

## Master's/Advanced Education Program in Operative Dentistry

Gainesville

### Program Director

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### Program Description

This three-year program consists of a two-year Master of Dental Science Degree with specialization in Operative and Esthetic Dentistry and a Certificate in Operative and Esthetic Dentistry at the University of Florida College of Dentistry.

This program is designed to meet the growing need for future educators in operative dentistry. The first year of the program is focused on the theory and practice of dental education and preparation for clinical patient care. The focus of the following two years expands upon the student's knowledge of cariology, prevention, esthetics, digital dentistry, materials science, research and patient care. In addition, each student will complete a master's level research project. Upon successful completion of the program, students will receive a certificate in operative dentistry and Master of Science in Dental Science with a concentration in operative and esthetic dentistry.

Eligible applicants must hold a DDS or DMD degree from an accredited dental college in the US or its equivalent from foreign institutions. Internationally educated applicants are required to have passed the TOEFL with a minimum score of 80 (IBT) or 550 (paper-based). The GRE with a minimal verbal score of 140 is highly recommended at the time of application.

The goals of the program are to:

1. Develop a comprehensive knowledge base of biomaterials and clinic sciences as they relate to the art and science of dentistry with a focus on operative and esthetic dentistry.
2. Convey an expansive knowledge base in evidence-based and basic science literature to engage students and to promote lifelong learning.
3. Impart a broad understanding of research methodology to be included and applied to each student's master's level research project.
4. Create a broad understanding of curriculum design, evaluation and assessment, learning styles, active learning techniques, and instructional technology as they relate to didactic, clinical and preclinical teaching in operative and esthetic dentistry.

The pursuit of an academic career will be facilitated by earning a Master of Dental Science Degree with specialization in Operative and Esthetic Dentistry. The skills required to plan and execute a rigorous master thesis mirror those required to flourish in today's academic environment.

All internationally trained residents are eligible for a \$1000/year stipendiary support but will be responsible for tuition and fees.

	Tuition	Out-of-state*	In-state*
1 <sup>st</sup> Year	Certificate (Pre-Requisite)	50,000.00	50,000.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> year	Year 1 in MS in Dental Sciences	40,173.12	16,982.80
3 <sup>rd</sup> Year	Year 2 in MS in Dental Sciences	40,173.12	16,982.80

*\*The above tuition values are average values and may vary slightly.*

Upon successful completion of the 36 months of enrollment in the program, the student will receive a two-year Master of Dental Science Degree with specialization in Operative and Esthetic Dentistry and a Certificate in Operative and Esthetic Dentistry.

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