



ADVANCED EDUCATION

IN

GENERAL DENTISTRY

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

CENTRAL TEXAS VETERANS HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

OLIN E. TEAGUE VETERANS' CENTER

TEMPLE, TEXAS

The Advanced Education in General Dentistry (AEGD) program at the Central Texas Veterans Health Care System (CTVHCS), Temple, Texas, selects one or two one year residents annually. All residency programs at the CTVHCS in medicine and dentistry are under the Texas A&M School of Medicine Dean's Committee. The AEGD program is fully accredited by the American Dental Association. The distinct advantage of the program is lack of specialties to diminish the general practice residents' experiences.

The Olin E. Teague Veterans' Center is located in Temple, a city of nearly 60,000, in central Texas. It is 60 miles north of Austin and 35 miles south of Waco, along Interstate 35, and approximately centered in a triangle formed by Houston, San Antonio, and Dallas-Ft. Worth.

The Olin E. Teague Veterans' Center (OETVC) is part of the Central Texas Veterans Health Care System. The other sites are located at Waco, and Austin, Texas. Waco is primarily a psychiatric facility and Austin is an outpatient clinic. All residency training is at the Temple site. It is a 269 bed general medical and surgical center with a 408 bed Domiciliary and a 272 bed Nursing Home Care Unit. The Temple campus of the Texas A&M Medical School is located at the OETVC and Scott and White Hospital and Clinic.

The small town atmosphere allows residents to have a close relationship with faculty and consultants, as well as, other dental and medical residents. Our center has many ancillary facilities including an excellent medical library, medical media production service, and research department.

The program objectives are:

1. To plan and provide both routine and complex dental care for a wide variety of patients by applying advanced knowledge and developing clinical skills.
2. To diagnose oral disease and provide care in the context of each patient's health care needs.
3. To communicate effectively with other health care professionals in a variety of health care settings and understand the role of these professionals.
4. To train residents for both the clinic and hospital base practice of general dentistry.
5. To train residents in practice management and behavioral skills for the practice of general dentistry.
6. To train residents to competency in conscious sedation with intravenous drug therapy.
7. To understand and practice medical risk assessment, and quality assurance, in relationship to hospital administration standards.

Resident Benefits

1. The General Practice Residency begins on July 1 and is completed on June 30. The one-year residents are paid a stipend of \$40,390 per annum, paid every two weeks.
2. Dental uniforms are furnished. Normal working hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., with 45 minutes for lunch, Monday through Friday.
3. All federal holidays are observed and 10 days of annual leave are granted.
4. Administrative leave may be granted for attending state and regional dental meetings and for taking of a state board examination.
5. Resident training includes a periodic one-week on-call duty, which is assigned every third week for eleven months.
6. If elected residents will be trained to competency in **IV conscious sedation**.
7. Experience, under direct supervision, in **osseointegrated implant** surgery and prosthetic placement is available.
8. Experience in CAD-CAM restorations utilizing the **CERAC 3** under direct supervision is available.
9. Upon satisfactory completion of the year of training, residents receive an official certificate from the Department of Veterans Affairs
10. Residents are covered by the Federal Tort Claim Act and malpractice insurance is not required.
11. Utilization of four-handed dentistry with a **full time assistant** chairside for each resident.
12. Participation in government group life and health insurance programs are available.

Clinical Facilities

Our clinic is equipment with fifteen operatories with hygiene and digital radiology departments. All units and equipment are of modern design. Two dental laboratory technicians are located on station as well as three at the Waco facility. A complete audiovisual and videotape library is part of the dental facility.

Basic Requirements for Application

1. All applicants must be U.S. citizens.
3. Must submit "Application for Residents" (VA Form 10-2850b) directly to the agency (not the PASS match).
4. Three professional letters of recommendation.
5. Foreign dental school graduates must have successfully completed parts I and II and the National Board examination
6. Be proficient in the English language.
7. Be selected by the GPR Director and the dental residency review board for an interview, which they must attend.
8. State licensure is not required for one-year residents.

Application Process

Information concerning the Advanced Education in General Dentistry Program may be accessed at <http://www.central-texas.med.va.gov/DentalResidency/default.htm>. If there is no Internet access, please call Peggy Haas at 254-743-0519 for a brochure.

Your application (VA Form 10-2850b) should be returned to the following address, *not* to the Post Doctoral Application Support Service (PASS):

AEGD Program Director (160)
Central Texas Veterans Health Care System
1901 Veterans Memorial Drive
Temple, Texas 76504

A current transcript of your grades and three letters of recommendation should accompany or follow your application. All documents should be received no later than November 15. Late applications are discouraged but may still be considered.

**A copy of VA Form 10-2850b may be downloaded at:
<http://www.va.gov/vaforms/medical/pdf/vha-10-2850b-fill.pdf>**

Applicants selected for interview will be notified by mail and asked to call for an appointment on selected dates to be announced later.

Please contact us if you have any questions or if we can be of assistance. Thank you for your interest in the Department of Veterans Affairs and our general practice residency.