completion of the 1-year AEGD Program with no payback occurring during the program.

Comprehensive Dentistry Residency (2-Year AEGD)

1. Two-year accredited program.
2. Designed to develop Comprehensive Dentists that are adept in all disciplines of dentistry. Additional training allows Comprehensive Dentists to serve as a multidisciplinary specialist as the mission dictates.
3. Teaching parameters assume greater level competency. Focus on the "why" as well as the "how" of dental techniques.
4. Emphasis is on creating a Comprehensive Dentist versed in all specialties of dentistry and with the skills to analyze and conduct research and to develop complex treatment plans. Residents are exposed to and become proficient in various presentation modalities (e.g., research papers, case presentations, lectures, literature reviews).
5. Deemed an official dental residency with graduates considered as educationally board eligible. Graduates may challenge the American Board of General Dentistry. Board certification is the pinnacle of dental professional development. Board certified Officers earn additional pay.
6. Career will be managed as a 63B (Comprehensive Dentist).
7. As an official Army dental specialist, incentive and retention bonus pays are increased higher than those of a 63A.
8. Training is offered to senior dental students upon entry into active duty and during subsequent years.
9. Excellent mentor to student ratio.
10. It is possible to apply for both programs at the same time without prejudice of losing a seat in one program because you applied for the other program.
11. There is a 2-year service obligation which will be served concurrently with all other active duty service obligation (ADSO) that the Officer has.

Advantages of the Comprehensive Dentistry Residency (2-Year AEGD) versus the 12-Month Advanced Education in General Dentistry (AEGD) Program

Graduates of the program learn the skills to provide a more comprehensive approach to patient treatment. Residents benefit from a wider exposure to a variety of patient diagnosis and treatment skills. This provides the dentist with the knowledge and experience required to manage patients presenting with complex treatment needs. The additional year of training enhances the resident's ability to provide comprehensive care for their assigned patient population.

Increased clinical exposure occurs on each specialty area emphasizing "hands-on" techniques and the use of state-of-the-art technology and dental materials. Residents are encouraged to master multiple techniques for various dental procedures.

Focus is concentrated on allowing the resident to achieve greater implant exposure and experience including placement and the restorative phase using fixed and removable Prosthodontics.

Through literature reviews, guest consultation visits, and specialty lectures, the resident gains the knowledge to become more conversant in current restorative and treatment concepts, techniques, and dental materials.

Introduction to more complex cases occurs in all the dental specialties. For example, the residents will work under the supervision of an oral maxillofacial surgery mentor. Under supervision, the resident may (1) work-up patients for partial or full bony impactions under IV sedation and occasionally in the operating room; (2) treat orofacial space infections; and (3) manage trauma with techniques ranging from simple splinting of teeth to skeletal fixation in the operating room environment.

Residents gain increased exposure to oral and maxillofacial pathology to include biopsy techniques.

Instruction in and emphasis on patient treatment documentation occurs using appropriate clinical photography.

Graduates of the 2-year Program are eligible and have the option to take the specialty board and receive board certification pay. After completion of their initial Active Duty Service Obligation, they are eligible for a Multi-Year Retention Bonus with higher annual rates.

Graduates of the 12-month Program and those who do not complete an AEGD serving as a General Dentist (63A) are not eligible for board specialty pay. Graduates of the 12-month Program are eligible to participate in the Readiness Advanced Clinical Practice Program (ACP) following the completion of their program. The program makes them eligible for a Multi-Year Retention Bonus with higher annual rates than that of a non-ACP 63A, but less than that of a 2-year Program graduate/Comprehensive Dentist (63B).