

Indianapolis VA Periodontics Residency Program

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Overview

Program	Richard L. Roudebush VA Medical Center Indianapolis, Indiana	
Duration	36 months	
Certificate in Periodontics	VA	
Association	Indiana University School of Dentistry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post-Doctoral Student (mandatory) • Master’s in Dental Science (optional) 	
Stipend (VA)	Approximately \$58 to 62 thousand / year	
Tuition (Indiana University)	Approximately, 1 st & 2 nd year \$40 thousand / year 3 rd year < \$10 thousand	
Clinical	At RLR VAMC	
Approximate percentage of Resident’s Total Time	Clinical Sciences	60%
	Biomedical Sciences	25%
	Teaching	5 to 10%
	Research	10 to 15%
Requirements	DDS or DMD (US Dental School)	
	U.S. Citizen first consideration	
	By end of 1 st year, Active Dental License in U.S. State or Territory	
	Ideally GPR or equivalent	
Application	No fee	
	1. Transcripts from Pre-Dental and Dental School	
	2. At least 3 Letters of Recommendation (best to have at least 1 Periodontist)	
	3. Curriculum Vitae	
	4. Pass ADA National Exam	
	5. Letter of Motivation	
Application Mailing Address	Richard L. Roudebush VA Medical Center Department of Periodontics, ATTN: Clark T. Barco, DDS, MS Dental Service-160 1481 W. 10 th Street Indianapolis, IN 46202.	

PURPOSE: The purpose of the residency program is to develop clinically skilled periodontists who have a sound biological understanding of the field of periodontics and dental implantology. The program is designed to develop proficiency in the specialized field and to provide the educational background for

continual development throughout a professional career. The program meets the requirements of eligibility for the American Board of Periodontics and is accredited by the Council of Dental Education of the American Dental Association. The program is three years (36 months) in length. The basic science education is integrated with the clinical training and is presented within the hospital environment. All clinical experience is at our VA; didactic experience is at our VA and Indiana University School of Dentistry. Our VA grants the Certificate in Periodontics; highly encouraged is the option of a Masters in Dental Science with Indiana University.

- I. **INITIAL ACTIVITIES:** Orientation: At the beginning of the residency year, a period of orientation will be provided so that each resident will attain a working knowledge of the functions and administration of the Medical Center and Dental Service. The following subjects are included in this period of instruction:
 - a. Tour of the medical center to visit other services and departments for general familiarization.
 - b. General policies of the medical center related to resident responsibilities.
 - c. Standard procedures in the medical center related to patient care, including the use of medical records for recording all clinical and laboratory findings, as well as the treatment rendered.
 - d. General policies and procedures of the Dental Service, such as patient eligibility for care.
 - e. Dental examination room procedures, records and policies.

II. **EDUCATIONAL PROCEDURES**

- a. The advanced educational program in Periodontics offers the opportunity for increasing diagnostic ability and the development of clinical judgment and surgical skills to practice the specialty to its fullest scope as defined by the American Dental Association. Lectures, literature review and treatment planning seminars reinforce the clinical course. Clinical practice comprises approximately 60-70% of the resident's time. The complete spectrums of surgical and nonsurgical techniques are presented.
- b. **RESEARCH:** All residents must satisfy a research requirement in accordance with Requirements and Guidelines for Advanced Education Programs in Periodontics as established by CODA. The research may take the form of clinical or laboratory investigations. This research activity will culminate in the form of an original document written in publishable format as a requirement for completion of the residency program. A certificate will not be issued without completion of this requirement. As mentioned, this is usually done working towards a Master's in Dental Science from Indiana University.
- c. **TUITION AND STIPEND:** The VA application form can be located at <http://www.va.gov/vaforms/medical/pdf/vha-10-2850d-fill.pdf>. There is no fee to apply to VA Medical Center, Indianapolis. The Periodontic Residency Program is hospital-based and has no required tuition for clinical and didactic instruction given at the Veteran's Affairs Hospital. Residents are required to purchase some personal study materials. Stipends range from \$58,000 to 62,000 (PGY1-3) and may depend on the number of years of previous postgraduate training (GPR, AEGD, other specialty). The post-graduate academic core courses and literature reviews are given at the Indiana University College of Dentistry and VA: Indiana University School of Dentistry: VA Periodontics Residents will be expected to enroll and pay in-state tuition for Indiana University School of Dentistry, as Post-Doctoral Students. Master's in Dental Science is encouraged, but not mandatory. All clinical will be at our VA.

- d. **HOSPITAL ROTATIONS:** VA Periodontics Residents often have rotations in VA Services such as Anesthesiology and Otolaryngology, with frequent direct clinical experience with other Services such as Radiation Oncology, Cardiology, Pharmacology, and Orthopedic Surgery.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR A RESIDENCY IN PERIODONTICS

- I. Graduation from a United States or Canadian dental school which has been approved by the American Dental Association Council on Dental Education.
- II. A valid, active dental license issued by any state in United States of America at least by end of 1st year residency.
- III. Highly recommended is completion of a one-year General Practice Residency or Advanced Education in General Dentistry program. Military experience/service may be considered as equivalency for applicant on an HPSP and HSCP scholarship and will have complete a 1-year credentialing tour by the start of the program.
- IV. Personal Interview upon invitation.
- V. United States citizens are given first consideration.

The following materials must be forwarded no earlier than June 1st and received no later than October 15.

- 1. **At least three letters of recommendations, each letter in a separate envelope, sealed and signed. Ideally, at least one from a Periodontist.**
- 2. **Application for Health Profession Trainees (VA form 10-2850d) must be downloaded and completed.**
- 3. **College/University (undergraduate) Transcripts (in sealed official college envelopes). Electronic transcripts directly from College/University may be acceptable.**
- 4. **Dental School Transcripts (in sealed official dental school envelope). Electronic transcripts directly from Dental School if acceptable are preferred.**
- 5. **Curriculum Vitae.**
- 6. **Personal Statement.**
- 7. **GPR or equivalent is encouraged.**

All completed application materials can be mailed to:

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