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Dental Medicine

Redefining dentistry with barrier-free, patient-focused
care and next-generation clinical education

Advanced Education in Orthodontics & Dentofacial Orthopedics



Program Length

24 months



Location

Austin, Texas



Anticipated Start

July 2026



Resident Stipend

\$40,000 annually (no tuition)



The Orthodontics Residency Program at the Austin Institute of Dental Medicine is a comprehensive, academically grounded postgraduate program designed to prepare dentists for advanced specialty practice in orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Clinical Education & Didactic Curriculum

Clinical Training

Clinical training is progressive and competency-based, allowing residents to develop confidence and independence while maintaining close faculty supervision. Residents gain experience in:

- Comprehensive orthodontic diagnosis and treatment planning
- Conventional, self-ligating, lingual, and clear aligner systems
- Temporary anchorage devices and skeletal anchorage mechanics
- Orthognathic surgery case planning and interdisciplinary coordination
- Digital workflows, three-dimensional imaging, and virtual treatment planning
- Management of craniofacial and complex interdisciplinary cases

Didactic Curriculum

The didactic curriculum provides a structured and sequential foundation in orthodontic science and clinical application, including:

- Craniofacial growth and development
- Orthodontic biomechanics and materials science
- Cephalometrics and advanced imaging analysis
- Evidence-based orthodontics and literature appraisal
- Interdisciplinary treatment planning seminars
- Practice management, ethics, and professional responsibility

□ The program places a strong emphasis on practice management, leadership development, and business readiness education. This comprehensive training ensures residents are well-prepared for a successful and seamless transition into private practice.

Research, Faculty & Application

Research & Scholarly Activity

Scholarly activity is a required and integral component of the program. Each resident completes a formal research project under faculty mentorship, with dedicated time allocated within the curriculum. Emphasis is placed on critical appraisal of the orthodontic literature, sound research methodology, and professional presentation of findings.

Faculty & Academic Environment

Residents are trained by Board Certified faculty with 20+ years of academic experience in orthodontic education, private practice, and clinical research. Faculty engagement emphasizes mentorship, case-based teaching, and individualized feedback within a collegial academic environment. The program fosters interdisciplinary collaboration and professional development consistent with academic orthodontic training models.

Eligibility

- DDS or DMD degree from an accredited dental school or foreign equivalent
- Eligibility for dental licensure in the United States
- Fulfillment of institutional requirements for postgraduate dental education
- Current authorization to work in the United States (visa sponsorship not available)

Application Requirements

- Curriculum vitae or résumé
- Dental school transcripts
- Three letters of recommendation
- Standardized test scores (INBDE, NBDE I & II, GRE) and TOEFL if applicable
- ADAT accepted if available

ACCREDITATION STATUS

The Advanced Education Programs in Prosthodontics, Endodontics, Advanced Education in General Dentistry (AEGD), and Orthodontics & Dentofacial Orthopedics sponsored by Paris Regional Health at the Austin Institute of Dental Medicine (AIDM) are developing programs that have applied for accreditation by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) of the American Dental Association.

A comprehensive CODA site-visit evaluation was completed in September 2025 with no recommendations cited. CODA will consider granting each program "Initial Accreditation" at its 2026 meeting (Feb 2026). No residents will be enrolled until Initial Accreditation is granted, in accordance with CODA policy for developing programs. Pending that decision, the inaugural cohort is anticipated to matriculate in July 2026.