

The Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery Department offers 4 week (2-3 weeks time periods also available) externships at *The Medical Center of Louisiana at New Orleans* to expose dental students to the full scope of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery. Students will receive one-to-one instruction and consultation by LSU residents and attendings, and will be encouraged to function at a highly independent clinical level.

Duties include:

- Ambulatory dentoalveolar surgery in clinic (including instructing junior dental students).
- Assisting in the operating room.
- Hospital rounds and presentations for in-patients, on wards and the intensive care unit.
- Emergency call for maxillofacial infections and full facial trauma (no anatomical restrictions).

Expected skills at conclusion of externship:

- Dental extraction of moderate to high difficulty.
- Writing hospital notes and orders (including basic fluids, appropriate antibiotics and analgesics).
- Writing ER consultation notes.
- Independently draining maxillofacial space infections including buccal, canine, submandibular.
- Closed reduction of mandible fractures using arch bars and interdental wires.
- Prescription of medications for moderate and deep sedation.
- Independent layered closure of facial lacerations.
- Scrubbing into the operating room, and preservation of sterile field.
- Assisting with expanded scope OMFS procedures.
- Understanding of hospital function and politics.

At the conclusion of the externship, a senior resident will write a letter of evaluation for the extern. This letter can be forwarded (on extern request) to the extern's home program director for residency application consideration.

Additional information:

The Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery outpatient OMFS clinic at The Medical Center of Louisiana at New Orleans sees over 17,000 patients per year. The inpatient daily surgical service census is between 5-15 patients at a given time and exposes the students and residents to training in all aspects of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. Four full elective operating days per week include cases of hard and soft tissue reconstruction, cosmetic surgery, orthognathic surgery, temporomandibular disorders, orofacial anomalies, facial trauma, pathology.

Application for externship:

While any dental student seeking advanced training in oral surgery is welcome to apply, we encourage visitors that are competitive for OMFS match.

While there is no stipend or funding, there is living facilities available (not private), at no

cost, in the on-call quarters. Two students per time slot will be selected.

Please submit this information as soon as possible. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jessica Helgeson at (504) 941-8212 jhelge@lsuhsc.edu. LSUHSC Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, 1100 Florida Ave., Box 220, New Orleans, LA 70119.

A schedule of dates is available from our departmental coordinator (504-941-8212 or jhelge@lsuhsc.edu). There are occasional cancellations. If you are interested in being notified to fill such a slot, complete and return all of the above-required items.

Documents:

- preliminary schedule for externship is here (.pdf)
- checklist of required materials for application is here (.pdf)
- sample letter of evaluation from senior resident is here (.pdf)
- roster for resident contact, should you have any questions is here (.pdf)