

ORAL & MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY

Admission Requirements

Admission requirements and application deadline may be found on ADEA PASS: [4 years](#) or [6 years](#)

Four-Year and Six-Year Integrated OMS/MD Residency Programs

In the four-year program, residents spend the first year performing oral and maxillofacial surgery. In the second and third years, 12 months are spent on various off-service rotations such as medicine, anesthesia, neurosurgery, and general surgery. The final two years consist of 20 months of oral and maxillofacial surgery at a senior or "chief resident" level. Upon satisfactory completion of the four-year program, residents receive a certificate in Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery.

The six-year program adopts a similar schedule to the four-year program, with the primary difference consisting of requirements for obtaining the MD degree. The first year is spent with the Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery Department. In the second, third and fourth years, residents are enrolled in medical school, completing years two, three and four of the medical school curriculum. During the fourth year of medical school, eight months are provided for the fulfillment of requirements related to the oral and maxillofacial surgery residency, such as rotations on neurosurgery and anesthesia. The fifth year of the residency is a surgical internship year, which includes an eight-month rotation in Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery. In the sixth year, the resident serves as a chief resident with rotations to six different hospitals. Upon satisfactory completion of the six-year program, residents receive a certificate in Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery and an MD degree.

The six-year OMS/MD candidate must meet the admissions requirements for The McGovern Medical School at UTHealth. These include:

- A minimum of 90 undergraduate credit hours at an accredited U.S. or Canadian university or college.
- One year college English.
- Two years college biology.
- One year physics.
- Two years college chemistry (one year general chemistry and one year organic chemistry).

*Three four-year program positions are available; however, one position may be reserved for a military applicant, if needed.

**Candidates in either the four or six-year tracks may pursue an MS degree granted by The University of Texas School of Dentistry at Houston. The General Record Examination (GRE) and additional courses of study may be required, depending on the individual's previous or anticipated academic experience. The additional degrees will likely extend the duration of the residency.