PROGRAM FOR ADVANCED STANDING STUDENTS, DMD

The Program for Advanced Standing Students (PASS) is designed for graduates of foreign dental schools who want to practice dentistry in the United States. Most states require a degree from a dental school accredited by the American Dental Association (ADA) before granting licensure. To prepare non-U.S. trained dentists, Penn Dental Medicine offers a two-and-a-half year program which leads to a DMD degree. Successful completion of the program allows foreign-trained dentists to take licensing exams in any state. PASS students are expected to successfully complete all competencies required in the 4-year program.

For more information: https://www.dental.upenn.edu/admissions-academics/program-for-advanced-standing-students/

This degree requires a minimum of 125 Credit Hours.

Curriculum

Upon matriculation in January, PASS students will join the second year DMD class by participating in all ongoing preclinical, didactic and laboratory courses. PASS students will participate in an additional, specially designed preclinical laboratory/seminar program.

Second Year

Code	Title	Course Units
DENT 6162	Behavioral Management	
DENT 6212	Management and Control of Dental Plaque-Induced Diseases	
DENT 6402	Soft and Hard Tissue Pathology, Diagnosis and Management	
DENT 6612	Patients Across the Lifespan	
DENT 6802	Fixed Prosthodontics Lec Spring	
DENT 6812	Partial Rem Dent Pros Lb	
DENT 6842	Clinical Prac Ili-Dau	
DENT 6872	Pass Preparatory Course	
DENT 6892	Professionalism, Ethics and Healthcare Communities	
DENT 6992	Lifelong Learning II	
DENT 6322	Medical Clerkship	
DENT 6922	Professionalism and Engagement	

Third- and Fourth-Year Dental Curriculum

Following the successful completion of the second year, students will be fully integrated into the class where they take part in all academic and clinical experiences in the third and fourth years of dental school. This includes participation in externships abroad or in the U.S. and the Lifelong Learning course offerings to customize a student's educational experience. **No special or separate teaching is conducted for the PASS program students.** Please refer to the DMD curriculum for a complete description of the third- and fourth-year curriculum. Students participate in a modern health care delivery system which simulates general practice. In addition, they rotate through the specialty departments and work under the preceptorship of master clinicians.

Third Year

Students begin to function as dental practitioners during their third year. Didactic courses provide a deeper and more sophisticated foundation of knowledge in the clinical disciplines. However, the bulk of the third year is spent providing general patient care in a variety of settings. This includes assignments to Primary Care Units in the general clinic and rotations in various specialty clinics. In addition, students provide patient screenings and education in community-based dental health programs at schools, health fairs, geriatric centers, and homes for disabled persons. Third-year students also participate in the Lifelong Learning Program.

Code	Title	Course Units
Third Year Courses		
Fall		
DENT 7830	Complete Removable Dental Prosthesis	
DENT 7101	Health Promotion S	
DENT 7011	Soft and Hard Tissue Pathology, Diagnosis and Management	
DENT 7201	Endodontics Clinic	
DENT 7341	Radiology Clinic/Seminar	
DENT 7361	Clinical Oral Medicine & Personalized Care	
DENT 7421	Oral Surgery Clinic	
DENT 7461	Multidisciplinary Seminar	
DENT 7501	Orthodontics II	
DENT 7601	Pediatric Dentistry L/B	
DENT 7621	Pediatric Dentistry Clin	
DENT 7701	Periodontics L	
DENT 7721	Periodontics Clinic	
DENT 7821	Restorative Dentistry L	
DENT 7841	Comprehensive Care C Fal	
DENT 7861	Clinical Seminar	
DENT 7921	Professionalism and Engagement	
Spring		
DENT 7002	Differential Diagnosis	
DENT 7102	Health Promotion II Spring	
DENT 7162	Professional Practitioner Development II	
DENT 7202	Endodontics II Clinical Spring	
DENT 7322	Oral and Maxillofacial Medicine	
DENT 7342	Radiology II Clinic Spring	
DENT 7362	Clinical Oral Medicine & Personalized Care II	
DENT 7402	Oral Surgery L II	
DENT 7422	Oral Surgery II Clinic Spring	
DENT 7462	Multidisciplinary Seminar	
DENT 7622	Pediatric Dentistry II Clinical	
DENT 7722	Clinical Periodontics	
DENT 7822	Restorative Dentistry II	
DENT 7842	Comprehensive Care C Spr	
DENT 7992	Lifelong Learning III	
DENT 7922	Professionalism and Engagement	
Fall or Spring		
DENT 7521	P and I Clinic	
OR		

DENT 7522	Preventive and Interceptive Orthodontics II Clinic

Fourth Year

The fourth-year curriculum continues to expand the intellectual and clinical experiences of students, including a two-week hospital externship. Students continue to attend PCU clinical seminars in which they present clinical cases where the integration of knowledge, skills, and values is emphasized. Coursework is designed to augment the basic knowledge in the first three years. By graduation, students will have demonstrated the competence, confidence, and maturity to qualify as safe, beginning independent general dental practitioners.

Code	Title	Course Units
Fourth Year Courses		
Fall		
DENT 8161	Professional Practitioner Development III	
DENT 8201	The Endodontic Clinic	
DENT 8341	Radiology Clinic	
DENT 8361	Personalized Care	
DENT 8371	Oral Medicine Clinical Rotation	
DENT 8421	Oral Surgery Clinic	
DENT 8521	Adjunctive Orthodontics	
DENT 8621	Pediatric Dentistry Clinic	
DENT 8721	Periodontics Clinic	
DENT 8841	Comprehensive Care VII	
DENT 8861	Clinical Seminar	
DENT 8991	Lifelong Learning IV	
DENT 8921	Professionalism and Engagement	
Spring		
DENT 8202	The Endodontic II Clinic	
DENT 8342	Radiology II Clinic	
DENT 8362	Personalized Care II	
DENT 8372	Oral Medicine Clinical Rotation	
DENT 8422	Oral Surgery II Clinic	
DENT 8522	Adjunctive Orthodontics II Clinic	
DENT 8622	Pediatric Dentistry II Clinical	
DENT 8722	Clinical Periodontics VI	
DENT 8842	Comprehensive Care II Clinical	
DENT 8922	Professionalism and Engagement	
Fall or Spring		
DENT 8381	Hospital Assignment	
OR		
DENT 8382	Hospital Assignment	

Lifelong Learning

The Penn Dental Medicine's Lifelong Learning Program enhances the predoctoral curriculum by allowing students to individualize their education to reflect their own professional interests. Lifelong Learning courses are offered from October to June each year, and includes didactic, clinical, community dental health service, and research opportunities. Many Lifelong Learning courses occur in small group seminars or individualized settings that promote close student-faculty interactions.

The degree and major requirements displayed are intended as a guide for students entering in the Fall of 2026 and later. Students should consult with their academic program regarding final certifications and requirements for graduation.