

Orofacial Pain Residency Program Thomas Jefferson University

Thomas Jefferson University is recruiting applicants for a two-year CODA accredited orofacial pain residency program. The program will focus on the diagnosis and management of conditions affecting the head and neck including orofacial pain, headache disorders, temporomandibular joint disorders, neuropathic pain, cranial neuralgias, oromotor disorders, and obstructive sleep apnea.

The program offers a comprehensive clinical and didactic experience to prepare residents to become leaders in the field of orofacial pain and headache medicine. In addition to clinical training and a robust didactic curriculum, residents will rotate through related departments including otolaryngology, neurology, neurosurgery, sleep medicine, and the world-renowned Jefferson Headache Center.

The didactic curriculum is based on the American Academy of Orofacial Pain and the International Association for the Study of Pain (IASP) and will include courses in sleep medicine, oral medicine, headache medicine, pharmacology, head and neck anatomy, the mechanisms involved in pain, biostatistics, and research, along with participating in weekly headache conference and weekly journal club. The program aims to provide residents with a fundamental understanding of the pathophysiology involved with pain disorders of the head and neck. Residents will gain extensive exposure and become confident diagnosing, treating, and managing neuropathic pain, headache disorders, musculoskeletal and myofascial pain disorders, TMJ disorders, sleep apnea, and orofacial dystonias.

In addition to clinical and didactics, the program is committed to advancing the field of orofacial pain through research. Thus, residents are required to become actively engaged in research and to write an article for submission in a peer-reviewed journal.

Admission to the Advanced Dental Education Program in Orofacial Pain at Jefferson requires the following:

- Applicants must be a graduate of an accredited US or Canadian dental school.
- International applicants must be graduated from an accredited international dental school or obtain additional preclinical and clinical training in the US that will lead to the awarding of the DMD or DDS degree by that school (AEGD or GPR programs)
- Candidate must pass the Integrated National Board Dental Exam INBD
- The program is open to US citizens, non-citizen residents, and foreign nationals who hold a valid visa that permits temporary status in the United States.
- Candidates must be eligible for a Pennsylvania dental license

Applicants should submit the following:

- Curriculum Vitae
- Official Dental School transcripts
- Applicants who have graduated outside of the US should submit a course-by-course academic credential evaluation from a National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES) member credentialing organization.
- At least three letters of recommendation
- A personal statement

Please submit all materials to:

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Application deadlines vary and all supporting materials must be received by the deadline to be considered for review.