Children's Hospital Colorado
Pediatric Dentistry Residency Program

Children's Hospital Colorado Pediatric Dentistry Residency Program is a two-year, hospital-based program. It is fully accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) until 2021.

The program is located in the Children’s Hospital Colorado Dental Center (DC), which is located in a 19,000 sq.ft. building on the Anschutz Medical Campus (AMC) directly adjacent to the Children's Hospital Colorado and less than one mile away from the University of Colorado School of Dental Medicine (SDM).

After satisfactory completion of the 24 month training program residents will receive a Certificate in Pediatric Dentistry and leave with the skills necessary to provide comprehensive oral health care to healthy children as well as children with special health care needs (CSHCN). Certification and registration with the ABPD confer “Board Candidacy” while successful completion of the ABPD examination process confers Diplomate status in the ABPD. We strongly support and encourage the process and outcome of Board Certification.

For all questions regarding the Board certification process, please refer to the ABPD website http://www.abpd.org/.

Application/Admission Information

Residents are accepted into the 24-month program in salaried positions. No provision is made for other than full-time participation in the program, which runs on a July 1st academic calendar. The program participates in the PASS (Postdoctoral Application Support Service) Program for applicants therefore applicants are expected to follow policies and rules of this entity when applying to this program. Please review the application procedures on the PASS Web site.

http://www.adea.org/dental_education_pathways/Pages/default.aspx

The program also participates in the Postdoctoral Dental Matching Program (National Matching Services) sponsored by the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry. The applicant must register with the MATCH Program (code number 4113) by completing the Applicant Agreement https://natmatch.com/dentres/ Applicants are expected to follow policies and rules of this entity when applying to this program.

The deadline for PASS application submissions is September 15th of the year preceding matriculation. Our program does not require the ADA Advanced Dental Admissions Test (ADAT), but will accept the scores as part of the candidate application. The supplemental application materials that need to be submitted directly to the program by September 15th are:

1. A recent portrait photo sent electronically (JPEG format) to the Program Coordinator
2. An application processing fee of $30.00 (check or money order) made to Children’s Hospital Colorado Dental Center with your full name and PASS ID number in the memo and mailed to the Program Coordinator (address below).

A candidate’s most recent CV should be submitted through ADEA PASS.
Correspondence regarding application and admissions procedures should be addressed to:

Birdie Moua, Education Program Coordinator, Pediatric Dentistry Residency Program, Children's Hospital Colorado, 13123 E. 16th Ave., B240, Aurora, Colorado 80045; (720) 777-4044; berthamoua@childrenscolorado.org.

Admission Requirements

Applicants must fulfill the following requirements to be considered for admission:

• Fourth year dental student or graduate of an ADA-accredited dental school
• Dental school GPA of 3.2 or higher
• Dental school class rank above the 80th percentile (if recorded)

Selection for the program is based on, but not limited to the following criteria:

• Academic grades and class ranking
• Evidence of substantial experiences relevant to pediatric dentistry
• Attitude towards learning and working with underserved populations
• Other residencies (e.g., GPR, AEGD)
• Relevant private practice experience
• Externships and volunteer activities (e.g., dental missions to developing countries, Special Olympics, service in community health centers)
• Letters of recommendation
• Personal interview

Both dental students and DDS/DMDs of both genders and all ethnic groups are equally considered in the selection process. Up to 30 potential residents who are deemed final candidates for the positions will be personally interviewed. We are looking not only for individuals who have shown their worth through valid and sustained academic efforts, but also bring to the program the following traits:

• Intellectual curiosity, optimism and enthusiasm for what they are doing
• An outgoing personality that suggests good ability to interact with children
• Proven ability to persevere through adversity
• Desire to learn at the postgraduate-specialty level
• Optimistic personality conducive to team effort
• A broad field of interest and accomplishments outside the classroom
• Empathy and understanding for the special demands of children
• Potential for providing compassionate and culturally competent care.

When applications are complete, selected individuals are contacted for an interview. The ensuing MATCH list is developed by equal vote of all full-time faculty with input from the current 1st year residents.
Once accepted, residents are required to purchase a camera, several books, and other supplies during the first two months of their residency (approximately $2,500). Details will be provided during orientation.

**Fellowship Position**

The Program offers a one-year fellowship in pediatric dentistry. The purpose of this program is to provide advanced training in the areas of hospital dentistry, moderate sedation, and pediatric oral medicine.

Ample such experiences are possible since our dental services serve an integral role in hospital pediatric care and our patient population includes large numbers of children with special healthcare needs.

Fellows will be involved in daily inpatient and outpatient care in our clinic, wards and operating rooms. Guided experience will also be provided in supervising residents and pre-doctoral students. For interested individuals, research time will be provided if a publishable paper is intended. There will be latitude in each fellow’s schedule to allow the pursuit of individual interests.

**Requirement:**
Certificate of ADA-accredited pediatric dentistry program
To apply for the fellowship position individuals must submit a letter of intent directly to the program.
Correspondence regarding application and admissions procedures should be addressed to:

Birdie Moua, Residency Program Assistant, Pediatric Dentistry Residency Program, Children's Hospital Colorado, 13123 E. 16th Ave., B240, Aurora, Colorado 80045; (720) 777-4044; bertha.moua@childrenscolorado.org.

**Advanced Placement Resident Position**

Many dental schools in the USA now offer abbreviated programs for foreign dentists to attain an ADA accredited DDS/DMD degree. The faculty of Children’s Hospital Colorado Pediatric Dentistry Residency Program recognizes that a similar need exists for dentists who have an ADA-accredited DDS/DMD and a foreign specialty degree. By providing a comparable “abbreviated” opportunity to attain a recognized specialty certificate we intend to help dentists who seek formal recognition of their unique skills and subsequent validation of their knowledge on a national level by undergoing Board certification.

Advanced-standing DDS degree programs are mainly designed to calibrate the professional knowledge of dentists from various countries to best-practice USA standards, but for many it is also their first opportunity for acculturation in general. In contrast, individuals who are holding an ADA-accredited DDS/DMD degree and have practiced dentistry for several years in the USA do not need this type of calibration of general dental knowledge and acculturation: they can focus solely on filling-in the gaps in their specialty-related knowledge. We believe that education of additional specialty providers with an
already well-developed cultural competence beyond current enrollment numbers will be a positive contribution to the communities where they will ultimately practice.

The American Board of Pediatric Dentistry (ABPD) has the following ADA-approved provision on how foreign-trained pediatric dentists can attain ABPD candidacy:

Internationally trained Pediatric Dentists (from a non-accredited ADA/CDA or CDAC specialty program) should contact a Program Director of an ADA/CDA or CDAC approved training program in Pediatric Dentistry and request advanced placement or credit by examination leading to certification of completion of the program. Please review the complete rules at [http://www.abpd.org/Content/Applications/Board-Candidacy.aspx](http://www.abpd.org/Content/Applications/Board-Candidacy.aspx).

Based on this opportunity that is officially recognized by the ABPD and ADA, Children’s Hospital Colorado Pediatric Dentistry Residency Program will offer starting with the academic year 2011/12 one advanced placement resident position for a dentist who meets the following prerequisites:

- US citizen or permanent legal resident alien (= “Green Card” holder)
- Formal completion of a foreign pediatric dentistry residency program
- ADA accredited DDS/DMD degree
- A minimum of three years of professional experience in the USA after graduation from an ADA-accredited dental school
- Documentation of previous focus on treatment of children and adolescents in a setting that was conducive to delivery of high-quality care

Individuals interested in becoming an advance standing resident, should submit their application to the program coordinator and include the following documentation:

- Letter of interest and CV
- Four letters of reference
- Program director of foreign pediatric dentistry program
- Faculty member of pediatric dentistry department of USA Dental School attended
- Peer in community
- Current employer (if applicable) or from work colleague
- Translated diploma and detailed transcript of the foreign Pediatric Dentistry Program’s curriculum including current e-mail address of Director for independent verification of attendance
- Copy of ADA-accredited DDS/DMD degree and National Board parts 1 and 2 results
- Copy of valid state dental license with documentation of any disciplinary actions
- Copy of “Green Card” or US passport
- Letter describing extent of previous pediatric dentistry-related experiences

Correspondence regarding application and admissions procedures should be addressed to:
The faculty of our program will review applications and invite promising candidates for an interview. The successful candidate would be prescribed an individualized curriculum based on a written test, observation of his/her practical skills, and a comprehensive assessment of his/her knowledge gained from a 60 minutes technical discussion with our faculty members.

The prescribed curriculum would include but not be limited to the following educational experiences that are considered requirements at the same time:

- 4 weeks anesthesia rotation
- After-hours emergency call assignments comparable to 1st-year residents
- 2 weeks Pediatric Medicine rotations
- 35 cases to be completed under GA
- 25 sedation cases
- Attendance of all classroom activities for one year
- Patient treatment in pediatric dentistry clinic
- 10 days of orthodontic clinic attendance including craniofacial anomalies clinic
- Cavity-Free-At-Three clinic attendance
- A set of requirements for individual procedures (e.g., pulpectomies, esthetic crowns, etc.)

The requirement of a research project will be satisfied by submission of a meta-analysis in the area of the candidate’s interest to a pediatric dentistry journal within the 12-month timeframe of their attendance of the program.

After successful completion of the above prescribed requirements of this one-year program, the advanced standing resident will be awarded the same Certificate of Pediatric Dentistry like any other resident who graduates from our program.

Advanced standing residents will not receive a salary and pay a quarterly tuition of $18,000 to the program. In general, 2-year pediatric dentistry programs are very condensed. Due to the even more abbreviated nature of this advanced standing program, no formal vacation beyond the holidays observed by Children’s Hospital Colorado will be granted. Consideration will be given to emergency situations, but any absence for longer than 5 workdays requires that a commensurate number of days to be made up after the official 12-month period. Advanced standing residents will receive the same financial support ($700) as their 2-year peers for participation in the Board Review Course if they register for and take the QE within 2 months of their anticipated graduation date of June 30. The advanced-standing resident will be provided with the same computer access and parking privileges as the 2-year program residents.

Children’s Hospital Colorado Pediatric Dentistry Residency Program has an excellent track record of preparing candidates for ABPD certification, the ultimate national benchmark of validating pediatric dentistry competency.
dentists’ knowledge on a national level. We believe that this above described high-intensity curriculum for well-qualified and highly motivated dentists with a foreign pediatric dentistry specialty degree will produce ABPD candidates that are equivalent to our other residents who attend the two-year residency program.